

# Ison House presents 'Concerts on the Lawn'

Eric 'Sugar' Larsen kicks off the summer concert series on Saturday, June 5

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BAKER CITY — Twila Lavery is ready for some live music, and she suspects other people are, too.

"I know people are anxious to get out and do something," she said.

Lavery owns The Ison House Bed and Brew in Baker City with John Coop.

This summer they are welcoming seven bands for a summer series of "Concerts on the Lawn."

"Five are tribute bands," she said.

This series was inspired, she said, by the Eastern Oregon Tribute Fest that was held for several years in Baker City.

Lavery spoke with a few of the bands at that event, and a few — including "Petty Fever" — are coming back to Baker City.

"We're excited to see these bands too," she said.

And after 2020's event cancellations, Lavery wanted to be quick about booking bands who are ramping up for a tour season.

"We didn't want to stall," she said.

The bands vary in types of music, from blues and country to a Metallica tribute.



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Eric "Sugar" Larsen plays June 5 at The Ison House.

Lavery is especially looking forward to the Van Halen tribute band "Unchained."

"I'm a huge Eddie Van Halen fan," she said.

## Concerts

The first concert is Saturday, June 5, featuring Eric "Sugar" Larsen.

Gates open at 4 p.m. The house band Trailer Hitch opens at 6 p.m., followed by Larsen at 7:30 p.m.

The music will wrap up by 9:30



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The band Trailer Hitch opens for every concert this summer.

p.m., and gates close at 10:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and available at The Ison House, 1790 Washington Ave., as well as online at [www.theisonhouse.com](http://www.theisonhouse.com).

Attendees must be 21 years or older. Beverages and food will be available to purchase during the events.

Tickets are limited for each con-

cert. Lavery said they are selling a number that is under capacity for the space to avoid cancellation due to changing state guidelines.

(However, if an event is cancelled tickets will be refunded.)

## Concert schedule

Trailer Hitch will open for every concert at The Ison House.

"They are incredibly good," Lavery said.

Every event will follow the same schedule: gates open at 4 p.m., Trailer Hitch plays at 6 p.m., and the headliner band starts at 7:30 p.m.

Here is the full summer concert schedule:

- Saturday, June 5: Eric "Sugar" Larsen
- Saturday, June 19: Tom Petty tribute band "Petty Fever"
- Friday, July 9: AC/DC Tribute "Back Into Black"
- Saturday, July 10: Levi Blom
- Friday, July 23: Journey Tribute "Wheel in the Sky NW"
- Saturday, Aug. 14: Van Halen Tribute "Unchained"
- Saturday, Sept. 4: Metallica Tribute "Blistered Earth"

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