

QUICK TAKES

a brief look at what's happening
in northeast oregon



Baker County Fair still planned for Aug. 3-7

BAKER CITY — The Baker County Fair Board announced recently that the fair, set for Aug. 3-7 in Baker City, will continue with modifications.

The board is working with 4-H and FFA leadership and the livestock sale committee to finalize schedule details.

“This fair won't look like it usually does, but it is important to the fair board that our local youth have the opportunity to show their 4-H and FFA projects,” said Ron Rowan, Fair Board chair.

This year's fair will include 4-H and FFA market animal classes and auction, small animal exhibits, horse show, and static exhibits. Each event will be modified to meet Oregon standards for social distancing and sanitation.

Open class shows will not be held this year, and premiums will not be awarded for exhibitors.

Baker City Farmers Market held Wednesdays

BAKER CITY — The Baker City Farmers Market opened June 3 and will be held from 3-6 p.m. on Wednesdays at Court Plaza, just off Main Street.

Due to health recommendations related to the coronavirus pandemic, market visitors will notice a few changes. For instance, there will be two entrances, and customers are asked to wear a mask. No pets; children discouraged.

Vendor booths will be spaced 10 feet apart, and sellers will offer pre-packaged items when possible. Hot food and drinks must be sold as “to go” and not consumed at the market.

Live music, kids programming, special events and communal seating are canceled until further notice.

Updates to the market can be found on the Facebook page or website, www.bakercityfarmersmarket.com.

Need a good read? Baker library drive-up is open

BAKER CITY — Patrons of the Baker County Public Library are encouraged to reserve books online at www.bakerlib.org. Most reservations are available the same day. Only books within the library district are available — interlibrary loan through the Sage System is not yet available.

The drive-up window is open Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and from noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Beginning this week, the library is also open by appointment for one hour on a computer or 20 minutes for browsing. Visitors are allowed one block per day of each type (subject to change depending on demand).

Physical distancing and hand sanitization will be required. Face masks for visitors are strongly encouraged but not required.

To make an appointment, please call 541-523-6419 or email info@bakerlib.org.

Crossroads Art Center now holding in-person classes

BAKER CITY — With certain safety precautions in place, Crossroads Carnegie Art Center is again offering art classes to the community.

Students are encouraged to pay online at www.crossroads-arts.org. Face coverings are required in the building. There will be no sharing of tools and students who need hydration can bring water bottles.

Crossroads is closed on Saturdays until June when current conditions will be assessed. Saturday teachers have keys to access the building for classes.

Becky Litke resumes her “Learn to Love Watercolor and Pastels.” This meets Wednesdays and students can choose one of two sessions: 3-5 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$16 per session for members, \$24

nonmembers

Beginning Abstract Painting with Hillery Lay is set for June 6 from 6-8 p.m. This is for ages 21 and older. Cost is \$16 members, \$24 nonmembers (\$14 supply fee for all students)

Open Painting and Drawing Studio is offered on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$5 per month for Crossroads members. There is no instructor; this is a time to work individually on 2-D projects.

Adult Open Studio with Paul Hoelscher is held Saturdays from 1-3 p.m. This class is for ages 18 and older. Cost is \$16 per session for members or \$24 for nonmembers. Another payment option is four sessions for \$54 members or \$86 for nonmembers. The goal of this class is to offer an ongoing studio opportunity for people interested in any art medium or technique.

To stay updated, check the Crossroads' Facebook page or website, www.crossroads-arts.org.

Explore Laos in online foreign film festival

LA GRANDE — The second weekend of every month Cook Memorial Library in La Grande is hosting a free online foreign film festival exploring cultures around the world. Each festival includes a

suggested film feature, documentaries, readings in fiction and nonfiction and recipes.

The June 12-14 event focuses on Laos. The featured film is “Rocket,” which tells the story of a boy who is believed to bring bad luck to everyone around him. The films may be viewed via the Kanopy app, free on the library's website for all cardholders. Click on the flyer on the calendar at www.cookmemoriallibrary.org or go to www.facebook.com/events/412210102995851/?active_tab=about.

Summer Fishtrap shows courage, goes virtual

ENTERPRISE — For the first time in its 33-year history, the week-long Summer Fishtrap Gathering of Writers will be held online. Using this year's theme, “Courage,” as inspiration, Fishtrap is working with its faculty, partners at Eastern Oregon University and the local community to bring as much of the Summer Fishtrap experience to your home.

“We'll miss seeing everyone at Wallowa Lake this summer,” Fishtrap Executive Director Shannon McNerney, said in a press release, “but the public health crisis has revealed how Fishtrap can provide high quality writing workshops and events to even more people no

matter where they live. We hope veteran Fishtrappers and new ones alike will give our Virtual Summer Fishtrap experience a try and join the unique community of writers that is Summer Fishtrap.”

Take a weeklong writing workshop July 6-12 via live video conferencing in fiction, nonfiction, essay, short story or poetry. Each workshop will be limited to no more than 13 participants, giving you the opportunity to build connections with your fellow writers and world-class instructor.

Throughout the week, we'll bring the best of Summer Fishtrap to you through online craft talks, discussions, readings and access to exclusive videos and materials including Craig Childs' keynote address.

Sign up and learn more at www.fishtrap.org.

ACE offers virtual programming

LA GRANDE — For the time being, all Art Center East classes, exhibits and events will remain online. ACE welcomes comments, feedback and suggestions for classes

Ongoing virtual events include the ACE Writing Project on the third Wednesday of the month. For an invitation to the virtual author reading and open mike, email president@artcentereast.org.

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