

FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER PROVIDED IN PENDLETON

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Community Action Coalition, Salvation Army and CAPECO will provide a free community Christmas dinner for the Pendleton and CTUIR communities on Saturday, Dec. 25, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Pendleton Salvation Army. Tax-deductible donations to support this project can be sent to CAPECO, 721 SE Third St., Suite D, Pendleton, OR 97801, or made at www.capeco-works.org/donate.html. Include "Christmas Dinner" on all donations.

BOOK CLUB FOR AGES 5 AND YOUNGER OFFERED AT ACE

LA GRANDE — Art Center East is offering a Little Pinecones Book Club for ages 0-5 on Jan. 11 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Maggie McGrew will have storytime then lead the children in an art-making activity related to the book. Please enter through the Penn Avenue door. A parent or guardian must stay with their child for the duration of this class. Cost is free.

Parents are asked to fill out a form prior to class. The form is available at <https://artcentereast.org/calendar/little-pinecones-book-club-2022-01-11/>. Or for more information, call 541-624-2800.

McGrew has a bachelor's in anthropology and a master's in museum education and curation from Florida State. She has worked as an after school teacher, summer camp counselor, and gymnastics and dance coach for more than 5 years, and also at the Ringling Museum and Selby Botanical Gardens in the education department.

TAKE A TOUR OF THE UNDERGROUND, YEAR-ROUND

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Underground is open year-round to provide a peek into what the town was like in the town's early days. The Underground is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Guided tours are approximately 90 minutes and include the tunnels, Cozy Room bordello, Chinese opium dens, living quarters and jails. Guests must be 6 years or older.

There are no tours on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

Tour reservations are required because each group is scheduled by time. To reserve a space, call 541-276-0730. Cost is \$15 per person through Jan. 1, 2022, when the price increases to \$20 for ages 13 and older and \$15 for ages 6-12. For information, check the Underground's page on Facebook or visit the website www.pendletonunderground-tours.org.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE IS JAN. 1 AT WALLOWA LAKE

WALLOWA LAKE — Can you brave the cold?

The Beth Gibans Memorial Wallowa Lake Polar Bear Plunge is set for 10 a.m. on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, at the north end of Wallowa Lake.

'CAMPFIRE GUITAR' BEGINS JAN. 10 AT ACE

LA GRANDE — John Thurber will offer Campfire Guitar — a beginning and intermediate guitar class for adults — on Fridays in January, beginning Jan. 10. Sessions are from 6-7 p.m. at Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave. (enter through Penn Avenue door).

Students will learn basic accompaniment techniques, chord shapes and changes, elementary music theory, and new songs to play. No experience is necessary. Students will be provided with a singing mask, included in the cost of the class, which is \$70 for ACE members or \$85 for nonmembers.

Students need an acoustic guitar, digital tuner, capo, notebook and pencil.

Thurber has been playing

guitar as a hobby for 18 years. He started at the age of 48 and said he had the benefit of a group class similar to the one offered here. He also has decades of experience as a teacher in other fields.

ACE CLOSES 'THE BIG' EXHIBIT JAN. 14

LA GRANDE — Art Center East's current art show "The Big" will have a closing reception on Friday, Jan. 14, from 6-8 p.m. This

includes the announcement of the People's Choice award. This annual show celebrates artists of the Pacific Northwest.

"The Big" will be on display through Jan. 29. Works can also be viewed online at <https://artcentereast.org/calendar/the-big-aces-annual-open-exhibit-2/>.

ACE is located at 1006 Penn Ave. and is open Wednesday through Friday from noon-5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



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