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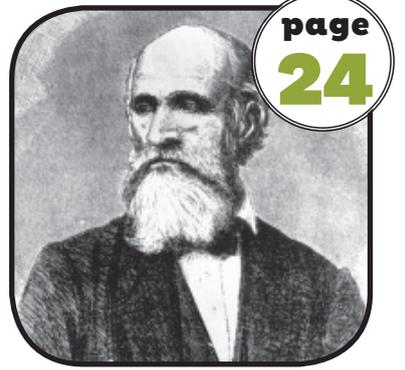
The founder of the idea of Death Cafes, Jon Underwood, wanted to create a safe place for people to openly discuss the often complicated topics that come with death. Our reviewer checks in on the concept for a dining club.



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## CULTURE

John Beeson was an early abolitionist and champion for Native American rights and safety during the brutal Rogue River Wars in 1855. Now, a local historian is working to bring his—and that dark chapter of history—story to light with her book, *Imperfect Apostle John Beeson, Advocate for Native Americans*.



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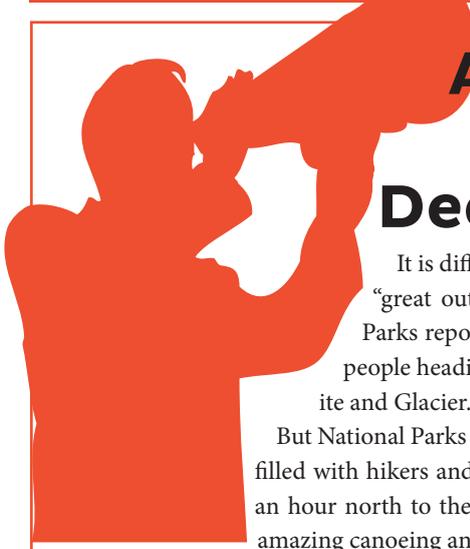
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## A Monument to Good Decision-Making

It is difficult to pinpoint the number of visitors to the “great outdoors” each year in America. The National Parks report some 300 million each year, which include people heading out to some 400 parks, the likes of Yosemite and Glacier.

But National Parks are different from National Forests, which are filled with hikers and campers each summer, and if you head just an hour north to the Umpqua National Forest, some of the most amazing canoeing and fishing in Diamond Lake.

And, well, that number doesn't even consider the state and city parks and picnic spaces dotting the landscape, or bike paths like Bear Creek.

Suffice to say, Americans like to get outdoors; there is something, well, American, about the outdoors, from iconic vistas like the Grand Canyon, or Mt Hood, or Crater Lake defining how we imagine our collective landscape, to simply the Thoreauian notions on which the country's psyche were founded.

But I'm waxing poetically tangent-to-topic: What is important is that President Donald Trump doesn't seem much in the mood to care about this; specifically, the current White House administration has targeted 27 recently enacted or expanded national monuments. In southern Oregon, the Siskiyou National Monument is in his crosshairs.

In April, Trump announced that he plans to revoke 27 national monuments; specifically, he is demanding that the executive power to create national monuments be reviewed; which, in his words, is “wrong.”

From the fog of Trumpism, two primary arguments seem to have emerged as the basis for threatening these monuments. First, the administration claims there has been no real public process for declaring these spaces of natural wonder and importance as off-limits to logging and mining. At a press conference in April, Trump called the ability for presidents to declare a place a monument an “egregious abuse of power.”

His criticism was seemingly meant for Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, but really the slapped the face of 16 different presidents, as nearly every president in the past century has used the “power.” (For Trump, the Siskiyou Monument is a double-whammie, as 80,000 acres were first enacted by President Clinton in 2000, and then expanded nearly 50,000 more acres in January 2017 by Obama.)

Of course, the claim that past presidents have abused their power in this regard is ironic and off-the-mark. For starters, simply by the numbers, declaring national monuments is about as non-partisan as it gets. It is as Democratic as Republican. Moreover, it is a hypocritical argument from a man who treated his decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Accord like a reality TV show, withholding his decision for a day or so until enough media was paying attention, and then giving his rationale as it was an attempt to bolster other country's respect for Americans.

Beyond the political posturing and accusations that this is an abuse of power, the National Monument process—especially in the Siskiyou's case—has enjoyed extensive public input. This was not some strong arm by President Obama. All told, a public comment period sponsored by Oregon U.S. senators showed 4,313 respondents in support of the expansion and 1,175 against.

The second argument against National Monuments is that they hurt the economy by taking away logger and miners ability to extract natural resources, and curtail ranchers' grazing “rights.” However, that also is a bunk argument—and one that this region should know too well.

In the 80s, this was the same argument over federal regulations on logging, and again, this is the philosophical difference between taking from the land, rather than working with it—and, the very really difference between short-term gains as opposed to a sustainable economy.

“Communities living near protected lands like monuments are growing their economies faster than communities without protected lands,” said Tim Ream, KS Wild's Program Director. “The Rogue Valley jobs of today and tomorrow are in service sectors. Dead enders who think we're going back to a logging or mining economy need to wake up and join the 21st century.”

More empirically, in a study of 17 local economies adjacent to national monuments, the Headwaters Economic Institute found that each expanded following the federal declaration.

All of which is to say: Whether it is for your own enjoyment, for philosophical reasons or economic ones, maintaining the Siskiyou National Monument is right and is good for the region. Heck, when's the last time you think Trump went camping? What does he know? 🍷



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**RE.: OUR BEER REVIEWERS' PONTIFICATION FOR MARCO-BEERS**

Charles is entirely correct! Craft brewers have wandered away from beer fundamentals and exploded their brand ranges. Even vaunted pioneers like Sierra Nevada yielded to this siren song and locals such as Caldera illustrate a special brand of madness in their 40+ named beers. What, after all, is "a beer?" It is a beverage of relatively low alcohol (4 percent range) to be enjoyed in quantity over time in what is called a "session," preferably with friends. Caldera's Jim Mills' early flagship Ashland Amber is a perfect example as is Ross Litton's Walkabout Workers Pale Ale. Recently, Common Block of Medford rolled out a delectable pale ale which nails the traditional standard. What, Fischman seems to ask, is it all about? Well, it's partly about youthful enthusiasm. Local brewers would do well to visit England and Europe and get a feel for the classics—beers which have stood the test of time because they are, quite simply, good. It's also about youthful testosterone—a drive to one-up the competition but a drive which often leaves the thirsty drinker behind the eight-ball. The dust will eventually settle and perhaps it's time for that to start?

