

Quick Takes

SAFELY OUT & ABOUT IN NORTHEAST OREGON

Tickets for Baker City Oktoberfest on sale until Oct. 10

BAKER CITY — There is still time to purchase tickets for this year's Oktoberfest fundraiser for Crossroads Carnegie Art Center. The second-annual Baker City event is a drive-thru dinner and virtual auction set for Saturday, Oct. 17. Tickets are \$35 per person and must be purchased by Oct. 10 through www.crossroads-arts.org.

The meal will include bratwurst (traditional and vegetarian), sauerkraut, hot German potato salad, stone-ground mustard, and cucumber-tomato-onion salad. Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort is catering the dinner. Dessert is a schaum torte prepared by Sweet Wife Baking. Tickets include a bottle of wine from Copper Belt Winery or a growler of beer from Barley Brown's. At the drive-thru, ticket holders receive dinner, beverage, dessert, a tablecloth, festive napkins and a code for a free hour of Oktoberfest music courtesy of Elkhorn Media Group.

The virtual auction will close at 9 p.m. Oct. 18. Successful bidders will pick up their items Oct. 20 at Crossroads.

Country-western dance taught at Crossroads

BAKER CITY — Country-western dance classes are now held Thursday nights at Baker City's Crossroads Carnegie Art Center. The two-hour class begins at 6 p.m. Face coverings are required inside the art center.

Cost per class is \$16 for Crossroads members, or \$24 for non-members. The class is taught by Rhonda Bullard and Henry Hoelscher and is for ages 13 and older, with a maximum of 10 students. Closed-toe shoes are required.

To register, go to www.crossroads-arts.org or call 541-523-5369. Masks are required.

Learn the art of doodling

BAKER CITY — Ginger Rembold will teach a "ZenDoodle Mandalas" class Oct. 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center in Baker City. Students will learn an easy method for creating mandala designs that may be made into cards, or gifts, or used as a meditative practice.

Cost is \$16 members or \$24 nonmembers. Children who are younger than 12 can attend with a paid adult for \$5 members or \$7.50 nonmembers.

To register, go to www.crossroads-arts.org or call 541-523-5369. Masks are required.



Catch a fall foliage train this weekend

SUMPTER — The Sumpter Valley Railroad is offering fall foliage excursions this weekend. The special foliage runs are set for Oct. 9, 10 and 11, leaving from the McEwen Station at 10 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The one Sunday train departs at noon.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.sumptervalleyrailroad.org, printed, then brought to the depot the day of the ride. Fare information is given on the website. There are discounts for seniors and members of the military. Age 3 and younger ride free.

COVID-19 safety precautions will be in place and face coverings are required. Windows and doors may be left open on the train — passengers are encouraged to dress for cold weather.

Oregon Trail center plans fall events

BAKER CITY — The Bureau of Land Management's National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will showcase the pioneer spirit and settlement of the West throughout October.

The center is now on its fall operating schedule of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, with free admission and interpretive programs.

Saturday, Oct. 17, is World Migratory Bird Day, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the center will offer family-friendly activities and programs showcasing the many birds of the sagebrush desert.

Meet adopted wild horses and learn more about them at Wild Horse Day on Oct. 24. Come out between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and meet adopters and their horses, watch training demonstrations and

talk to BLM specialists about wild horse management on public lands.

In addition, a self-guided exhibit titled "Tech on the Trek" is open through Nov. 1. The display explores how cutting-edge technological advances of the 1800s made the grueling overland journey easier for later emigrants.

Find the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center on Highway 86, 5 miles east of Baker City.

View Fishtrap Fireside by your own fireside

ENTERPRISE — The 2020 Fishtrap Fireside season opened Oct. 2 with readings by Mary Emerick, Cameron Scott and Fishtrap founder Rich Wandschneider. The series has gone virtual for its eighth season, with the readings streamed live on www.fishtrap.org and YouTube. The event was

recorded and may be viewed at any time on these platforms as well as Facebook.

Fishtrap Fireside is a local monthly reading series designed to feature diverse voices of local writers. Since the program launched in 2013, audiences have enjoyed a variety of genres including cowboy poetry, fiction, nonfiction, journalism, memoir, sci-fi fantasy, humor, essay, travelogue, food stories and more. Each month offers a fresh look at what people of the West are thinking about and writing down.

"Fireside is one of our most popular programs," according to Fishtrap's program director, Mike Midlo, "People come to listen to their friends and neighbors share their work, and now by streaming the program on our website, even more people can hear what Walla Walla County writers have to offer."



Volunteer Requirements Include:

- At least 21 years old
- Be willing to complete necessary background checks, provide references and participate in an interview.
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours of pre-service training.
- Attend all court proceedings
- Be willing to commit to the CASA program for at least two years.
- Have 5-15 hours per month of time to give while working your case

A CHILD WITH A CASA VOLUNTEER IS:



more likely
to receive
much-
needed
services



more likely
to succeed
in school



half as likely
to re-enter
the foster
care system



THE KIDS ARE LOOKING FOR
YOU — BE A CASA!

CASA VOLUNTEER
TRAINING

Responsibilities of a CASA



Establish
relationship
with child and
others
involved



Observe
parent/child
interactions



Meet with
the child
regularly (at
least 2 times
a month)



Maintain
documentation
required by
CASA staff



Submit
required
reports and
case updates



Maintain
contact with
Case Manager



Attend ALL
court
proceedings &
monitor court
orders to
ensure
compliance



Complete 12
hours of in-
service
training
yearly



Assess the
child's
physical,
mental,
behavioral, &
educational
needs.
Advocate for
services