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a brief look at what's happening
in northeast oregon



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The duo of O'Connor Lee performs in Enterprise Jan. 16, opening for Bart Budwig at the OK Theatre.

O'Connor Lee, Bart Budwig play OK Theatre

ENTERPRISE — O'Connor Lee, the Americana/folk duo of Kate Lee O'Connor and her husband, Forrest O'Connor, will perform at the OK Theatre Jan. 16. The duo also is a part of the Grammy-winning Mark O'Connor Band.

The duo will open for Wallowa County's Bart Budwig, who is touring his new album. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the music at 7 p.m. at 208 W. Main St., Enterprise.

Tickets are \$15 and available at www.theoldok.com.

Workshop combines watercolors and ink

BAKER CITY — Becky Litke will lead a "Watercolor on Canvas with Pen and Ink" workshop Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave., Baker City. Cost is \$40 members, \$60 nonmembers. To register, call 541-523-5369 or go to www.crossroads-arts.org.

Audition for youth productions Jan. 14

BAKER CITY — Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre will hold auditions at 6 p.m. Tuesday for two youth productions at 2101 Main St., Baker City.

Up to five youth ages 7-18 are needed for "The Fisherman and

His Wife." This adaptation taps into the magic of audience participation. As the fish grants the fisherman's wife's spiraling wishes, the audience creates the sea and storms, goes fishing and becomes chickens and ducks in the farmyard and servants in the magnificent castle the fish provides for the fisherman's wife.

Up to eight youth ages 7-18 are needed for "The Twilight Cone," about an ice cream shop where different flavors of milkshakes cause unusual reactions.

Directors are Jen Cikanek and Jamie Adams. The shows open Feb. 20 in Baker City.

Teens invited to Writing Circle, iCraft and a free movie at the library

LA GRANDE — Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, will host Teen Writing Circle Jan. 16 from 4-5 p.m. Teen Writing Circle is a place to exchange ideas, brainstorm and get feedback from peers. Bring stories and writing ideas to share. Registration is not needed.

The next Teen iCraft at the library begins at 4 p.m. Jan. 17.

Teens will upcycle old CDs into decorative art. This activity is open to anyone in middle or high school. Supplies are provided, and registration is not required.

Also on Jan. 17, a movie for teens will be shown at 6 p.m. at Cook Memorial Library. The monthly event is sponsored by Union County Safe Communities Coalition and its Youth Council. All teens are welcome.

The free activities will be held in the library's Community Room. Call the library for more information at 541-962-1339.

Showing of 'Bag It' addresses plastic use

BAKER CITY — The movie "Bag It" will be shown free of charge Jan. 15 at the Baker County Public Library, 2400 Resort St. in Baker City.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the movie starts at 6:30 p.m. This documentary is sponsored by Baker City Trash Talk and Baker Food Co-op. All ages are invited to join in the conversation about plastic and learn how to make a positive change in the world.

Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Bring your own drinking and food containers if possible. Door prizes from Baker Food Co-op will be given out to lucky winners.

JD Kindle and EO Playboys pay tribute to The Cars Jan. 18

LA GRANDE — Pendleton band JD Kindle and the Eastern Oregon Playboys will pay tribute to The Cars in a concert Jan. 18 beginning at 9 p.m. at hq, 112 Depot St., La Grande. Admission is \$5 at the door. All ages are welcome.

For their performance at hq, Kindle and the Playboys will present a set of songs by American rock band The Cars as a tribute to

the late front man/songwriter Ric Ocasek. The set will include some of The Cars' most well-known numbers such as "Just What I Needed," "Shake It Up" and "Let The Good Times Roll."

For information, visit <http://jamesdeankindle.com/>.

ACE Writing Project features visiting poet

LA GRANDE — The ACE Writing Project hosts monthly author readings in the Art Center East gallery, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande. This month's gathering begins at 7 p.m. Jan. 15 and will feature visiting poet Jonathan Johnson. Admission is free.

Jonathan Johnson is the author of five books, most recently the memoir "The Desk on the Sea" (2019) and the poetry collection "May Is an Island" (2018). His poems have been published widely in magazines, anthologized in Best American Poetry and read on National Public Radio. Johnson migrates between his Lake Superior coastal hometown of Marquette, Michigan; his ancestral glen in the coastal Scottish Highlands; and Eastern Washington University, where he is a professor in the MFA program.

Following the featured reading, the floor is open to writers of all genres to share up to 5 minutes of an original piece. Sign-up for the open mic begins at 6:45 p.m. on a first-come basis (limit 10 readers per night).

Foreign Film Friday shows Cuban documentary

LA GRANDE — Foreign Film Friday is the second Friday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Community Room at Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande. The film for January is the award-winning 2016 Cuban documentary



Jonathan Johnson will be the featured writer at the Jan. 15 ACE Writing Project gathering.

"Assault to Freedom." In 1963, five years after the Cuban revolution, four young men and two young woman put together a risky plan of action, assaulting and taking control of a passenger boat in their quest for freedom.

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

Share a song at Terminal Gravity's open mic

ENTERPRISE — Terminal Gravity's Open Mic Night is 7 p.m. Jan. 10. TG's monthly open mic is held the second Friday of each month. For information, call 541-426-0158 or visit www.terminalgravitybrewing.com.

See 'Watercolor Views in Different Hues'

PENDLETON — An opening reception for a seven-artist exhibit, "Watercolor Views in Different Hues," begins at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 9 in the Betty Feves Memorial Gallery at BMCC in Pendleton. The exhibit will run through Feb. 6. The gallery is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday at 2411 NW Carden Ave.



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High 34 Low 30
P.M. snow showers



SATURDAY
High 38 Low 28
Snow showers



SUNDAY
High 33 Low 23
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