**Hubert Smith**  
 National Beer Judge  
 Founding Brewer "Wild River"

**RE.: CLIMATE CHANGE**

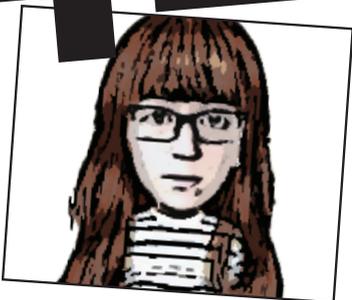
I have been studying the effects of climate change on our earth. One of the effects is rising temperature that increases our chances of suffering an insect-born pandemic. How will you feel if you lose a loved one?

Southern Oregonians are seeing and feeling increasing temperatures, reducing snowpack, and reducing river flow in late summer and fall. These trends pose threats to our health, our agriculture, our forestry, and the natural systems we enjoy. Our experiences are shared throughout Congressional District 2. Increased fire risk is but one consequence of these trends. If humans do not address the underlying cause of these trends, the projections tell us they will continue to deteriorate with a temperature rise throughout CD2 approaching 10 degrees F by 2100.

Since Greg Walden is a leader in the U.S. Congress, he can make our nation a global leader in solving this problem. Instead, we have a House Committee on Science and Technology that insanely rejects science and votes to suppress research that would elucidate the problem. While this committee does not represent the views of the people of the U.S., it does represent those who would sacrifice our children and grandchildren for greed.

**Bruce Bauer**  
 Medford

# HEY MESSENGER



Advice from the *Rogue Valley Messenger*

BY ALEX OWL

## Food Edition

**Hey Messenger:**

**What is proper etiquette for food foraging in public parks?**

**-Anonymous**

**Anonymous:** It depends on the rules of the park and some of it is up to the judgment of the park ranger, since there can be many grey areas. Sometimes foraging is completely allowed, sometimes you need a permit, and sometimes it is limited to specific items, such as berries. Oregon in particular seems to encourage this—though I do not know if you are writing from Oregon. We actually have guided tours that show people what is safe to eat and what is not. I found a lot of useful information on this blog on foraging, which is centered on the Pacific Northwest: <http://arcadianabe.blogspot.com/2012/03/rules-for-foraging-on-public-land.html>.

**Hey Messenger: What is the best thing to eat for dinner?**

**-J.B.**

**J.B.:** Personally, I eat according to my mood. I have this thing in my brain that absolutely disallows me from eating something I don't feel like eating.

Suffice to say I don't end up snacking very often because it's rare the exact right thing I want, will be in my house. It's probably the only reason why I still wear a smaller clothing size, despite eating way too many sugary treats. Case in point: Last night, ice cream was the "best thing to eat for dinner," mint chip to be exact. Tonight, the best thing to eat for dinner was a Blue Apron asparagus and arugula pizza. Speaking of Blue Apron, it is a pretty awesome service. You sign up, mark your preferences, and the company sends you a box of ingredients for three different recipes, and the recipes of course. The great thing about Blue Apron is that it eliminates the middleman. Each food item comes straight from farmers and producers, and then right to your table. It's also mostly organic and GMO-free, if you are into that kind of thing. The company supports sustainable and regenerative farming practices. Due to the unique food system itself, food waste is practically eliminated because every portion is carefully measured and every item shipped to you is part of a specific recipe. I don't know how this answer turned into a giant advertisement for Blue Apron, but whatever. Try it out, hey? 🐼

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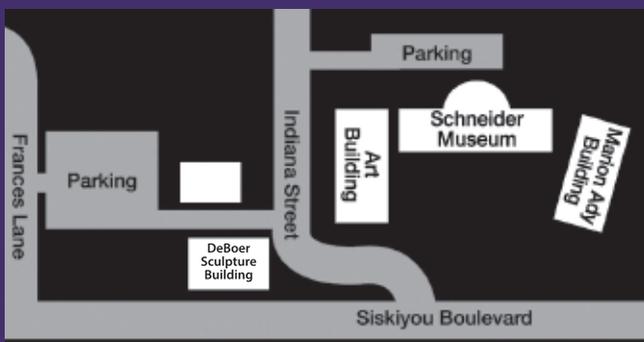
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## Have Car, Will Travel Six Oregon Music Festivals Within Six Hours

BY JOSH DAVIS

We are lucky living in the Rogue Valley whether we know it or not. Portland is less than a five hour drive away and in between are some towns that are hosting some of the most exciting music festivals on the west coast. That means if you are willing to hit the road this summer you can hear some great music. And some of it might be closer than you think.

### Melomane in Medford

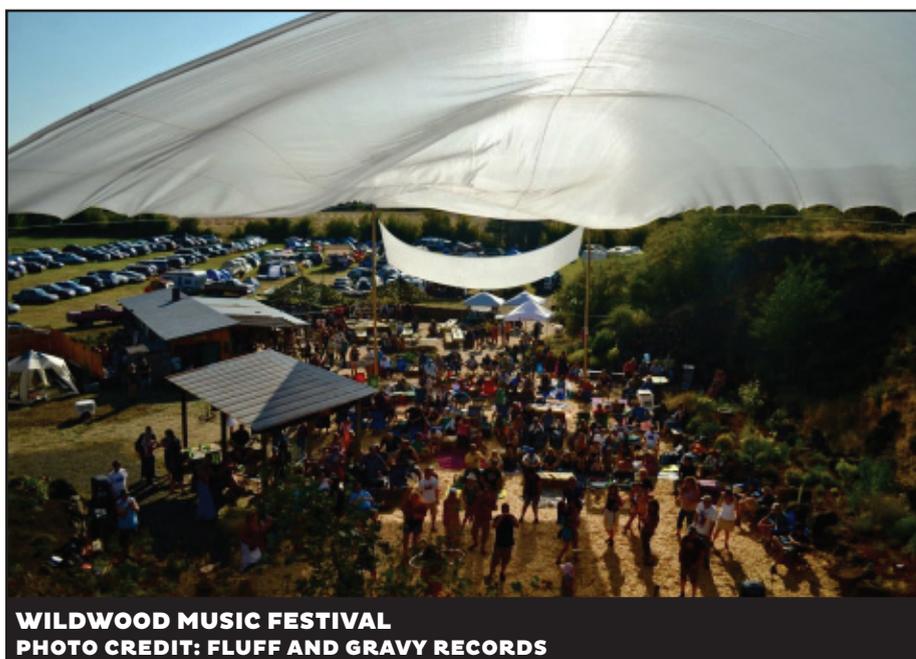
Kick off this summer on June 24 at the Melomane Music Festival in Medford. There are half a dozen bands playing, including the influential groove-metal band Helmet, and what better place to hear music than in Pear Blossom Park. Melomane is a non-profit and proceeds will be used to help fund K-12 grade music programs in Southern Oregon; so you can support a good cause and have fun at the same time.

