

# QUICK TAKES

a brief look at what's happening  
in northeast oregon



## Free movies shown in Baker City & La Grande

**BAKER CITY, LA GRANDE** — The Grove Team is sponsoring free youth movies at 1 p.m. Dec. 23 at the Eltrym Theater in Baker City. Limited seating is available so it is first come first serve. Watch one free movie of your choice: "National Lampoons Christmas Vacation," "Elf" or "The Grinch."

In La Grande every year, the Granada Theatre and local merchants team up to present free movies during the holidays. This year free showings of "Abominable," "Trolls" and "The Secret Life of Pets 2" will be offered at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Dec. 22-24. Admission tickets may be picked up at the Union County Chamber of Commerce, The Observer and other participating merchants.

## PJs, cookies, milk and stories — a perfect evening with Santa

**LA GRANDE** — Le Bebe Cakes Bakery invites the children of the community to come in their pajamas for a magical storytime with cookies, milk and Santa Claus at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Grande Lumiere Event Center, 1101 Washington Ave., La Grande. Bring cameras to capture pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus following storytime.

## Event features illusionist and holiday meal

**LA GRANDE** — Magical entertainment and a holiday dinner is open to the public Dec. 21 at Wildflower Lodge, 508 16th St., La Grande. The event will feature a Christmas dinner and illusionist Ron Hamann, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To make reservations, call 541-359-1297.

## Holiday concert set for Sunday at Josephy Center

**JOSEPH** — The Wallowa Valley Music Alliance and Josephy Center for Arts and Culture will present a holiday concert at 2 p.m. Dec. 22

at the Josephy Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Holiday treats will be served. Admission is by donation (\$10 suggested) with proceeds going to the WVMA and the Josephy Center.

The concert will feature the Brann Family, Jessie Borgerding, Randy and Katie Morgan, Ghost Wind (Larry and Peggy Haney), Jezebel's Mother, the Lindsey family, Kelly McDonald, Heidi Muller and Bob Webb, Caleb and Ari Samples, Gail Swart, and Nick Porter and Friends.

## Get funky before Christmas in Baker City

**BAKER CITY** — Come party down to "dance jamz and funky Christmas tunez" the weekend before the holiday in Baker City. There will be two free shows, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at AJ's Corner Brick, 1840 Main St. and Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. at The Main Event, 1929 Main St.

## Celebrate the solstice at Pleasant Grove Grange

**SUMMERVILLE** — The winter solstice is the day with the shortest period of daylight and longest night of the year, when the sun is at its lowest daily maximum elevation in the sky: In 2019, the solstice happens at 8:19 p.m. Dec. 21. Pleasant Grove Grange invites all to celebrate the transition into winter, with brighter days ahead, beginning at 4 p.m. at the grange, 67812 Hunter Road in Summerville. The free holiday gathering will include games, a potluck and Yule log fire.

## Share a song and a snack at Josephy's 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 6-8 p.m. Perform your own song or

use the karaoke machine. Spectators are encouraged. Bring some food to share.

## Make melted snowman cookies at December iCraft

**LA GRANDE** — Teens are invited to make melted snowman cookies at 4 p.m. Dec. 20 for iCraft in the Community Room at Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande. This free activity is open to anyone in middle or high school. Supplies are provided. Registration is not needed.

## Reserve you spot at Mommy & Me Snowman Painting class

**LA GRANDE** — Bring your kiddo for a fun afternoon of painting hosted by Paint Nights with Keyla Dec. 27 at Peak Lifestyle Studio, 1118 Adams Ave., La Grande. Keyla and Duelle will provide the supplies and instructions to make two 6x6 snowman paintings from 2-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 per mommy/kid duo. Class size is limited and early registration is requested by calling 541-786-1586.

## Side A Brewing hosts live music

**LA GRANDE** — Side A Brewing, 1219 Washington Ave., La Grande, will host live music at 7:30 p.m. the next two Fridays. Nick Delffs performs on Dec. 20, and Dec. 27 features Elwood, David Henry and Andrew Sheppard.

## Visit the Oregon Trail Center for free

**BAKER CITY** — Admission is free to all through December at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, which is currently open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Ongoing programs are "Oregon



Fever!" — a 30-minute tour beginning at 2 p.m. daily. One-hour pioneer demonstrations are given at 11 a.m. Fridays and Sundays. At 11 a.m. Thursdays and Saturdays, a ranger talk, "Voices from the Past," tells the story of a pioneer on the trail. The exhibit "Uncanny Tales Along the Oregon Trail" will close Dec. 20. For more information, visit [www.oregontrail.blm.gov](http://www.oregontrail.blm.gov) or call 541-523-1843.

## Get your gift shopping done without the kids

**LA GRANDE** — Emerson Music Arts is putting on a half-day Winter Wonderland Camp, from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 21 at 902 Fourth St., La Grande. The parents of 40 lucky campers will have the morning free to finish their holiday shopping while their children do winter art projects, decorate cookies, listen to and play music, dance and drink hot cocoa. Cost is \$20 per child. To register children from preschool age through sixth grade for the music and art camp, go to [www.emersonmusicarts.com/music-art-camp](http://www.emersonmusicarts.com/music-art-camp) or call 541-605-0425.

## Matt Cooper and Sharon Porter perform holiday classics

**LA GRANDE** — Matt Cooper and Sharon Porter will help you get into the holiday spirit with favorites from Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, Joni Mitchell and Dean Martin, beginning at 8 p.m. Dec. 19 at Ten Depot Street in La Grande. Enjoy the beautiful decor, great food and drinks, and wonderful music from talented musicians.

## EORT presents 'Nuncrackers'

**BAKER CITY** — The Sisters of Hoboken are back and this time they have their very own holiday television show. The final performances of Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre's "Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Christmas Musical" will be Dec. 19-21 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 22 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$15 for EORT members, and \$12 for students. Purchase tickets at [www.easternoregonregionaltheatre.com](http://www.easternoregonregionaltheatre.com), at Betty's Books or Random Resales, or at the door.



### FRIDAY

High 45 Low 35

Cloudy and milder



### SATURDAY

High 43 Low 27

A shower possible



### SUNDAY

High 41 Low 28

Remaining cloudy