

QUICK TAKES

a brief look at what's happening
in northeast oregon



'Stiff Cuffs' comedy continues this weekend

BAKER CITY — Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre presents the comedy "Stiff Cuffs" again this weekend. This romantic comedy is set in a laundromat just after midnight on New Year's Eve.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at EORT's theater space, 2101 Main St., Baker City.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$13 EORT members, \$8 students. These are available at Betty's Books, at www.eastoregonregionaltheatre.com, and at the door.

Two exhibits open Friday at Art Center East

LA GRANDE — Art Center East presents "Farmers Markets in Fiber," the fourth-annual Fiber Arts & Jewelry Exhibit. The show opens with a reception at 6 p.m. Jan. 31. Admission is free. Sponsored by the La Grande Quilt Shop, the exhibit will be on display until March 28.

The exhibit invited artists to use photographs taken at regional farmers markets as a springboard to create new works in fiber. Each artist selected one inspiring image, interpreting its colors, textures and subject through the lens of their chosen medium. Viewers get a glimpse into the creative process — as the photograph and the finished piece will be displayed side by side.

In ACE's Co-op Gallery, "New Works by Damian Garcia" also opens Friday with a 6 p.m. reception. Garcia is an emerging artist from Los Angeles who recently relocated to his home state after studying art at Eastern Oregon University. His work focuses on layered images using ballpoint pen and acrylic paint on wood panels.

The exhibit will be on display through March 28. ACE's exhibits are free and open to the public.

Side A's Dead of Winter Festival is Saturday

LA GRANDE — Side A Brewing's Dead of Winter Festival is set

for Feb. 1 from 5 p.m. to close. The event is family-friendly and admission is free.

There will be new Side A beer releases, games, a beer naming contest and more. Side A is at 1219 Washington Ave., La Grande.

Pasta fundraiser supports historic theater project

BAKER CITY — Pasta night at the Geiser Grand Hotel on Feb. 5 will benefit the Baker Orpheum Theatre project, which is working to renovate a historic theater space on Main Street in Baker City.

Cost is \$21, with 20% of revenue going to the theater. Dinner will be served 5-9 p.m. at the Geiser Grande, 1996 Main St.

Elwood schedules tour stop in La Grande

LA GRANDE — Northeast Oregon's own Elwood will play 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday at Side A Brewing, 1219 Washington Ave., La Grande. This concert is part of Elwood's winter tour across Oregon and California. For more, visit www.elwood-music.com.

Virtuoso guitarists play in La Grande Tuesday

LA GRANDE — Year of the Dog, the duo of Grant Gordy and Ross Martin, virtuoso guitarists, will play Feb. 4 at the fire museum adjacent to Side A Brewing, 1209 Washington Ave., La Grande, starting at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$15. Seating is limited.

Live music planned at Anthony Lakes

NORTH POWDER — Catch live music at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort in February at the Star-bottle Lounge. The February lineup includes the Greenneck Daredevils Feb. 1 and Bag of Hammers Feb. 9. All music runs from 3-6 p.m.

Test your knowledge at trivia night contests

LA GRANDE, BAKER CITY, ENTERPRISE — Northeast Oregon offers several chances for you to test your trivial knowledge.

Side A Brewing, 1219 Washington Ave. in La Grande, will hold trivia nights on Feb. 5 and 19 from 7:30-9 p.m. Teams can be no larger than four members.

Terminal Gravity, 803 School St. in Enterprise, will host trivia night on Feb. 5 and 19 at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited to eight teams of up to four people each. Participants must sign up at www.terminalgravitybrewing.com.

Churchill School, 3451 Broadway St. in Baker City, has trivia night on the second Sunday of each month. The next is at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 9 with the theme of love music.

Season tickets available to theater shows

BAKER CITY, LA GRANDE — Season tickets are still available for Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre productions. A four-show pass is \$55, or see eight shows for \$100. These are available at www.bakerlivetheatre.com.

The Elgin Opera House also offers season tickets. Season tickets must be bought by phone. Call the box office at 541-663-6324.

Learn the art of Celtic Knots Feb. 6

BAKER CITY — Ginger Rembold will teach "Celtic Knots — Circle Designs" in a one-night workshop on Feb. 6 from 6-8 p.m. at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave., Baker City. Students will learn how to create Celtic knotwork designs using grids and dots as a guide. The process taught in this class is said to be fairly simple with great results. Use it to make personalized

cards or posters or as a meditative practice.

Cost is \$10 members or \$15 for nonmembers. The class is open to ages 12 to adult.

To register, call 541-523-5369, stop by the center, or go to www.crossroads-arts.org.

Mark your calendars for A Night at Old Auburn

BAKER CITY — Join the Friends of the Baker Heritage Museum for its annual casino-style fundraiser "A Night at Old Auburn" from 6-10 p.m. Feb. 29. The museum is at 2480 Grove St., Baker City.

The evening includes dinner, dancing with Baker Allstar, casino games, bingo and a "Roaring Twenties" costume contest. All proceeds will benefit the historic Baker Heritage Museum.

Tickets are \$35 per person with dinner, or \$10 without dinner. These are available at Betty's Books, the Chamber of Commerce, or by calling 503-980-5036.

John Statz returns to Terminal Gravity

ENTERPRISE — Terminal Gravity hosts John Statz for an evening of live music beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 1 at the brewpub, 803 School St., Enterprise. The live music will complement Sunday's all-day Happy Hour prices for locals.

Intermediate watercolor taught Saturday

LA GRANDE — Jan Clark will teach an intermediate watercolor class on Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande.

This class is a follow-up to the beginning watercolor class but is open to everyone. Participants will be painting bright California poppies and learn new brush techniques

and how to use masking fluid in different ways.

This class is for ages 15 to adult. Cost is \$70 members, \$80 nonmembers. Register at www.artcenter-east.org, stop by the center or call 541-624-2800.

Poet Chad Sweeney reads Feb. 4 at EOU

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University's Carl and Sandra Ellston Ars Poetica Literary Reading Series returns Feb. 4, featuring award-winning poet Chad Sweeney. Sweeney will read selections from his work beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Pierce Library on the EOU campus in La Grande.

Sweeney is an associate professor of English and creative writing at California State University-San Bernardino. His "Little Million Doors: An Elegy" won the 2019 Nightboat Poetry Prize.

Sweeney writes of the collection, "I merely write perceptions, compositions in motion, textures, contrasts, distances, sounds, frames, tracteries, and scatterings as if the world were a cubist painting or sculpture garden."

Sweeney's reading is free and open to the public. Copies of his books will be available for purchase and signing after the reading.

Abstract painting classes offered in February

BAKER CITY — Hillery Lay will be teaching a beginning abstract painting class Feb. 14 and 15 at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave., Baker City.

Students age 21 and older can choose one of the two nights. Each session is 6-8 p.m. and costs \$16 members, \$24 nonmembers. There is also a \$14 supply fee.

To register, call Crossroads at 541-523-5369, stop by the center or visit www.crossroads-arts.org.



FRIDAY
High 46 Low 40
Mostly cloudy



SATURDAY
High 50 Low 33
Showers possible



SUNDAY
High 46 Low 28
Rain