Check out the full line-up and purchase tickets (\$21.69) at the website: [melomanemusicfestival.org](http://melomanemusicfestival.org).

### Wildwoods Music Festival in Willamina

If you like bluegrass music, but don't enjoy being packed in like a sardine, then it's time to head to the Wildwood Music Festival, in Willamina Oregon, July 21 - 23. There are over a dozen bands playing including Hillstomp, Matt Woods, and The Hooten Hollers just to name a few. Tickets are \$90.67, camping is \$11.54 and kids under twelve are free, but must purchase a camping ticket.

There is plenty of room for camping and RV's so you can dig in like an Alabama tick and really let your hair down.



**WILDWOOD MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
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### Northwest World Reggae Festival in Hood River

If you want to hear some reggae/roots music this summer you don't have to go to California for Reggae On The River or The Sierra Nevada Music Festival. Head upstate to the Northwest World Reggae Festival July 28th -30th near beautiful Hood River, 13 miles east of Sandy. There are camping sites "in the fields and in the trees" and the Sandy River is right there if you want to take a dip. There are more than a handful of bands and this year's festival features legendary singjays Sister Carol and Pato Banton.

Early bird tickets are \$120 and kids 14 and under are free; kids age 15-17 are half price with an adult. Camping is \$10, small RV's are \$40 and large RV's (over 25 ft.) are \$75.

### Project Pabst in Portland

Do you want to see big-name acts complete with corporate sponsorship? Then head to the Project Pabst Music Fest Northwest in Portland on August 26th and 27th. Saturday's line-up features Iggy Pop, Die Antwoord, and Father John Misty. Sunday's show features Beck, Nas, and Spoon; it is hard to go wrong with that many legendary acts on the bill.

Tickets are sold separately for each day and range from \$55 - \$99 per day; music starts at 1pm and goes until 10 pm on Saturday and Sunday. There is no camping, so book a room, or ask a friend to save some space for you on their couch.

### Fairieworlds in North Plains

Do you like dressing up like a faerie and listening to music with other people that are dressed like faeries? Then I know the perfect place to go; Faerieworlds, in North Plains August 25 - 27. Faerieworlds features world music, neo-folk and pagan-folk groups and is the largest festival of its kind in North America; so fly your freak-flag as high as you want. This year's line-up features Omnia, Euzen, Martine Kraft, and Woodland to name a few; and more bands will be announced in the next couple months.

Camping tickets start at \$170 for adults, \$80 for kids age 6-12, and include admission to the show. Non-camping tickets start at \$125 for adults and \$60 for kids age 6-12. Ticket prices do not include parking, which is \$30 for the weekend or \$15 per day.



**ABNEY PARK IS ONE OF THE HEADLINERS AT THIS YEAR'S FAIRIE WORLDS** PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIRIE WORLDS

### Freedom in the Forest in Cave Junction

It's September now and summer is practically over so why not enjoy some music right here in our own backyard. The 5th annual Freedom in the Forest Festival is happening at the Country Hills Resort in Cave Junction on September 1- 4 and has plenty of entertainment for everyone. This year is featuring 90s underground legends Green Jelly (formerly Green Jell-O), American Sideshow, The Mentors and over a dozen more bands. There is fun for the whole family and after-hours fun for adults as well, but no dogs are allowed this year. Tickets are around \$100 for the whole weekend and include camping which is "first come first serve."

More information can be found on their website: [freedomintheforest.com](http://freedomintheforest.com).



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## Six Local Shows Not to Miss This Summer

BY JOSH GROSS

### Helmet — Sat.. June 24 at Melomane in Medford

Helmet, platinum-selling, stadium-playing, genuine global metal superstars, are playing an outdoor show in the downtown Medford Commons headlining the Melomane Music Festival. Besides the fact that it's gonna be epic, it's worth going just to see the confused looks on the faces of people wondering either what that noise is, or, is that Helmet? That can't be Helmet, can it?

### Matisyahu — Fri.. July 14 at Britt

Matisyahu has some great singles in the reggae world. But forget them. They're lightweight. There are few thrills in life comparable to watching Matisyahu and his backing band, Dub Trio, descend into the abyss of psychedelic dub jams—heavy on beatboxing—that can stretch well over ten minutes, and emerge stronger than ever. Add to that, that the headlining act that night is a reunion show from British legends, UB40, and this is a night not to be missed.

### The Temptations and The Four Tops — Sat.. July 15 at Britt

Why should you go see The Temptations? Uh... lessee, how about, "My Girl," "Ain't Too Proud to Beg," "Get Ready," "Just My Imagination," "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," and "I Can't Get Next To You," for a start. The band's discography is the story of a generation, and includes many of Motown's deepest cuts.

