

SAFELY OUT & ABOUT IN NE OREGON

Quick Takes

Exhibit exploring Eastern Oregon's wild side ends Sept. 9

JOSEPH — The Josephy Center for Arts and Culture invites the public to view the sixth annual Wild Landscapes exhibit. This year's show — with the theme "Expanding Views of Eastern Oregon" — began July 31.

Photographer Ellen Bishop and artist Mike Koloski juried the exhibit, and awards are listed on Josephy's Facebook page.

Focusing on the views from the canyon to the mountain tops and wide prairies, the exhibit continues Josephy's look at landscape relatively unaltered by human development with a goal to further our appreciation of the diverse landscapes and unique places of Eastern Oregon. This year 19 artists are participating, and more than 40 paintings, photographs and mixed media images are on display.

Individual pieces can be purchased, and there will again be a paperback exhibit catalogue. Pamela Beach designed "The Wild Landscape: Expanding Views of Eastern Oregon's catalog."

The exhibit will run until Sept. 9 and may be viewed in person at the Josephy Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph, or online at www.josephy.org/exhibits.

Cook Memorial Library introduces delivery service

LA GRANDE — In partnership with local business Rob's Speedy Delivery, Cook Memorial Library now offers Library @ Your Door, a free delivery service to La Grande residents who cannot physically come to the library due to long- or short-term health concerns or physical challenges. Deliveries are made on Fridays.

Rob's Speedy Delivery's drivers will deliver any book, audio book, magazine or DVD you want from the library to your home or care facility and retrieve it when they are due or when you are ready to return them.

There is no fee for this service. Rob's Speedy Delivery is offering this in-kind service as a way to give back to their local community.

For more information or to arrange delivery, contact the library at 541-962-1339 or complete the registration form at www.cook-memorial-library.org/Pages/Index/182199/library-your-door-delivery-service.

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Go on a Saturday hike with Wallowology

JOSEPH — The Wallowology Discovery Center, 508 N. Main St., Joseph, reopened in late June. During the summer, the center will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. C.O.D.E. Green (Children Outdoors Discovering & Exploring) and Preschool Science Playtime activities are on hold but the center's website offers online activities.

Discovery Walks are planned for Saturdays throughout the summer. The two-hour, family-friendly walks are led by Judy Swank and range from easy strolls to difficult hikes.

Registration is required, with each walk limited to no more than 10 people. To register, call 509-923-1965. For more information go to www.wallowology.org.

One artist, four cellos — check out Zach Banks 'In Tune' show

LA GRANDE — The Grande Ronde Symphony's "In Tune" online music series continues. Viewers are in for a treat when listening to August's "In Tune" as it features not one, not two, but four cellos all played by our own Grande Ronde Symphony Music Director, Zachary Banks.

With the magic of video editing you will hear Zach perform a chorale prelude by Johann Sebastian Bach that was arranged for four violoncelli by Zach himself (shown below during his "In Tune" performance).

Aspiring Fiddle Club musicians star in other "In Tune" video vignettes. GRSO presi-



dent Alice Trindle says, "Give a watch and listen to brighten your day regarding the future of the Grande Ronde Youth Programs."

Links to Banks' cello performance and other "In Tune" selections, are available on the Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra Facebook page. For past vignettes, search for "Grande Ronde Symphony" on YouTube.

Josephy archive offers plethora of virtual experiences

JOSEPH — The Josephy Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph currently is open for in-person visits from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Social distancing and face coverings are required.

Josephy also is continuing to offer online opportunities to experience art, culture and discussions of life during the COVID-19 pandemic. Free livestreams of Josephy programs, exhibits and events may be viewed as they happen — or played back at any time — at www.josephy.org/live-streams.

Brown Bags available for playback cover topics such as this summer's virtual Summer Fishtrap, Wallowa County Farmers Market's efforts to safely go on despite the pandemic, Chieftain editor Ellen Bishop on running a newspaper during hard times, and more.

Other online experiences include a lesson on making one-bowl banana bread; a book group discussion of "The Beadworkers Stories," led by the author, Beth Piatote; and Margo Cilker in concert. Cilker, who lives in Enterprise, writes "songs that philosophize hard work, heartbreak, and wanderlust with the reverence of a country music obsessive and the sharp-eyed clarity of one who was not born into country music but had to find it (and live it) for herself."

To view free virtual exhibits, go to www.josephy.org/exhibit-slider. Exhibits online from 2020 are Early Social Media in Wallowa County: 1907-1915 Picture Postcards, Printmaking Guild: Fangled Gallery Exhibit, Determined to Rise: The Valiant Women of the Vote, and Women's Suffrage: On the 100-Year Anniversary. The 2019 exhibits available online are Dream Oregon, Women on the Edge, Historic Photos of Wallowa, Nez Perce Music, and A River Runs Through Us:

The Art & Words of the Lostine.

For more information, stop by the Josephy Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph, or call 541-432-0505.

Wallowa Valley Festival of Arts goes virtual in September

JOSEPH — In response to the ongoing coronavirus situation, the staff and board of the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture have adjusted the format and feel of the 38th annual Wallowa Valley Festival of Arts, scheduled for Sept. 17-20.

Unable to plan a traditional in-person celebration, organizers will create a virtual presentation of artists' websites and their works, through an online WVFA silent auction, which will begin Sept. 11 at www.josephy.org/arts-council/festival-of-the-arts. Bidding prices should start below \$750. Artists receive 60% of silent auction sales. This is a juried event and acceptance is based on artistic integrity.

The deadline for submission of artwork is Sept. 1. Accepted pieces will be hung at the Josephy Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph.

On Sept. 30 the auction will end and winning bidders will be notified and arrangements will be made for pick up or shipping.

The festival's director, Jeff Costello, in a press release stated, "We are so sorry that we will all miss our annual in-person gathering and celebration of the arts this year, but our priority has to be everyone's health and safety. With that, we are still committed to doing everything in our power to keep the Festival tradition alive. So, going virtual for this year was our best option. We want to continue to support our artists, even if that must be from remote locations. And, hopefully, this will just make our next opportunity to gather in-person again, to celebrate the arts, that much sweeter."

To stay updated on the festival and other art happenings (virtual and in-person), visit www.josephy.org.

ACE to open in September

LA GRANDE — Art Center East will open its doors in September. Stay tuned for more info, or check in at www.artcentereast.org.