

ALL ABOARD THE CHRISTMAS TRAINS

SUMPTER — The Sumpter Valley Railroad is planning three days of Christmas trains in December — one extra than originally scheduled due to popular demand, said Kim Svaty, depot manager.

On Friday, Dec. 10, a train departs McEwen Depot at 7 p.m. for a full run to Sumpter and back. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and military, \$15 for ages 3-17, or \$70 for a family of four.

Saturday, Dec. 11, brings four short runs from the Sumpter Depot — at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Fares are \$18.50 for adults, \$15 for seniors and military and \$10 for ages 3-17. This day also features Sumpter's Christmas parade at 5 p.m., followed by the tree lighting.

Another full train is set for Sunday, Dec. 12, leaving McEwen Depot at noon. Passengers will have a 40-minute layover in Sumpter to enjoy cookies and hot chocolate at the Sumpter Depot. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and military, \$15 for ages 3-17, or \$70 for a family of four.

Make reservations in advance at www.sumptervalley-railroad.org.

SALVATION ARMY OFFERS TO-GO THANKSGIVING MEALS

PENDLETON — People are invited to pick up a Thanksgiving Day dinner Thursday, Nov. 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Salvation Army, 150 S. E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton.

The traditional meal of

turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, vegetables, cranberry sauce and dessert will be packaged hot and ready-to-eat. Deliveries for senior citizens, shut-ins and those with disabilities can be arranged by calling 541-276-3369.

UMATILLA'S WINTER FESTIVAL IS DEC. 3-4

UMATILLA — The City of Umatilla's Winter Festival is set for Dec. 3 and 4 at Village Square Park, 700 Sixth St. next to City Hall. Hours are 4-7 p.m. Friday and noon-7 p.m. Saturday. Events include ice skating, pictures with Santa, food and craft vendors, games and activities.

The tree lighting happens at 6:15 p.m. Friday, and the Friday School Choir will perform that night from 6-7 p.m. On Saturday, enjoy live holiday music from 4-7 p.m.

GATEWAY CAFE TO HOST COMMUNITY HOLIDAY DINNER

HEPPNER — Gateway Cafe, in conjunction with the Elohim Covenant Ministry, will host a Thanksgiving Day meal for the community. The Bank of Eastern Oregon donated turkeys for the event.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the meal with friends and neighbors Thursday, Nov. 25. Food will be served beginning at 1 p.m. at the cafe, 168 N. Main St., Heppner. For questions or to donate food items, call Alvin at 541-980-2014 or Kim at 541-490-6068. For more information, search www.facebook.com/Gatewaycafe-heppner.

BOARDMAN HOSTS 13TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MEAL

BOARDMAN — A holiday dinner and praise service is being held on Thanksgiving Day in Boardman.

The community is invited to celebrate the season during the free event Thursday, Nov. 25 at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 E. Marine Drive, Boardman. The praise service starts at 1:30 p.m. and dinner will be served from 2-4 p.m. In addition to dine-in service, people can pick up meals via drive-thru service. Also, deliveries are available for shut-ins.

The event is sponsored by several area businesses and churches. For more information, contact Teresa Parsons at 503-724-8823 or froggy8797@gmail.com.

COOKIES AND CRAFTS ON DEC. 4 IN BAKER CITY

BAKER CITY — Crossroads Carnegie Art Center will offer Christmas Craft Day for Kids on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 2-4 p.m., in conjunction with the Baker City Downtown Cookie Crawl.

The Cookie Crawl will start at Crossroads in the courtyard at the Second Street door. Pick up your box and map for \$7 from BCD volunteers.

Crossroads staff will also be present, and families will be able to get a craft for free at Crossroads. There are 200 craft bags per age group. Each project has a kit with instruction, and is age-appropriate.

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER AT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

BAKER CITY — Everyone is



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The Cookie Crawl, an event sponsored by Baker City Downtown, is happening from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, starting at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave. in Baker City. Pick up a box for \$7 and visit participating businesses to collect cookies.

invited to a free Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church, Third and Broadway streets in Baker City.

YOUTH GINGERBREAD CONTEST IN BAKER CITY

BAKER CITY — CASA of Eastern Oregon is again inviting local youth to decorate a gingerbread house and enter it to win prizes. To participate, decorate a gingerbread house (homemade or store-bought; smaller than 12-inches-by-15-inches) and submit it to 1780 Main St. (former location

of The Little Bagel Shop) on Friday, Dec. 3, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The house and decorations must be edible. Please include the child's name and age on the base. Winners will be displayed after 4 p.m. on Dec. 3.

Entries can be picked up on Dec. 10 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Each entry will receive a prize, and special prizes will be awarded in these age groups: 2-4; 5-7; 8-10; 12-15; and 15-18.

For information about the contest, or to get an entry form, call Sue Richard at 541-519-7227.

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