### Chris Stapleton — Sat.. July 29 at Country Crossing Music Festival

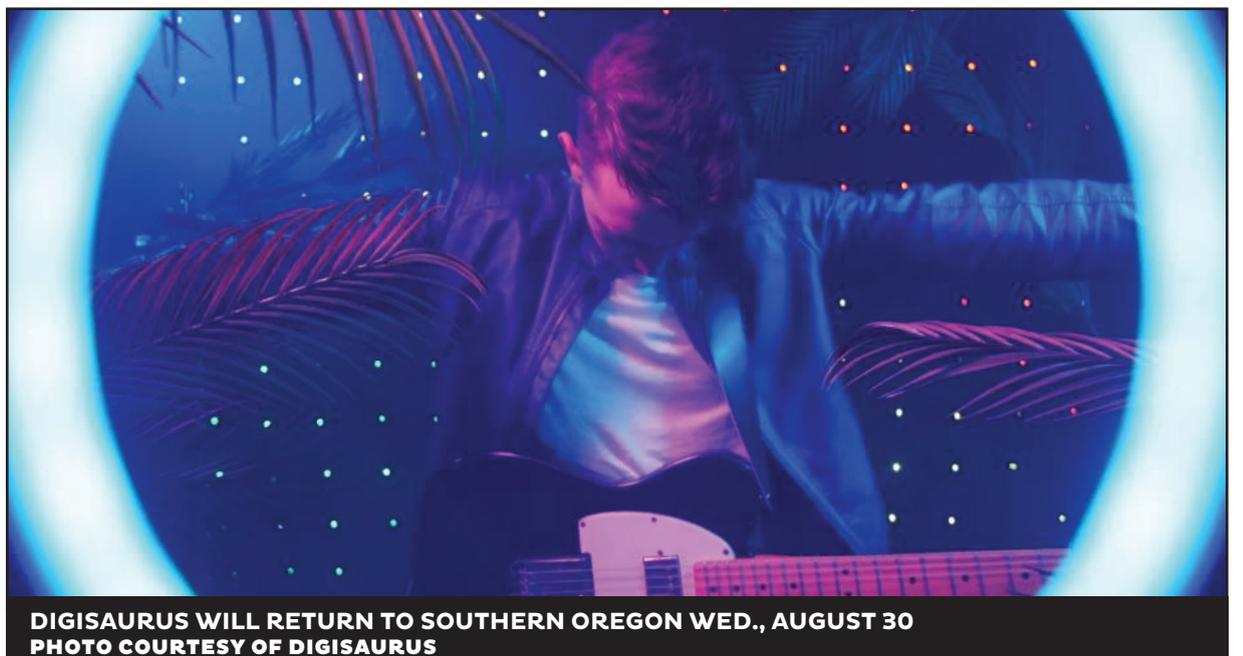
Even country haters will have to begrudgingly admit, Chris Stapleton's resume is fearsome. He's written songs for George Strait, Adele, Tim McGraw, Brad Paisley, Peter Frampton, Sheryl Crow and more. And that's before you even get to his Grammys and CMAs. And his solo work leaves the twangy pop of Nashville behind to focus on earnest, soulful, Americana ballads in the vein of classic era Willie Nelson. If you like good songs, sung with bottomless heart, Stapleton is your man.

### Petunia and The Vipers — Sat.. August 12 at Modern Roots Foundation in Ashland

Petunia & The Vipers are like a country band crossed with a circus troupe crossed with the painting, "American Gothic." The band is as much performance art troupe as it is a band, yodeling, looking and sounding both otherworldly, and totally American. Don't miss this show.

### Digisaurus — Wed.. August 30 at Johnny B's

There were only a handful of people at Digisaurus last Southern Oregon appearance, but they were treated to a festival-grade show and band, complete with full light show and buzz-worthy electro-pop singles on a club stage. The band calls itself futurepop, and they aren't kidding. By next year (the future), you may be saying you saw Digisaurus when. When? August 30 at Johnny B's.



DIGISAURUS WILL RETURN TO SOUTHERN OREGON WED., AUGUST 30  
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## The Summer's Best New Bands

### Local Music Insiders Pick Their Favorite New Local Acts

BY JOSH GROSS

In March, the masses spoke about their favorite local bands in our Best of the Rogue poll. They chose, Slow Corpse.

But for our summer music preview, we skip the masses and poll the experts. We reach out to the folks on the ground level of the local music industry every night (the soundpeople, the bookers, the musicians themselves, those best-placed to have insider-knowledge of the local music scene), and we ask them who their favorite new acts are, acts that the voting public at large hasn't had time to get hip to yet.

Our criteria is simple: the act must be based in our coverage area, and have gotten its start, or only started playing out in the last year. What came back was gold.

You may not know these local musicians yet. But you will. How do I know? Last year's industry favorite in this poll was Slow Corpse, the band readers chose as their favorite in Best of the Rogue.

### The Juniper Berries

Take a dash of the classic NW lo-fi sound, blend with the inventiveness of Sonic Youth or The Books, and garnish with a furious punk energy onstage and you'll get The Juniper Berries. Guitarist Joshua Stirm's long-simmering recording project has pretty much ruled the year in local music, with a full lineup, a NW tour, live shows that made locals lose their gawdamn minds, and even a small distribution deal through Portland's Hovercraft Records for a cassette release of their breakout debut, *Don't Breathe in Through Your Mouth*. Can't wait to see what they have in store for next year.



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### The Rogue Underground

Local supergroup, The Rogue Underground went from zero to sixty in no time at all. The band features John Johns of Impulse Control and Keenen Pruett of Blender, and despite being less than a year old has already headlined nearly every local club, and made appearances at regional festival stages. The combo of funk and rock is just the thing to get the dancefloor moving, and the band's furious devotion is helping it improve at logarithmic rates.

### Local News

The members of Local News all voted for themselves in this poll. But since we didn't count those votes, it's lucky for them that a lot of the other local experts we reached out to did as well. The band's high-energy guitar-rich power-pop is catchy and danceable, and the band is just bit as likely to impress audiences with the high quality of its songwriting as it is with its love of stripping down to rock pants-free onstage. Both are reasons the band plays the valley nearly every weekend, and has started branching out to regional festivals in Nor-Cal. Think of bands like The Flamies Groovies, The Nerves, The Exploding Hearts, and Jimmy Eat World, and then think: why don't they have an album to listen to yet?

### King Roy Wing

Southern Oregon isn't short on Americana bands. But ones that stand out from the pack are a bit of a rarer breed. King Roy Wing is that local great white buffalo; a string quartet with great songs, soulful harmonies, and some wicked fiddling. We like 'em so much, they even played at our Best of the Rogue party back in March.



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### Honorary runner-up mentions

go to indie-folksters The Elephant, Southern Oregon's indisputably loudest band, Alphaluxx, and the chiptunester, Crappy Blue. Keep your eyes on them as well, cause they're all going places.

