

>>> **QUICK TAKES**a brief look at what's happening
in northeast oregon >>>**CASA hosts Christmas Home Tour Saturday**

BAKER CITY — The CASA Classic Christmas Home Tour in Baker City happens Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's tour includes 14 stops. It is self-guided and takes about three hours.

An individual ticket is \$15 before the day of the event (\$12 senior/child) and \$20 at the door. Tickets are on sale at Bella, the Chamber of Commerce, Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, Geiser Grand Hotel and Compass Real Estate or by calling 541-403-0405. A link to buy online is available through the Facebook page CASA of Eastern Oregon, Inc.

Maps and same-day tickets can be found at Compass Real Estate starting at 11 a.m. Saturday.

CASA of Eastern Oregon is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children from Baker, Malheur and Union counties through volunteer advocacy.

Choir's Christmas concerts are this weekend

BAKER CITY — The Baker Community Choir will give three performances this weekend for the annual Christmas concerts. The music starts at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday at the Baker Heritage Museum, 2480 Grove St. (corner of Campbell and Grove streets).

The Baker Valley Children's Choir perform on Friday and Saturday only. The concerts will include sets by each group as well as arrangements for the combined groups.

Donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds support the Children's Choir.

Jay Fleming to play Churchill Dancehall

BAKER CITY — Jay Fleming and band will play the last concert of the year at Churchill Dancehall on Dec. 14. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the music starts at 6:30 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Travel Baker County

Fourteen homes and commercial buildings in Baker City will be open for the CASA Classic Christmas Home Tour on Saturday.

Tickets are on sale at Sweet Wife Baking and MC Taco Bus or online at www.churchillbaker.com/events. Cost is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

MC Taco Bus and Copper Belt Winery and Barley Browns will have food and drink available for purchase at the concert.

Junior Rodeo holds Christmas bazaar

HALFWAY — The Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo is hosting a Christmas Bazaar at the Lions Hall in Halfway Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Offerings will include crafts and handmade items, soup, pie (by the slice or whole), cookies and drinks, plus a silent auction.

High Tea at the historic Geiser Grand Hotel

BAKER CITY — The Geiser Grand Hotel is offering a Victorian High Tea on Dec. 14 and 21. The event begins at 2:30 p.m., followed by a historic tour at 3:30 p.m.

Inspired by actual historic menus, the High Tea features white linen and silver service at

a table next to the tall Christmas tree under the stained glass ceiling. The meal includes tea, scones, finger sandwiches and dessert.

Princess Tea (age 14 and younger) is \$12. Adults are \$24 per person. Advance tickets are required by calling 541-523-1889.

The hotel is located at 1996 Main St., Baker City.

Give the gift of art

BAKER CITY — Christmas at Crossroads — The Gift of Art continues through Dec. 27 at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave., Baker City.

This open show features the work of local and regional artists including original tree ornaments. Crossroads is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Alleluia Bells presents Christmas music

LA GRANDE — Alleluia Bells welcomes the public at an hour of traditional Christmas music performed with English handbells, the epitome of the sound of Christmas.

The concert starts promptly at

7 p.m. Dec. 16 in the sanctuary of the La Grande First Presbyterian Church, Washington and Spring streets.

The small ecumenical ensemble, currently under the direction of Danny Bailey, has been performing for many years in concert and in churches. While there is no charge for the concert, donations will be gratefully accepted.

Light Parade comes to Elgin Saturday

ELGIN — The annual Elgin Light Parade will take place Dec. 14 in downtown Elgin. The annual event, sponsored by the Elgin Lions Club, will begin at 6 p.m. Floats will line up at 5 p.m.

Find out what gives Schultze 'the Blues' at Foreign Film Friday

LA GRANDE — Cook Memorial Library's December Foreign Film Friday will feature "Schultze Gets the Blues" at 4 p.m. Dec. 13 in the Community Room of the library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande.

Schultze is a passionate polka musician on his accordion. When he hears a zydeco tune on the radio, his taste in music radically changes. Notwithstanding his complete ignorance of the English language, he travels into the heart of the zydeco: to Louisiana.

The film screening is free and there will be refreshments.

Films are not always rated and may contain content not suitable for all ages.

Visit Santa's Workshop at Riverside Park

LA GRANDE — For one afternoon only, Santa will move his workshop to the Riverside Park Pavilion in La Grande, and there will be something for everyone to enjoy. The Dec. 14 event will feature hot

chocolate, gingerbread houses, candy cane fishing, crafts, winter bowling, toy making, snacks and prizes between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Admission is free with a donation of canned food. The cost at the Toy Making Station is \$5 per toy.

Walk through Bethlehem this weekend at Living Nativity

LA GRANDE — The annual Living Nativity will be open 5-8 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14 at the La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2702 Adams Ave.

This Living Nativity is unlike many nativity re-enactments. Instead of just the traditional scene of Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus in a manger, the walk-through experience re-creates the small village of Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, with volunteers portraying historic merchants and other staples of Bethlehem. These portrayals include representations of a baker, a Chandler, a potter, woodworkers and Roman soldiers.

Attendees are encouraged to speak to the merchants and individuals portraying different aspects of life in Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth.

"We just want people to wander through, listen to the live music and maybe have a cookie," organizers said.

Performers and spectators welcome at open mic

JOSEPH — The next Josephy Open Mic Night will take place Dec. 19 at the Josephy Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph. The free family-friendly event will be held from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Perform your own song or use the karaoke machine. Spectators are encouraged. Bring some food to share. For more information, go to www.josephy.org or call 541-543-0505.

**FRIDAY**

High 44 Low 33

Remaining cloudy

**SATURDAY**

High 41 Low 25

Clouds and sun

**SUNDAY**

High 38 Low 25

Partly sunny