

PIANO CONCERT FRIDAY FEATURES JOHN NILSEN

HERMISTON — An evening of piano music is featured during an upcoming concert on Friday, April 8, at Hermiston First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave.

The music begins at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation.

John Nilsen, who was born in Seattle, moved with his family a few years later to Portland. He began studying classical piano at age 6, and later picked up the guitar. The award-winning musician founded the Magic Wing recording label in 1987.

A graduate of Southern Oregon University, the school recognized Nilsen in 1995 with the Distinguished Alumnus Award for his outstanding achievements and leadership in the field of performing arts. Also, he was selected as a Yamaha Signature Piano Artist in 2021 in recognition of his musical and songwriting talents.

For more information about the local concert, contact Pastor Patty Nance at herfumc@outlook.com or 541-567-3002. For more about Nilsen, visit www.magicwing.com.

HOJABOOM CONJURES UP CLASSIC TUNES

UMATILLA — Local musician Robert Hojaboom will perform in Umatilla.

Offering up classic hits and forgotten favorites, the free show is Saturday, April 9, 6-9 p.m. at The Bridge Bistro & Brews, 1501 Sixth St. The patio will be open, weather permitting, for extra seating. For more information, call 541-922-4112.

JOIN THE BLUE MOUNTAIN OLD TIME FIDDLERS APRIL 9

UNION — The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers will play a show Saturday, April 9, at the Catherine Creek Community Center, 667 N. Main St. Food will be for sale starting at 5 p.m., with the music following at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5, or free for ages 12 and younger.

BAND BOOSTERS HOST TALENT SHOW

HERMISTON — The Hermiston High School Band Boosters are hosting a Community Talent Show. Any and all forms of talent are welcome to audition.

The auditions are April 12-13,



John Nilsen/Contributed Photo
John Nilsen, a Pacific Northwest pianist, will perform in concert on April 8, 7 p.m. at the Hermiston First United Methodist Church.

6-9 p.m. in the band room at Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St. People do not have to register in advance. The performance is April 23, 6 p.m. in the school's fine arts auditorium.

The show will be an open competition, beginning jazz band teacher Mike Kellison said. All age groups and types of talent will compete against each other.

A fundraiser for the HHS Band Boosters, audience members can vote by placing donations in their favorite act's correspond-

ing box. The overall winners are the acts that garner the most donations on behalf of the band boosters. Organizers, Kellison said, are still in the process of determining prizes for the top three acts.

For more information, email Kellison at michael.kellison@hermistonsd.org or search/send a message via www.facebook.com/hermistonbandboosters.

J.J. HILL CLIMBS STAGE AT 40 TAPS

PENDLETON — Eastern Oregon singer-songwriter J.J. Hill will perform in Pendleton.

The free show is Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m. at 40 Taps, 337 SW Emigrant Ave. For more information, call 541-612-8559 or search www.facebook.com/fortytaps.

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER DANCE CLASSES

BAKER CITY — Crossroads Carnegie Art Center is working with new instructor Danielle Ludwig to provide "Dancin' with D" tap classes this summer. There will be sessions for multiple age

groups: ages 2-5, 6-12, teens and adults (if there are people interested). Classes will cover the basic moves of tapping, along with stretching and finding the rhythm of music. Exercises focus on building flexibility of the knees and ankles, coordination, and speed of movement. No experience required.

In order to schedule sessions, Crossroads is asking people to register now by calling 541-523-5369 or emailing katie@crossroads-arts.org.

BUCKHORN SALOON GOES LIVE ON FRIDAYS

CONDON — Live Music Fridays are happening again at the Buckhorn Saloon at Hotel Condon, which is featured on the National Register of Historic Places. The music starts at 5 p.m. at 202 S. Main St. There is no cover charge.

Named for an infamous Condon bar dating back to 1903, the Buckhorn Saloon reopened in the spring of 2021. For more information, contact info@buckhornsaloon.com, 541-384-4227, visit www.thebuckhornsaloon.com or search Facebook.

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