# SUMMER MUSIC GUIDE 2017



## It's The Music!

### Grants Pass Is Stepping Up As A Premier Musical Destination

BY JOSH DAVIS

Touring bands passing through Southern Oregon between the Bay Area and Portland usually try to make a stop somewhere in the Rogue Valley. Medford, being the largest city in Southern Oregon, seems like the obvious destination. Ashland, being the cultural hub of the region also seems like a contender. But over the last two years, both those markets have been passed over by many touring acts in favor of the place most locals might least expect: Grants Pass.

In the last several years, while Ashland and Medford have been shedding performance venues, Grants Pass has done the opposite. The Haul, The Sound Lounge, The Whammy Bar, The Eaden Ballroom, and more joined the cast of existing Grants Pass performance spaces including the historic Rogue Theater and multiple tavern stages.

The story of The Haul, celebrating their third anniversary in September, helps to shed some light on the burgeoning music scene in Grants Pass. Catering to the music was not the restaurant's original intention, but they soon found that they were helping to fill a musical void.

"We didn't intend to be a music venue," says Britney Mesica of the Haul. "It grew to be a much bigger entity than we could have imagined. It makes sense because we are that point between San Francisco and Portland or Seattle. We get a lot of bands that are passing through."

Booking the bands is one thing; having the resources and equipment to create an ideal situation for a touring band is another thing.

"Once we started booking shows we got slammed with music requests. It turned into a big hub in the local music scene. Starting off we didn't have a P.A.; we asked bands to use their own."

The flip side of the coin are venues like the Whammy Bar. Venues that intended to create a

punk. We don't just do rock. We do a little of everything. We are trying to step up the entertainment game. The weekend crowd is what we are trying to establish."

It isn't just the Haul and the Whammy Bar that are bringing more bands to the area and providing space for local bands to play. The Cedarwood

Saloon, Sound Lounge, Eaden Ballroom, G Street Bar and Grill, and the Rogue Theatre all feature live music most days of the week. And there are concerts in Riverside Park every Tuesday evening starting June 20th.

But it is not just the venues that are helping to bring more bands to Grants Pass; it is also the people who care about the music and want to do everything they can to help the scene blossom. Junior Francisco has been booking bands at the G Street Bar and Grill for the past eight years and is an integral part of why the music scene in

Grants Pass is so invigorated. He has also been helping the Haul with their bookings and it is that sense of community, not competition, that makes Grants Pass so special. And if things keep moving in the same direction, this could be the tip of the iceberg.

"Three years ago I was trying to bring in new acts," says Francisco. "We did Punk-Rock Night once a month and I thought, what if we do it every Thursday. Then the Haul opened up, so I was hauling my P.A. back and forth from the G Street and The Haul every weekend. It's been crazy watching [the scene] grow."



space for musicians and unintentionally ended up in the middle of the blossoming Grants Pass scene.

"The business itself is under new ownership; we are trying to become better known for having entertainment," says Kendie Nygren of the Whammy Bar.

Wanting to have music and having the right venue to showcase it are two different things. But the Whammy Bar is determined to make it work; and they are doing just that.

"Our venue isn't setup to cater to music; it's tight quarters for the bands. We don't just do

# SUMMER MUSIC GUIDE 2017



## The Summeriest Porchfest is a Music Fest That Truly Gets Summer

BY JOSH GROSS



THE ROGUE APPALACHIAN DULCIMERS WILL BE PERFORMING AT PORCHFEST PHOTO COURTESY OF PORCHFEST

Things everyone hates about music festivals: traffic, claustrophobic crowds, high ticket prices, being trapped inside, price-gouging by vendors. Here's what people like about music festivals: a lot of different acts to see in one central place.

A new music festival in Grants Pass may not have holographic Tupac headlining, but it addresses a lot of the

other issues by making the music festival a neighborhood affair. It's called Porchfest, and it's going down from noon-3 pm on Sat., June 17. For the festival, dozens and dozens of musicians will be playing on the front porches of houses in a historic Grants Pass neighborhood. The streets will be shut down and attendees can stroll or bike between them at their leisure, all for free. Schedules and maps will be hand and food vendors will be on site if you like, and local restaurants are nearby if you don't.

The *Messenger* caught up event organizer Linda Scott to get some background on what may be the summeriest event of the summer.

**RVM: How many bands are playing, and how many styles are represented?**

LS: As of today, nearly 90 musicians, soloists to an eight-piece group, will be performing a variety of music genres at Porchfest including alternative, folk, Celtic, jazz, bluegrass, light classical, Celtic, blues, reggae, etc., etc.

**RVM: How much planning was required to make Porchfest happen?**

LS: We have been organizing the event for over 6

months.

**RVM: Where did the idea come from?**

LS: The first Porchfest was held in Ithaca, NY in 2007, and has spread to large cities and small towns across the U.S. and beyond since that time. Having moved here from Napa, CA, I had attended Napa Porchfest for several years, and was very familiar with the event. In discussions with other residents around how to bring people together and bolster a sense of community in order to better address challenges that our county faces, I thought of the Porchfest event, and what a fun, popular event it is.

**RVM: What is it about Grants Pass that makes Porchfest possible?**

LS: Grants Pass has the perfect combination of a lovely historic neighborhood with many front porches to stage performances on and gracious residents willing to host the performances, an abundance of local musicians willing to volunteer their time and talent for this charitable cause, incredible business sponsors dedicated to improving the quality of life of the community, and enthusiastic volunteers working to make our first Porchfest a great success.

**RVM: Will Porchfest be back in 2018?**

LS: Definitely! Porchfest will be an annual event.

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## fri 9 Dulcet in the Dark

**ACCAPELLA**—Acca-excuse me? End of the year concert already? Catch the impressive performance of Dulcet, SOU's very own premier a cappella group before summer ensues. Using only their voice, Dulcet will rock the house with catchy melodies and intricate harmonizing with surely much less drama than *Pitch Perfect*. 6 and 10 pm. SOU Music Recital Hall, 405 S. Mountain Avenue, Ashland. Free, donations accepted.



## fri 9 - sun 25 The Curious Savage

**THEATRE**—Despite what her stepchildren might think, Mrs. Savage is not so easily tricked out of her inheritance from her late husband. This raucous comedy by John Patrick demonstrates what a little ingenuity, a strong dose of good humor and a hoard of sanitarium residents can do to lighten up an awkward family situation. 2 and 7:30 pm. Barnstormers Theatre, 112 NE Evelyn Avenue, Grants Pass. \$15.



