

Quinn, Kindle and Rockwell highlight Tunesmith Night at Jennings Hotel

Performance will be Jan. 13 in Joseph venue

Wallowa Valley Music Alliance will host its January Tunesmith Night, a monthly showcase of original music, Jan. 13 Gold Room at the Jennings Hotel, 100 North Main, Joseph.

The show features songwriters Kory Quinn, James Dean Kindle and Bourbon Bill Rockwell. The cozy atmosphere and warm sound in the venue provides the perfect atmosphere for music lovers.

Like the steady pendulum of a land oil rig, Americana songwriter Kory Quinn is tapped inspiration. His new EP, "Black Gold Blues," is sharp and critical. It swings between the misery and pride of the working class.

He explores the complex relationships inherent in the immorality of modern capitalism and the individual purpose found in their work. With uncanny awareness, he understands the exact point where two disparate paradigms collide.

Black Gold Blues bobs between the melancholy and



Bourbon Bill Rockwell

the irrepressibility of humanity in the face of widespread corruption and exploitation. This coincides with the greater implications of society's current reliance on oil and fossil fuels, corrupt political leaders and fear. But even as it tackles such heaviness, the music is boisterous and driving, a perfect rallying call for humanity from the heart of a working man.

James Dean Kindle is a Pendleton-based singer-songwriter. With his long-time backing band, The Eastern Playboys, he has recently released "Roaming Charges May Apply," a high desert rock album recorded at the



James Dean Kindle



Kory Quinn

OK Theater in Enterprise.

Thematically, the album touches upon finding a sense of community and belonging amidst the anxiety of a decaying rural West. He is currently working on a solo album tentatively titled, "Trail Songs of Love." He also works as the executive director of the Oregon East Symphony and as a contributing columnist to the East Oregonian.

Bourbon Bill Rockwell has been writing songs and performing them on stage for nearly 25 years. His old-time style of song writing landed him in a trio before the turn of the century with two

IF YOU GO...

What: Wallowa Valley Music Alliance's January Tunesmith Night

Where: The Gold Room at the Jennings Hotel, 100 North Main, Joseph

When: Saturday, Jan. 13, 6 p.m.

Cost: \$10 at the door or by season pass

friends who played banjo and mandolin.

They busked the Washington State Ferry system for a while before crossing the pond and playing in Europe. After tens of thousands of miles, he has discovered the wonders of Northeastern Oregon and has been playing and performing out of La Grande. Tunesmith Night is presented in a round-robin format, with each musician playing a song, then the next taking a turn, creating an interesting and varied performance. Admission is \$10 at the door or by season pass. Doors open at 6 p.m. No food or beverage service provided — BYO.



Dameron



Greenwell



Curry

Fishtrap Fireside opens new year Jan. 5

Fishtrap Fireside starts off the new year with Benjamin Curry, Jim Dameron and Eric Greenwell on tap to read. An open "mic" follows where the audience can come up to the podium and take a turn.

The event is 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at Fishtrap House, 400 E. Grant Street, Enterprise. Admission is free.

Raised in Wallowa County's rugged North End, Curry's claim to fame is he closed the Flora School all by himself. A fan of bird-song, huckleberries and freeheel skiing, Curry tunes his senses for all three from his home in Joseph. In his spare time he writes poetry, memoir and data center strategy documents.

Dameron is an essayist and a poet. His work has been published in Agni, The Missouri Review, Mid-American Review, Northwest Review and other literary journals. Three of his essays have been

honored by the editors of Best American Essays as "Notable Selections."

At 26, Eric Greenwell was walking down a street in Idaho when he realized he had lost what he was trying to say. He retraced steps and checked his dirty pants pockets. His mother called to say she lost it at, oh, age 30. In retrospect, she said, it was the best thing that ever happened to her.

He disagreed. He disagrees a lot these days, which, now that he considers it, might have something to do with losing it, what it is he was trying to say and why he has left the house late every morning since 2012 or was it 2013?

The community is encouraged to attend, enjoy light refreshments and hear new work by their friends and neighbors.

January's Fireside is sponsored by Ruby Peak Naturals, treats provided by Paula Austin and firewood donated by JayZee Lumber.

NEWS BRIEFS

Then people who want to hike above the campground can go with Ranger Jason.

Fun facts about Wallowa Lake State Park history will be revealed.

Bring stories and photos of Wallowa Lake State Park to share while enjoying hot chocolate.

For information call 541-432-8855

Grief support group forming at senior center

Community Connection will host a nine-week grief support group at the Enterprise Senior Center beginning 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018.

Weekly sessions will be led by the Rev. David Bruce, pastor of the Enterprise Christian Church, who is a certified grief counselor.

The class is based on "GriefWorks," and is designed for a 75-90 minute time frame. Registration is required and limited to 12 participants.

GriefWorks, based in Auburn, Wash., provide healing and hope to children, teens, adults and families in schools, homes and the workplace.

Call 541-426-3840 or email rebecca@ccno.org.

Library PAC part of tax credit plan for donations

Oregon Tax Credit has issued a reminder that Oregon residents pay \$50 in taxes to Oregon each year that could be designated to a specific political contribution.

Wallowa County Library District PAC group is eligible to receive that contribution.

Each taxpayer in Oregon gets a \$50 gift but must either pay it back in state taxes or donate it to a qualified political campaign or cause as part of the program.

If you don't make a contribution of \$50, you actually pay the amount anyway in state taxes.

This deduction is for single filers making less than \$100,000 a year and joint filers making less than \$200,000.

People who donate before year-end can again make a \$50 tax deductible donation after the first of the year.

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The Chieftain office will be **CLOSED Monday Jan. 1st for the New Year** to reserve space in our Jan. 3rd edition, the deadline is **NOON Thursday, Dec. 28th 2017**

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Meet Pip & Piper

Pip was born in May of 2017. She is a spayed female tabby with a creamsicle coat with swirls of orange and cream. She has long, silky fur. Pip is playful, gentle and very friendly. Pip is up to date on her shots and de-worming.

Piper is a beautiful black neutered male with a white spot on his chest, born in May of 2017. He is very friendly yet a little bit shy at first, but loves attention. Piper has long hair and a "regal" glossy black coat that would add a classy look to any home decor. Piper is up to date on his shots and de-worming.

Available for Adoption
Please call Carol at 541-263-0336 or 541-432-1630 if you're interested in meeting Pip or Piper.

\$40 adoption fee

Student of the Week

Brian Forrest is a freshman at Joseph Charter School and is the son of Brian and Rebecca Forrest of Joseph. Brian has put forth great effort in all of his classes and is known for asking really great questions. Brian is also a student who is always willing to help others. Brian is a member of the Chess Club and FCCLA. The staff and administration would like to congratulate Brian for a job well done.

Brian Forrest
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The Student of the Week is chosen for academic achievement and community involvement. Students are selected by the administrators of their respective schools.

Weather Forecast

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	High	Low	Conditions
Dec. 28	37	33	Rain
Dec. 29	39	32	Showers
Dec. 30	36	25	Morning showers
Dec. 31	35	26	Partly cloudy
Jan. 1	35	24	Cloudy
Jan. 2	35	24	Partly cloudy
Jan. 3	36	27	Cloudy

Phases of the moon

Jan. 24	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 16
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET DEC. 28-JAN. 3
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
7:28	7:29	7:29	7:29	7:29	7:29	7:29
4:13	4:14	4:15	4:16	4:17	4:18	4:19