

D&R Theater Contemplates Two Names For "Thank You" Concert

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - With the reopening of the D&R Theater in Aberdeen, Owner John Yonich said this morning that he has two names in mind for a reduced, or free "thank-you" concert he wants to hold for the community "I got this guy named [Jesse Cook](#), he's coming through no matter what he a classic guitarist, I've got him #1, I don't know if that's the one I want to do for the reduced show - or free one. The next one I have is a guy called [Almost Elton](#), I saw him in New York, I probably saw 40 shows and he was the top two or three, this guy flat out has it down."Despite frustrations with local and state government that prompted the closure and plywood wall in front of the theater earlier this month, Yonich says he's continuing to invest in the downtown "We are almost done with the old Clevenger building, a couple more weeks and we're done. And we are expanding Amore starting in a couple weeks, we got that property."Yonich has purchased the gravel driveway alongside his Italian restaurant, we should see a grande Amore' by this summer "You're going to see a larger Amore with a cocktail lounge."As far as the future of the D&R, the developer said he's delegating some authority to a group of local leaders that have come forward to help him with the day-to-day operations including recently retired Tony Halikakkis "...he's going to get involved in the ticket and promotional marketing side. Jill Bellis is going to help out some, and Daryl Westmoreland is going to help out a little bit. All of these guys, they're pros in their own field, and I just need them to step in. That's a, you know, that's a bigger deal than you think."Concerts planned for this summer include Burton Cummings of The Guess Who, Three Dog Night, Whitesnake, Taj Mahal, Montgomery Gentry and Scotty McCreery.