## fri 9 & sat 10 Alice in Wonderland

**CIRCUS**—Go ahead, follow Alice down the rabbit hole. Le Cirque Center will present an astounding aerial performance of the classic tale, complete with the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts and Alice, of course. Just be cautious of which morsel shrinks and which grows a person. 7 pm, Friday. 2 pm, Saturday. Mountain Avenue Theatre, 201 S. Mountain Avenue, Ashland. \$15.



## sat 10 & sun 11 Drift Event

**DRIFT**—Not just a term for being lost at sea, drifting is also the fine art of skidding sideways in a car at breakneck speeds around a hairpin curve; and, the subject of one of the *500 Fast and Furious* films. Fun to watch. Even more fun to participate! 11 am - 7 pm, Saturday. 11 am - 5 pm, Sunday. Jackson County Sports Park, 6900 Kershaw Road, Central Point. \$15, admission. \$25, premium. \$100, participation. Free, veterans and kids 12 and under.



## sat 10 Southern Oregon Craft Brew Fest

**BREW FEST**—The Rogue Valley isn't just brimming with wine; we make some pretty awesome beer too! Taste the best that our region has to offer with over 25 breweries, which will also be paired with the fair of Peruvian Point, All Smoked Out BBQ and Fired Up Food Truck, to name a few. 12 - 8 pm. Medford Commons, N. Bartlett Street at 5th, Medford. \$20.



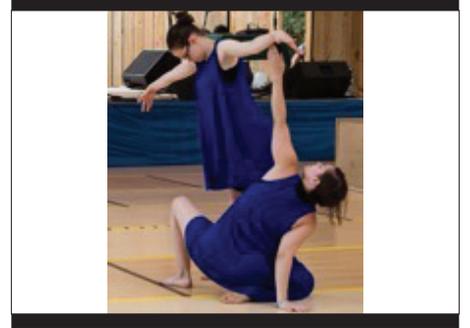
## sat 10 David's Chair Charity Poker Tournament

**POKER**—We've got an ace up our sleeve. All proceeds for this poker tournament go directly to fund a track chair for David and anyone else with ALS. Visit [davidschair.org](http://davidschair.org) to learn more! In addition to the tournament, a live auction, food and drinks will make for the ideal evening out. 4:30 pm. Jackson County Expo, 1 Peninger Road, Central Point. \$75, buy in.



## tues 13 Supersuckers

**MUSIC**—Guess what the Supersuckers totally suck at? Definitely not playing wickedly awesome music! If over 30,000 followers on Bands In Town isn't enough, check out any of their rock or country numbers, and let their music speak for itself, or the fact that they have played with Willie Nelson, Steve Earle and Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam. 'Nuf said. 9 pm. Howie's on Front, 16 N. Front Street, Medford.



## fri 16 - october OSF Green Show

**GREEN SHOW**—While all the Shakespearean action happens on the main stages, equal talent and brilliance is being played out on the famed "bricks" outside. Kicking off the season with DanceAbility International, the Green Show features artists of all mediums, all extremely entertaining and superb. Full schedule at [osfashland.org](http://osfashland.org). 6:45 pm. Through October. OSF Green Show, 21 S. Pioneer Street, Ashland. Free.



## sat 17 Grants Pass Porchfest

**MUSIC**—Not only known for their giant caveman statue and "It's the Climate" sign, Grants Pass is also home to some great music. Nearly 90 musicians will populate the vintage porches in town, to the tune of art, food and benefitting children at risk in Josephine County. We'd get up out of our rocking chair for some of that! 12 - 3 pm. Washington Street, Grants Pass.



## sat 17 - july 9 Racing on the Rogue

**HORSE RACING**—Nothing quite beats picking the perfect quinella in a horse race, especially without having to travel to the Triple Crown or the Kentucky Derby. An impressive lineup of horses from all over will compete in the traditional Racing on the Rogue. Extra fancy hat, optional. Post time, 1 pm. Grants Pass Downs, 1451 Fairgrounds Road, Grants Pass. \$4, admission.



## sat 17 & sun 18 TajMo and Dustin Lynch

**MUSIC**—Kicking off the Britt Festival season with two very different acts; life on the grassy green knoll promises to be sweet this year. TajMo consists of blues giants Taj Mahal and Keb' Mo', and Dustin Lynch will bring on the country twang. 7:30 pm, Saturday, TajMo. \$29 - \$224. 7:30 pm, Sunday, Dustin Lynch, \$29 - \$55. Britt Festival Gardens, 350 S. 1st Street, Jacksonville.

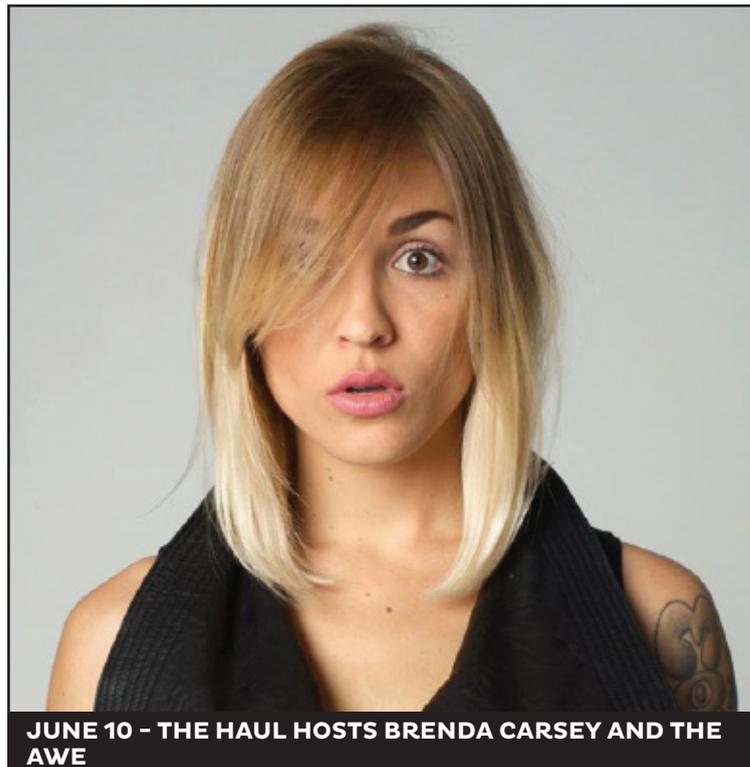


## tues 6 LA to Medford Comedy Show

**COMEDY**—Increasingly, Medford is become a stop-over for some of LA's best comedians. This evening is the hilarious trifecta of Johnny Skourtis (The Equalizer with Denzel Washington, Comedy Central, Improv), Sandro Iocolano (HBO, Comedy Store Hollywood) and Jon Schieszer (Sheezer Comedy Store, clubs and colleges nationwide). 8:30 pm. Johnny B's, 120 E. Sixth Street, Medford. \$5.



