

QUICK TAKES

Sign up soon for spring youth art classes

JOSEPH —The Josephy Center for Arts and Culture is now taking registrations for the spring session of its youth art classes.

The eight-week session begins March 19 and offers Friday courses in clay for ages 7-17 and Saturday courses in drawing and painting for ages 4-12.

Class size is limited. Cost for each eight-week course is \$80. For more information or to register, call 541-4320-0505 or go to www.josephy.org and choose youth classes under the "Learn" tab.

The event began March 1 and will continue throughout the month. Participants will collect punch cards to be turned in for weekly drawings plus a grand prize drawing on April 1.

Pick up a punch card at the Union County Chamber office, 207 Depot St., La Grande, or at a participating business (listed on Main Street's and the Chamber's websites and social media), then collect punches as you shop at any of the listed stores.

Return the card, which will be included in that week's and the end-of-the-month drawings (cards don't have to be filled to be entered). Fill as many cards as you like. All cards must be returned by 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 31.

Contact the Union County Chamber of Commerce for more information at 541-963-8588 or info@visitunioncounty.org or via social media.

Brown Bag to discuss 'Oregon's Black Pioneers'

JOSEPH — The March 9 Brown Bag gathering will discuss the



OPB Oregon Experience episode "Oregon's Black Pioneers." Watch the 30-minute episode at www.watch.opb.org/video/oregons-black-pioneers-zxzlwpl/, then attend the free virtual Brown Bag at noon Tuesday and join in the conversation, hosted by the Josephy Center.

Here's what OPB says about the episode: "Long before Oregon became a state, black people were in the Far West. Some were brought to the region as slaves, but many others arrived as freemen looking for a new life. They opened boarding houses and stores, worked farms and mined for gold. But as more white settlers arrived over the Oregon Trail, the newcomers passed discriminatory laws to keep African Americans out. Oregon Experience examines the largely unknown history of Oregon's black pioneers."

Writing workshop focuses on joy as a source

ENTERPRISE — Fishtrap is hosting a virtual two-day writing workshop, "Writing for Resilience: Finding and Using Joy as a Source," led by Perrin Kerns.

The workshop is now scheduled to take place on consecutive Saturdays, March 13 and 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

According to Kerns, "Following in the tradition of Ross Gay, we will focus on writing about joy in the midst of pandemic, protest, climate change, and solitude. This is a generative writing class, where most of our time will be spent writing to prompts. At the end of our time together, we will share pieces we have pulled together from our shorter writings, and thus explore the lyric essay as a celebration of the fragment and the collage."

Kerns has been teaching creative writing and literature classes for more than 30 years.

The cost for the two days is \$270 (\$240 for Fishtrappers).

For full details and to register, go to www.fishtrap.org/workshop-kerns-march/#more-7899.

March into Spring!!!

Winners drawn weekly!!
Grand prize winner announced via social media on April Fool's Day!



Shop local during March into Spring event

LA GRANDE — The Union County Chamber and La Grande Main Street have teamed up with local businesses to encourage members of the community to safely shop and "support local" as we "March into Spring."

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