

Quick Takes

Elgin Opera House's next production will be on film

ELGIN — Terry Hale, executive artistic director for the Elgin Opera House, is directing a film version of Disney's popular "High School Musical Jr." with a 70-member cast, the majority of whom are high school students.



The production is designed to replicate the experience of watching a live theater performance at the Elgin Opera House. Filming of "High School Musical Jr." will continue for about another month, after which production work will be completed.

The Elgin Opera House musical will be shown online April 24 to May 2. All showings will be at 7:30 p.m. except for May 2, which will start at 4:30 p.m. Information on purchasing tickets is available at elginoperahouse.com/box-office.

Hale said those watching should not be late because viewers will not be able to rewind or pause the show: "It will start and run just like a live show at the Opera House."

Alex Wittwer/The Observer

The director's dog joins members of the cast of "High School Musical Jr." Friday, March 19, during filming at the Elgin Opera House. The production will be shown online April 24 to May 2.

Churchill School delivers live music at home

BAKER CITY — Churchill School's "In Your House Parties" virtual series continues Wednesday, March 31, featuring Portland-based band Hillstomp. The free livestream begins at 7 p.m. on the venue's YouTube page and website.

Previous concerts also available for viewing include The Horse-necks, Lauren Napier and Vic Ruggiero, Caleb Klaunder and Reeb Willms, and Tom Brosseau.

Also, the first album recorded at Churchill School, "Rob Scheps and the TBA Band Live at Churchill School," may be purchased at robscheps.bandcamp.com and at Marilyn's Music in Baker City.

Tunesmith Night set for April 10

ENTERPRISE — The next episode of the 15th season of Tunesmith Night, a livestream showcase of original music, begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 10.

The unique appeal of presenting three songwriters sharing their original work in an intimate round-robin format takes on another dimension in the virtual format with each performer safely situated in their own location.

The show will be streamed live

to YouTube and the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance website and shared on other social media. The April 10 event will feature songwriters Belinda Bowler, Bill Davie and Larry Murante.

This season's previous editions may be viewed free of charge at any time at www.wvmusicalliance.org/tunesmith-night.

No more late fees at Cook Memorial Library

LA GRANDE — La Grande's Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., reopened March 1 for use by the public. Patrons' time in

the building is limited, and masks are required for library entry.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, the library is open to at-risk and older patrons from 10-11 a.m.; all patrons are welcome between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, the building is open to all patrons from noon to 7:30 p.m.

Beginning in April, Cook Memorial Library will no longer assess overdue fines on any library materials and will forgive all outstanding overdue fines.

For more details on the library's services, go to www.cookmemorial-library.org or call 541-962-1339.

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Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp goes virtual

WALLOWA — The board of directors of the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance has made a decision to hold Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp 2021 as a virtual program this July.

What has traditionally been a gathering on the campus of the Wallowa School will be adapted to the world of online music instruction. The decision was not made without careful consideration regarding the health and safety of camp participants and the local community.

The Wallowa Valley Music Alliance in a press release said the board is excited to envision what the long-standing music camp could grow to be. The instructors who will be joining the online camp include Matt Bell, Stuart Mason, Andy Emert, Emily Muller-Cary, John Weed, Larry Chung, Carla Arnold and Alan Feves.

The virtual camp may not take place over the entire week, but there will be at least three days (Friday through Sunday, July 16-18) of instruction and fiddle tunes community activities.

Registration will open online April 1 at www.wvmusicalliance.org.

"Stay tuned for all the details," stated the release. "We are busy crafting the best way to bring top-quality instruction in traditional string band music."

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