# LIVE MUSIC *and Nightlife*



**JUNE 10 - THE HAUL HOSTS BRENDA CARSEY AND THE AWE**

## THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

### ASHLAND

**JOHN HOLLIS** - Callahan's Mountain Lodge - 6 to 9 pm.

**BLADES OF GRASS** - Jef Ramsey and Kathryn Casternovia at Belle Fiore Winery - 6 to 8 pm - No cover.

**DUSTIN THOMAS / HEARTIFACT / NUMATIK / JUS WRIGHT** - Jackson Wellsprings - 7 to 11:30 pm -

**THE BFA READINGS** - Enjoy past and present SOU students' reading of original poetry, prose, fiction and other works of creative writing - 7 to 9 pm - No cover, minors welcome - Show up early for sign-ups - Sponsored by Craig Wright, second and last Thursdays monthly - Caldera Tap House.

**WOODWINDS CONCERT** - SOU Music Recital Hall - 7:30 pm - \$10 regular, \$5 senior, Free to students and faculty/staff.

**DART TOURNAMENT** - The Black Sheep Pub & Restaurant - 7:30 pm - \$5 cover.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - Hosted by Miriam Lanning, Thursdays at Smithfields Pub & Pies - 8 to 10 pm.

**BEARCOON** - Oberon's - 9 pm.

**ST. CINDER** - Oberon's - 10 pm to midnight - \$5 cover.

### GRANTS PASS

**AJ'S THURSDAY NIGHT JAM** - The Cedarwood Saloon - 7 to 11 pm - No cover.

**KARAOKE NIGHT** - Thursdays at The Whammy Bar - 8 pm.

### JACKSONVILLE

**JEFF KLOETZEL** - Dancin Vineyards - 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

**PETE HERZOG** - Bella Union Restaurant & Saloon - 7 pm.

### KERBY

**OPEN MIC** - Thursdays at The G Spot Fine Bar & Grill - 7 pm.

### MEDFORD

**DAVID OUELLETTE** - Thursday mornings at Limestone Coffee - 9:30 am.

**DJ DYSFUNKTION** - Ladies Night at Grape Street Bar and Grill - Starts at 7 pm.

**DJ JIM** - 80's, Alternative and Dance Night - Thursdays at Howiee's On Front - 9 pm until close - No cover.

### WILLIAMS

**OPEN MIC** - Thursdays at Cocina 7 - 7 to 10 pm.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 9

### ASHLAND

**DAVE SCOGGIN** - The Wild Goose - 6 pm - Karaoke with Will at 8:30 pm.

### PAUL

**TURNIPSEED TRIO** - Belle Fiore Winery - 6 to 8 pm - No cover.

**JOHN HOLLIS** - Callahan's Lodge - 6 pm.

**[P] DULCET IN THE DARK** - SOU Music Recital Hall - Performances at 6 pm & 10 pm - Free admission, family-friendly.

**[P] ALICE IN WONDERLAND**

- Presented by Le Cirque Centre at the AHS Mountain Avenue Theatre - 7 pm - \$15 general admission.

**CARMEN** - La Baguette Music Cafe - 8 to 10 pm.

**FOLIAS DUO** - La

Baguette Music Cafe - 8 to 10 pm.

**MARV ELLIS + WE TRIBE** - Northwest hip hop at Brickroom - 9 pm to midnight - \$10 - 21 and over.

**BEAR MARKET RIOT** - Power Folk Americana - Oberon's - 8 to 10 pm.

**THE SHORING** - Oberon's - 10:15 pm to 12:15 am.

### GRANTS PASS

**OPEN MIC** - Poetry Night at the Grants Pass Museum of Art - The theme this month is "Ocean" - 7 to 9 pm - Free admission.

**HOG WILD** - G Street Bar and Grill - 8 pm to midnight.

**THE ROGUE UNDERGROUND** - Rock, blues - The Sound Lounge - 9:30 pm to midnight - Free admission.

**ST. CINDER** - "St Cinder is comprised of six travelers. We were all individually moving along the line from town to town busking for our fare and seeing the sights and smelling the smells. Our lines crossed in southern Oregon and we hit the ground running." Folk music at The Haul - 9 pm to midnight - Free admission.

**DJ FINATTIK** - Plus special guest DJ Lionell at The Whammy Bar - 9 pm.

### JACKSONVILLE

**NICK GARRETT-POWELL** - Fret Drifters Nick at South Stage Cellars - Wine tasting 1 to 5 pm, music 6 to 8 pm.

**HUNGRY GIRLS** - Music in the Biergarten at Frau Kemmling Schoolhaus Brewhaus - 7 to 9 pm.

**FLAT FIVE FLIM FLAM** - Bella Union Restaurant & Saloon - 8 pm.

### MEDFORD

**LIVE MUSIC** - Live music & Happy Hour at Lark's Restaurant - 4:30 to 6 pm.

**HEARTS & HOPS** - 2nd annual Hearts & Hops charity fundraiser and beer tasting. Live music, silent auction, food pairings and raffle. Hearts & Vines Foundation - 6 to 10 pm.

**DUKE STREET** - RoxyAnn Winery - 6 to 8 pm.

**FOGLINE** - The Growler King - 6 to 9 pm pm.

**THE VALLEY'S OWN** - Presented by Break The Silence Productions - The Bamboo Room at King Wah's.

**MERCY FEATURING LYNDIA MORRISON** - Grape Street Bar and Grill - 9 pm to 1 am - No cover.

**BLADES OF GRASS** - Morrton's Pizza & Pub - 8 to 10 pm - No cover, all ages.

**CASH'D OUT** - The only Johnny Cash tribute band endorsed by the official Johnny Cash website. "Some people are impressionists. These guys leave an impression." - Howiee's on Front - 9 pm to 1 am - No cover.

