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Pop artist Alex Boye to perform Oct. 30 in La Grande



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Utah pop artist Alex Boye will perform a suicide prevention concert on Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Union County Fairgrounds.

Local couple arranges free concert to raise awareness about suicide

By **ANDREW CUTLER**
The Observer

LA GRANDE — Cassy Kellogg wanted to do something special for her children and other kids after the strain of nearly two years of COVID-19 mandates.

So, one day earlier this month, when Kellogg saw a clip of an Alex Boye concert on social media, on

a whim she reached out to Boye's camp to inquire about possibly having the Utah-based singer perform in Union County.

"When I watched how fun those concerts are, I just thought I want my kids and their friends and the kids in our area to be able to have that experience," Kellogg said.

Boye's free, public "Bend

Not Break" suicide awareness concert will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Union County Fairgrounds. Magician/motivational speaker Brad Barton will open for Boye. Don Kellogg, Cassy Kellogg's husband, met Barton in 2000 at a Boy Scout camp at Farragut State Park.

"You have all these acts that like to go to the big

cities. We just like to go to a city," Boye said. "This isn't like an Alex Boye concert, this is a mental health, suicide prevention awareness concert. That applies to anyone and everyone."

The Kelloggs have been seeing to all the details that go into bringing in a nationally known artist in a short

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Giving a little boost

CDC, FDA recommend booster shots to Americans

By **ALEX WITTWER**
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LA GRANDE — The Centers for Disease Control met virtually on Thursday, Oct. 21, and debated what guidelines will be in place regarding who gets priority in receiving the booster shots, and whether Americans even need the vaccine.

With unanimous consent, the organization voted to recommend booster shots to Americans in the fight against COVID-19, even as data on booster doses — and especially mix-and-match boosters — was limited.

That recommendation now goes up the CDC chain of command for final approval before it becomes the agency's official recommendation to the public.

The CDC, under the FDA Emergency Use Authorization, recommended the use of booster shots for those who received the Moderna vaccine more than six months ago and belong to risk categories such as those 65 years of age and older, or those 18 through 64 years of age at high risk

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A lasting LEGACY

Wolf Creek Grange in North Powder will celebrate 100 years on Oct. 24

By **DICK MASON**
The Observer

NORTH POWDER — The story of the Wolf Creek Grange is one of community service, dances, fairs and a fire that ultimately may have benefited it.

All of this and more likely will be discussed Sunday, Oct. 24, when the Wolf Creek Grange celebrates its 100th year of operation. The event will run from 1-3 p.m. at the Wolf Creek Grange, 215 E St., North Powder.

The grange is one of the most vibrant in Northeastern Oregon. Its hall is a gathering place for a number of community events and activities and it has a stable membership of 20-25 men and women. The Wolf Creek Grange is an anomaly during a time when many granges have declining memberships and are closing.

The continuing strength of the grange reflects the dedication of its members to the grange and the community.

"It is an amazing group," said Grange Master Carol Bouchard.

She said its members bring the community together in a manner that binds it in everlasting fashion.

"They help make this a village, not just a group of houses," Bouchard said.

The Wolf Creek Grange hall is perhaps the most popular meeting place in North Powder. It is the site of exercise classes, weddings and city council meetings; the weekly distribution of fresh food and other items provided by the Fresh Food Alliance operated by Northeast Oregon Food Bank; and a Lunch Bunch program where lunches are served by the grange each Friday to the community. The rent paid by the groups involved in many of these events helps keep the Wolf Creek Grange on solid ground financially.

People are likely drawn to the spa-



Alex Wittwer/The Observer

Cecilia Lovely uses a paper cutter to slice out articles and photos from a newspaper at the Wolf Creek Grange in North Powder on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, in preparation for the grange's 100th birthday party on Oct. 24.



Alex Wittwer/The Observer

A newspaper from the now defunct North Powder News in the early 20th century sits atop a table at the Wolf Creek Grange on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021. Volunteers with the grange association have been restoring and working through the archives of photos to create a collage of the association's history in preparation for a celebration of the grange's 100th birthday.

cious hall's warm and inviting atmosphere because it is so well kept and well decorated. Another plus is that it is centrally located and easy to reach. The site is a far cry from its original location near


Wolf Creek, 8 miles northwest of North Powder, where it was destroyed by a fire in the early 1940s, Bouchard said.

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