

# QUICK TAKES

## Baker County Library announces changes

BAKER CITY — The Baker County Library District is planning to return to nearly normal operations on Tuesday, June 1, in response to the recent announcements by federal and state officials regarding the easing of mask and social distancing guidelines for people who are fully vaccinated.

“We do need to stay patient a bit longer while waiting for additional OHA and OSHA policy clarifications and for several staff to reach their fully-vaccinated anniversary,” said Perry Stokes, library district director. “So for now, masks are still required in the library, even for individuals who are fully vaccinated or otherwise have antibodies.”

To access the library catalog online, go to [www.bakerlib.org](http://www.bakerlib.org).

## Sign up for tie dye class

BAKER CITY — Ginger Rembold will teach a tie dye class Thursday, June 17, from 6-8 p.m. at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave., Baker City.

Cost is \$16 for Crossroads members, or \$24 non-members. Children ages 8 to 10 can attend for \$5 with a paid adult. All participants must pay \$1 per item dyed.

Rembold will learn a variety of tie-dye techniques. All the dye, fixer, and rubber bands are provided. Participants need to provide pre-washed 100% cotton (or at least 75%). There is a limit of 10 items per person.

## Huntington catfish derby set for May 29-31

HUNTINGTON — The annual Huntington Memorial Day catfish derby is planned for May 29-31. Events throughout the weekend include fishing, a catfish cook-off, bingo, a duck derby, a flea market and a steak feed.

Registration begins Friday, May 28, at the Lions Club Park. All

participants must be registered by 4 p.m. Saturday.

Entry is \$5 for juniors (ages 5-13) and \$10 for seniors (age 14 and older). Registration can also be mailed to Mike Raney, PO Box 171, Huntington 97907. Include your name, address, phone number and division.

The cost of the steak dinner on Saturday is \$18 and will benefit Meals on Wheels.

For more information, call Raney at 541-869-2821, visit the Huntington Chamber of Commerce website, or follow the Catfish Derby on Facebook.

## Paint cloudy skies with watercolors

JOSEPH — On Thursday, May 27, from 5-7:30 p.m., “The Characteristics of Watercolors: Painting Cloudy Skies” will be the focus of an in-person class at the Joseph Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph.

Instructor Crystal Newton will show how the cryptic icons on a watercolor paint tube transmit helpful information and explore techniques

for painting the sky.

Preregistration is required by May 24. Cost of the class is \$45.

No experience is necessary. Bring dinner if you would like.

Visit [www.josephy.org](http://www.josephy.org), email [info@josephy.org](mailto:info@josephy.org) or call 541-432-0505 for more information on supply lists and to register.

## Film looks at history and future of wildfire

JOSEPH — The Joseph Center is hosting a free screening of “The West Is Burning” — a documentary that raises awareness about the conditions of forests in the western U.S. — Thursday, May 27, at 7 p.m.

The film examines the history of the current conditions that are causing catastrophic fire and explores the urgent need to act now.

Join producer Cody Sheehy, in person or online, for the showing and a discussion afterward.

Call the center at 541-432-0505 or email [coordinator@josephy.org](mailto:coordinator@josephy.org) to RSVP if you want to attend in person (limited to 30 people) or to get virtual access instructions.

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LA GRANDE — Jazz, classical, show tunes and calypso music come to the steps of Loso Hall May 24-28 for the first-ever outdoor Eastern Oregon University Music Week.

The afternoon performances take place from noon to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday on the steps in front of Loso Hall, featuring jazz ensemble 45th Parallel, EOU Chamber Choir, Grande Ronde Symphony Strings, faculty ensembles and senior showcase performances, and the Elgin High School Calypso Band. The week closes on Friday with a “Root Beer Choir” that invites attendees to sing along.

A highlight of the event is a collection of eight 10-minute musicals. Each mini musical includes a cast of two to eight actors and covers an entire narrative within its narrow window of time. Individual mini musicals will pop up throughout the week, and all eight shows will run back-to-back from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

All performances are free and open to the public. Free parking is available, and seating will be provided. Learn more at [www.eou.edu/music](http://www.eou.edu/music).

### MONDAY, MAY 24

noon — EOU Chamber Choir  
1 p.m. — EHS Calypso Band  
2 p.m. — 45th Parallel  
3 p.m. — bucket drumming

### TUESDAY, MAY 25

noon-1:30 — 10-minute musicals  
2 p.m. — 45th Parallel  
3 p.m. — Senior showcase: Jason Lineback and Jeremiah Dockweiler

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

noon — EOU Chamber Choir  
2 p.m. — 45th Parallel

3 p.m. — bucket drumming  
4 p.m. — Grande Ronde String Orchestra with Sarah Plummer (see more on page 3)

### THURSDAY, MAY 27

noon-1:30 — 10-minute musicals  
2 p.m. — 45th Parallel  
3 p.m. — 45th Parallel with guitarist John Stowell and Matt Cooper

### FRIDAY, MAY 28

noon-1:30 — 10-minute musicals  
2 p.m. — 45th Parallel  
3 p.m. — Root Beer Choir

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