

Three days, three concerts

Weekend music features AC/DC tribute band and country rock musician Levi Blom

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BAKER CITY — This weekend brings three nights of live music to downtown Baker City.

BACK INTO BLACK

First up is Back into Black, an AC/DC tribute band that plays Friday, July 9, at the Ison House Bed & Brew, 1790 Washington Ave. Tickets are \$20 and available online at www.theisonhouse.com. This event is for ages 21 and older.

Gates open at 5 p.m., and Trailer Hitch opens the show at 5:30 p.m. Back into Black takes the stage at 8 p.m.

This tribute band had an interesting start.

"It was a Craigslist band," said Roger Jaime, lead singer.



Back into Black, an AC/DC tribute band, plays July 9 at the Ison House Bed and Brew in Baker City.

Paul Panula posted the ad. He plays lead guitar.

"He jumps around, he plays great — that's the Angus Young I was looking for," Jaime said.

Jaime himself toured with a cover band for 20 years.

"I played six or seven nights a week, 50 weeks a year," he said.

In addition to Panula and Jaime, Back into Black includes Mat "Hurrikane" Banke, Michael Simpson, and Jon Elkins.

"When we hit the stage, it was 'bam!' " Jaime said.

For the show, they will play the AC/DC album "Back in Black" from front to back, plus about a

dozen other songs from AC/DC's five decades of work.

In a typical year, Back into Black tours in Oregon and Washington for eight to 10 shows a year. Jaime said they'd like to expand into Idaho.

Jaime belongs to three other tribute bands, as well.

"The appeal is keeping the music going," he said. "People want to relive what they remember."

Tribute bands, he said, do their best to portray the individual band's style — both in music and appearance.

"They want that authentic look, the sound," Jaime said. "We have a passion for the music, and want to do an authentic job."

LEVI BLOM

A musician hailing from Butte, Montana, will give two shows this weekend.

Levi Blom's first concert is Saturday, July 10, at the Ison House Bed & Brew, 1790 Washington Ave. Tickets are \$20 and

JULY 9: BACK INTO BLACK AC/DC TRIBUTE BAND

Ison House Bed & Brew, \$20, www.theisonhouse.com. Gates open at 5 p.m.

JULY 10: LEVI BLOM

Ison House Bed & Brew, \$20, www.theisonhouse.com. Gates open at 3 p.m. and feature four bands.

JULY 11: LEVI BLOM

Powder River Music Review, Geiser-Pollman Park, 4 p.m. Free, although donations are accepted.

available online at www.theisonhouse.com. This event is for ages 21 and older.

Gates open at 3 p.m. for a full slate of music: Inertia, Buckshot Crazy, and Trailer Hitch. Blom takes the stage at 8 p.m.

Blom's second show is Sunday, July 11, at 4 p.m. in Geiser-Pollman Park. This is part of the Powder River Music Review concert series organized by Baker City Events.

The park performance is open to the public, and admission is free (although donations are

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