

Quick Takes

Pick up crafts kits on Monday at the library

LA GRANDE — Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, will have free craft kits available for pick up on Monday, April 5, at 11 a.m. Dinosaurs is the theme this month for kids, with Oregon Dino-Story from the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Suncatcher kits will be ready for teens and adults. The kits are free. One kit per age group per family, first come, first served.

Register by April 15 for 8-week ceramics course

JOSEPH — Pamela Beach will be teaching “Foundations in Ceramics for Beginners,” an eight-week course on Mondays beginning April 19 at the Josephy Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph.

The in-person class will cover the fundamentals of handbuilding with lessons in design, texture and glazing.

A \$195 class fee includes clay, glazes, firing and three open studio sessions (offered Saturdays, May 1, May 22 and June 12). For age 18 and older, and no experience is necessary. Masks will be required at all times.

Pre-registration is required by April 15. For more information and to register, call 541-432-0505 or go to www.josephy.org and from the “Learn” tab choose “classes and workshops.”

Reserve a table at the Magical Tea Party

LA GRANDE — Le Bebe Cakes Bakery is putting on a Magical Tea Party Saturday, April 17, for wizards, fairies and muggles of all ages at Grande Lumiere Event Center at The Market Place, 1101 Washington Ave., La Grande.

Cost is \$14.95 per person and includes a catered luncheon, tea and cakes provided by Le Bebe Cakes. Reserve a table of two to six guests for a tea time between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. by calling 541-963-2253.

Paint wineglasses at free weekly gathering

JOSEPH — Those who purchase opening night tickets for the annual Willowa Valley Festival of Art each receive a hand-painted wineglass. In preparation for the event, wineglass painting gatherings are held every Wednesday evening under Pam Beach’s guidance at the Josephy Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph.

Walk-ins are welcome between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wineglasses, glass paints and brushes are provided. Experience is not necessary, but face masks are.

Tune in to April 10 Tunessmith Night

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

The unique appeal of presenting songwriters sharing their original

work in an intimate round-robin format continues in the virtual format with the performers safely situated in their own location.

The show will be streamed live to YouTube and the Willowa Valley Music Alliance website. 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.

Churchill School delivers live music at home

BAKER CITY — Churchill School’s “In Your House Parties” virtual series is available for online viewing at any time. Concerts by Hillstomp, The Horsenecks, Lauren Napier and Vic Ruggiero, Caleb Klauder and Reeb Willms, and Tom Brosseau were recorded and may be enjoyed on the venue’s YouTube page and website.

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.

Ready for new puzzles?

LA GRANDE — The pandemic has meant lots of time devoted to indoor activities. For many, that includes jigsaw puzzles. If you have worked through the ones you have and are looking for more, join in Art Center East’s puzzle exchange on the third Saturday of the month.

The monthly in-person exchange

requires face coverings and social distancing.

The next exchange will take place Saturday, April 17, from 1-2 p.m. at Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande. Bring a puzzle and take one home. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per puzzle taken home or exchanged, with proceeds going toward ACE’s continuing effort to stay open during the pandemic.

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 “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.

Willowa Fiddle Tunes Camp goes virtual

WALLOWA — The 2021 Willowa Fiddle Tunes Camp will be virtual this July. 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 April 1 at www.wvmusicalliance.org.

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