ECHO OKTOBERFEST RETURNS OCT. 16

ECHO — After taking a year off, the Echo OktoberFest is set for Saturday, Oct. 16, at Echo Ridge Cellars. The event features beer, bratwurst, burgers, hot dogs, Echo Ridge wines and activities. Live music starts at 4 p.m. with Margaret Mayer and Alan Feves, followed at 6:30 p.m. by the Brass Fire Band.

Admission is \$20. Pre-sale tickets include a \$5 bonus token. Tickets are available at the event or pre-sales at H&P Cafe, Echo Ridge Cellars, or Hermiston Branch of Columbia Bank.

Other activities include a mule-team taxi, tours of the historical St. Peter's Church from 1-4 p.m., a raffle, silent auction, and baked goods sale. Echo Oktoberfest is a fundraiser for the Echo Kiwanis, with funds supporting the St. Peter's Church restoration and local scholarships.

FIRST DRAFT WRITERS SERIES IS OCT. 21

PENDLETON — Gary Lark will be featured in the First Draft Writers Series at 7 p.m.



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"Matilda" continues on Fridays and Saturdays at the Elgin Opera House. For tickets, visit www.elginoperahouse.com.

Thursday, Oct. 21, at Pendleton Center for the Arts. This event is virtual: for a Zoom link, send an email to director@pendletonarts.org.

Lark's work includes "Easter Creek" forthcoming from Main Street Rag; "Daybreak on the Water," Flowstone Press: "Ordinary Gravity," Airlie Press; "River of Solace," Editor's Choice Chapbook Award, Turtle Island Quarterly, Flowstone Press; "In

the House of Memory," BatCat Press; and "Without a Map," Wellstone Press.

PICK YOUR OPTION TO VIEW EASTERN OREGON FILM FESTIVAL

LA GRANDE — The schedule is out for the Eastern Oregon Film Festival, Oct. 21-23, and there are options for both inperson and virtual screenings. For a complete list, visit www.

eofilmfest.com/eoff2021-inperson-schedule.

While most screenings are open to only EOFF members and visiting filmmakers, there are two general admission events held in McKenzie Theatre at Eastern Oregon University: "The Beta Test" will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22; "Everything in the End" will play at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23. Tickets are \$10 and must be

purchased in advance at www. eofilmfest.com.

SILENT FILM FEST SET FOR OCT. 22-24

BAKER CITY — Pianist Keith Taylor will provide live piano accompaniment to three silent films during a festival Oct. 22, 23 and 24 at Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre, 2101 Main St. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 and available online at www.bakerlivetheatre.com, at the box office, or by calling 541-523-9652.

SEE 'MATILDA' AT THE ELGIN OPERA HOUSE THROUGH OCT. 23

ELGIN — The Elgin Opera House is presenting "Matilda" every Friday and Saturday this month through Oct. 23. Friday performances are at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays feature two shows — 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 for the orchestra level and lower balcony. Upper balcony tickets are \$8. Purchase tickets at www.elginoperahouse.com/box-office or call 541-663-6324.

