

Quick Takes: A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NE OREGON

Bart Budwig plays live show at hq in La Grande

LA GRANDE — Bart Budwig will be live in concert on Saturday, June 26, at hq, 112 Depot St.

Budwig will be playing with his full band, and the opening musician is La Grande-based artist Brian Mandella, who will be playing solo.

Doors are at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at lagrandehq.com/tickets or at the door on the day of the event.

The venue is currently running at half capacity, so buying advance tickets is recommended.

Masks are required unless drinking. There will be a beer garden set up outside.

To learn more about the musicians, visit their Facebook pages: <https://www.facebook.com/brianmandellamusic/> and Bart Budwig <https://www.facebook.com/Bart-Budwig>

For event information, check the hq page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hqvenue>.

Sumpter Valley Railroad steams for Father's Day

BAKER CITY — The historical Sumpter Valley Railroad is ready for Father's Day with full steam trains running both Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20.

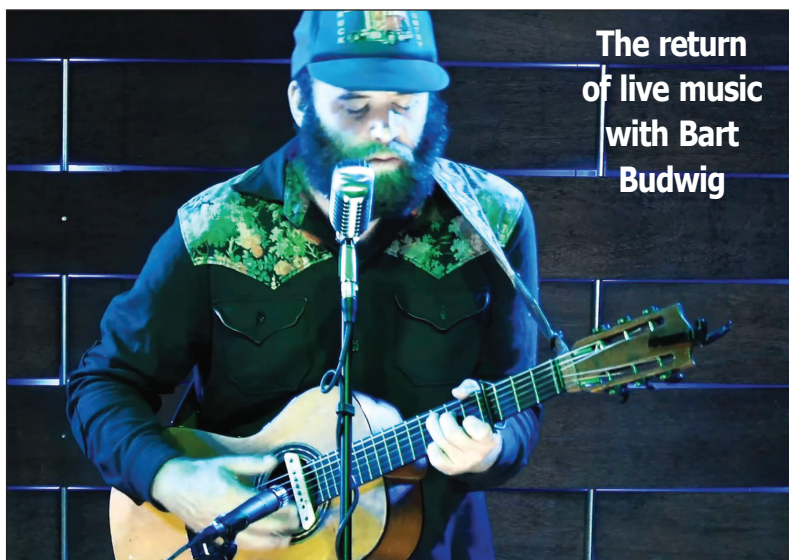
Trains depart from McEwen Depot at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Fares for round trips are \$25 adults, \$22 seniors and military, \$15 children ages 3-17, or \$70 for a family pass.

Purchase tickets in advance at sumptervalleyrailroad.org. The website also lists special events

For information 541-894-2268 or email info@sumptervalleyrailroad.org

Safety precautions will be placed for masks and social distancing.



The return of live music with Bart Budwig

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Bart Budwig will give a live, in-person concert on June 26 at hq in La Grande. Tickets are limited.

Elgin Riverfest returns after a one-year break

ELGIN — After a one-year hiatus, the Elgin Riverfest is back.

The centerpiece of Riverfest will again be its car show, to be conducted on a field near the Elgin Community Center. The car show is annually one of the first to be conducted in Northeast Oregon and draws at least 70 vehicles a year.

Old agricultural equipment again will be on display near the car show, including a steam-powered tractor. Many farmers in the late 1800s and early 1900s used steam-powered tractors.

Members of the Elgin Fire Department return as well to Riverfest to serve the Firemen's Breakfast. Traditionally the breakfast has been served indoors but this year it likely will be outdoors to make it easier to meet social distancing standards.

Learn the Nez Perce stories at Josephy Center

JOSEPH — The Josephy Center will host a weekly discussion of the

Nez Perce story at 1 p.m. on Thursdays. It will be a brief introduction to the walwa ma band of the Nez Perce Indians who made the country home for millennia, before settlers arrived: How did they live? When and why were they forced out? Who were Old and Young Chief Joseph? Where are the Nez Perce now?

The discussions will take place on the second floor of the Josephy Center building, right next to the permanent Nez Perce display.

No fees, but donations will be appreciated. For questions, call Rich at 541-432-0505.

Fishtrap meets for open mic session June 25

ENTERPRISE — Fishtrap is gearing up for the first live, in-person event in more than a year.

Fishtrap and Circle of Seasons will present a summer solstice open mic reading potluck on Friday, June 25.

The potluck begins at 6 p.m., followed by the open mic session.

This gathering will be held outside at 400 E. Grant St. Admission

is free.

Attendees are encouraged to bring something to share to eat, read, or both.

For more information, visit fishtrap.org.

Josephy Center plans summer programs

JOSEPH — Enrollment is now open for summer programs at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture (JCAC). Programs include classes, camps and workshops for a variety of ages and interests.

For kids ages 7-12 years, JCAC will be offering a four-day "Color Camp" Aug. 2-5 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. During the camp, children will utilize a variety of mediums (including painting, oil pastels, colored pencils, and clay) to create artwork inspired by famous artists and will learn about how those artists used color in their work.

In addition, JCAC will offer youth art classes for ages 5-12 every Thursday through the summer months. These classes are project based which means that during each class kids will create and complete an art project to take home. Thursday classes are open for walk-ins, but the class size is limited to 10, so pre-registration is recommended.

"We are really excited to offer these interactive, hands-on opportunities for kids to express themselves creatively after a long season of isolation and excess screen time," said Executive Director Cheryl Coughlan.

For adults, the Center is offering more summer classes and workshops than ever before including ceramics, watercolor, whittling, flower arrangement, needle felting, painting and more. Wednesday walk-in classes, to be held from 10 a.m. to noon, will offer students a chance to try something new every week. All supplies are provided.

To register or learn more about class times and prices, call 541-432-0505 or go to www.josephy.org. Hover over "learn" to find classes or browse the calendar.

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