

QUICK TAKES: A GLIMPSE AROUND NE OREGON

Carter Junction performs this weekend

BAKER CITY — There are a few chances to catch musical duo Carter Junction this weekend in Baker City. They will perform at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 5-6. And, on Saturday, they will play for the summer concert series in Geiser-Pollman Park at 5 p.m.

For information and updates, call 541-523-1843.



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Musical duo Carter Junction will perform this weekend in Baker City.

Take a hike with Wallowology

JOSEPH — Saturday, June 5, Wallowology kicks off its summer activities with a field trip hike in Joseph Canyon led by ecologist David Mildrexler, PhD. The free event runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is required: email info@wallowology.org

Ison House concert series begins Saturday

BAKER CITY — This summer, the Ison House Bed & Brew will hold concerts on the lawn. The first is Saturday, June 5, featuring Eric “Sugar” Larsen.

Gates open at 4 p.m. The house band Trailer Hitch plays at 6 p.m., followed by Larsen at 7:30 p.m. The music wraps up by 9:30 p.m.

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

Tickets are \$20 and available at The Ison House, 1790 Washington Ave., and at www.theisonhouse.com.

Music and movies in the park — free this summer

LA GRANDE — The Riverside Concert Series returns this summer beginning July 1. Enjoy free live music from local artists in the park every Thursday from 6-8 p.m., rain or shine (if the weather is bad, the concert will move to inside the pavilion).

The series is organized by La

Grande Parks and Recreation and sponsored by the La Grande Arts Commission. The summer’s lineup will be announced soon.

At Pioneer Park this summer — also free, thanks to Parks and Rec and the Union County Safe Communities Coalition — watch movies outside with family and friends. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks (remember to pack out what you bring in).

The Friday night movies begin July 9 with “Robin Hood,” and “Onward” will be shown July 30. “Doolittle” winds up the trio of free movies in the park on Aug. 20.

To learn more, visit www.lagrandeparks.org and keep an eye on the La Grande Parks and Rec

Facebook page, www.facebook.com/lagrandeparksrec.

Learn old skills for a new time at floraschool.org

FLORA — The annual Flora School Days is virtual this year, held Tuesday-Saturday, June 1-5, online at www.floraschool.org.

The mission is the same — promoting and celebrating pioneer skills and lost arts — but presented in a thoroughly modern format.

June 1-4, a pioneer artist walks viewers through a prerecorded demonstration. The live broadcast each evening begins at 6 p.m.

Nickie Sanchez (Custom Creations by Nickie, San Diego, California) on Tuesday demonstrated patchwork sewing, hand-piecing nine-patch placemats using the card trick block, and on Wednesday, Andy Boyd (Boyd Blacksmithing, Lostine) pounded out rosehead clinch nails.

Thursday’s broadcast features Justin Riley (Riley River Forge, Walla Walla) who prepares a hide for tanning and then tans a hide using brains.

David Spurlock (YouTube’s “Hanging with Dave” and Little River Forge, Mountain View, Arkansas) on Friday shows how to find plants in your own backyard for medicinal and food use.

Saturday, June 5, delivers a full day of demonstrations with a live broadcast from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8 a.m. — Andy Sparrell (Andy Sparrell Specialties, Dayton, Washington) twists, bends and pounds out a fork, knife and spoon, a matched set.

10:15 a.m. — Nathan Thompson (Rusty Hammer Forge, Walla Walla) uses hand tools and hot metal to transform blocks of wood into bowls.

12:30 p.m. — Mark McVane (Metalcraft Northwest, Walla Walla) walks viewers through making hinges.

2:45 p.m. — Vanessa Thew Thompson (North End Crossing, Flora) shares tricks for using a wood cookstove as she creates a savory galette and a dessert galette.

To enjoy the demonstrations produced by Flora School volunteers, go to www.floraschool.org and click on the “Live Broadcast” tab or go to the Flora School YouTube page.

During the demonstrations, whether live or prerecorded, viewers may ask questions.

More detailed information on this year’s “Old skills for a new time — Flora School Days online” is available at www.floraschool.org. Or contact the Flora School Education Center at 1-541-828-7010 or floraschool@tds.net.

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