

Coyote Joe returns to Baker City



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Coyote Joe performs Sunday, Aug. 22,
in Baker City's Geiser-Pollman Park.

Show is Aug. 22 in Geiser-Pollman Park

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BAKER CITY — Coyote Joe has been all over this country, and on Sunday he's bringing his western music to Geiser-Pollman Park.

"All the classics from the '30s, '40s, '50s," he said.

Coyote Joe — also known as Joe Sartin — will play for the Powder River Music Review on Aug. 22. The show starts at 4 p.m. Admission is free, although donations are welcome.

Raffle tickets, also supporting the music series, are sold at each concert — \$5 each or 15 for \$20 — for a chance to win the week's gift basket.

For his concert, Sartin may play songs by the likes of Conway Twitty, Marty Robbins, Johnny Cash and Don Williams.

"I play off the cuff because a lot of folks will send up requests," he said. "As long as the people are listening, I'll play music for them."

Sartin, who lives in Milton-Freewater, has been playing music and performing for about 60 years.

He got his first guitar at age 9.

"Four dollars, Sears & Roebuck. It was plastic," he said with a laugh.

He played with bands through his teen years, then joined some other musicians while serving in the U.S. Navy.

"I met some fellers who played bluegrass and country. We took it to Europe," Sartin said.

He "cowboyed" for 45 years, playing at bars and cattle drives along the way. He has stories of country legend Chris LeDoux, Don Williams and others. He was there, he said, when LeDoux worked out his song "You Just Can't See Him From the Road."

"It tells the true cowboy life," Sartin said.

Now in semi-retirement, he drives for medical transports.

"And I take my guitar," he said.

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