**FLAMES OF DURGA** - On tour supporting their new "Blindfolded" EP - Johnny B's - 8 pm to midnight - Come melt your face!

**CHADWICKS COMEDY NIGHT** - Headliner: Heath Harmison - Opener: Ryan Wingfield - Chadwicks Pub & Sports Bar - Show starts at 9 pm - \$10 cover.

**KRANK IT UP KARAOKE** - Pit Stop Tavern (and Barkley's Bar in Phoenix) - 9 pm.

### O'BRIEN

**FRANKIE HERNANDEZ BAND** - Soul, Funk, Reggae, Rock Experience - McGrew's Restaurant - 9 pm to midnight - \$5 cover.

### PHOENIX

**KSKQ COMMUNITY RADIO BENEFIT** - 100 Watt Mind, The Juniper Berries, Divine Dirt, and Scott Garriott at The Phoenix Clubhouse - 7 to 11 pm - Admission \$5-\$10 donation - Raffle and more - All ages.

### TALENT

**RICK MILLWARD** - Pop / light rock - Talent Evening Market - 6 to 8 pm.

**DRUM CIRCLE** - Fridays at Kindred Spirits Art, Ales & Wine - 8:30 pm.

**OBJECT HEAVY** - The Talent Club - 9 pm.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 10

### ASHLAND

**THOR POLSON TRIO** - La Baguette Music Cafe - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

**[P] ALICE IN WONDERLAND** - Presented by Le Cirque Centre at the AHS Mountain Avenue Theatre - 2 pm - \$15 general admission.

**LEE STEWART** - Belle Fiore Winery - 2 to 4 pm.

**TIM CHURCH** - Saturdays at Standing Stone Brewing Company - 5:30 pm.

**GRANT RUIZ & DAN FELLMAN** - Belle Fiore Winery - 6 to 8 pm.

**KEN HART** - Callahan's Mountain Lodge - 6 to 9 pm.

### SCHOOLHOUSE CONCERT FUNDRAISER

- "Rock out in the name of public lands!" Music by Fellow Pynins & Jive Mountain - Schoolhouse at 1210 North Valley View Rd - Please bring finger foods, beer and wine available for purchase - Tickets are \$20 - Register at kswild.org.

**A NIGHT OF GUITAR & SONG** - Bil Leonhart, Paul Turnipseed, Jeff Pevar, Inger Jorgensen and friends at The Stone House - 7 to 10 pm - For reservations, email newbohemiaproductions@gmail.com.

**EMILY MCVICKER & NORMAN BAKER** - Oberon's - 7 pm.

**CHAD WILKINS** - Jackson Wellsprings Casbah - Starts promptly at 8 pm - \$10 cover.

**KARAOKE WITH QUEEN BRE** - The Wild Goose - 8:30 pm.

**SWEETGRASS** - Brickroom - 9 pm - \$5 cover - 21 and over.

### COURTNEY CHAMBERS AND ALLEN

**MORRIS** - Up To No Good Tour - Oberon's - 9 pm to midnight.

**DJ SYLVAH SOL** - Old School Hip Hop and Neo-Trap on Saturdays at Granite Taphouse - 10 pm.

### CAVE JUNCTION

**HATHKAPASUTA RIVER CELEBRATION** - Live music, crafts and activities for all ages - Giant Puppet Parade at noon - Illinois River Forks State Park - Free event - 10 am to 6 pm

### CENTRAL POINT

**T.J. ELTON** - Music every Saturday & Sunday, May - September at Caprice Vineyards - 2 to 5 pm.

### GRANTS PASS

**DANCEHAUL BIRTHDAY BASH** - Dancehaul is an LGBTQI+ Dance Party, hosted by Aphasia at The Haul with music DJ HK - Saturgay Market from 6 to 9 pm, Music & 21+ at 9 pm - \$10 suggested cover (more if you can, less if you can't) - Wear your best Rainbow Drag, this is DanceHaul's 1 year anniversary!

**DJ FINATTIK & FRIENDS** - Back Porch Stage at The Sound Lounge - 6 to 10 pm - Free admission.

**HOG WILD** - G Street Bar and Grill - 8 pm to midnight.

**CORNFLOWER** - Recent single and Lyric Video "Monks on Main Street" - Merging Rivers Zen Practice Center - Doors at 6:30, music 7 to 10 pm - \$10 adv, \$15 at the door - All ages.

**BRENDA CARSEY AND THE AWE** - The Haul - 9 pm to midnight - Free admission.

**REFRESH** - Kenobi Productions presents DJ's Simple Simon, Meow, and Rizlo (EDM) at The Sound Lounge - 10 pm to 2 am - Free admission.

### JACKSONVILLE

#### MCKEE BRIDGE CENTENNIAL

**CELEBRATION** - Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the construction of the bridge, located 9 miles from Ruch (towards Applegate Lake) - 11 am to 3 pm - Classic cars (Stray Cats Car Club and more), food, art, and music by Old Time Fiddlers (11 am), Butch Martin and Christina Lynn Martin (1 pm), and Merle Ming (2 pm). Dress for 100 years ago...prizes will be awarded during the event for those dressed up in period clothing. Smokey Bear will be attending this shindig!

**JEFF KLOETZEL** - South Stage Cellars - Tastings 1 to 5 pm, music 6 to 8 pm - \$10 dinner from Pomodori's, reserve online at southstagecellars.com.

**FLAT FIVE FLIM FLAM** - Bella Union Restaurant & Saloon - 8 pm.

### MEDFORD

**BACK PATIO BBQ** - Music by DJ Dysfunktion - Starting May 27 and continuing every Saturday at Grape Street Bar and Grill - 12 to 4 pm.

**TC AND THE REACTIONS** - Power Rhythm & Blues at Grape Street Bar and Grill - 8 to 11 pm - Free admission.

**GAMBLERS MARK / STEP IT UP & GO** - Johnny B's - 9 pm to 1 am - 10 buck cover.

**THE EVENING SHADES** - Music video and "Paisley" single release party at Howiee's on Front - 9 pm to 1 am - No cover.

**CHADWICKS COMEDY NIGHT** - Headliner: Heath Harmison - Opener: Ryan Wingfield - Chadwicks Pub & Sports Bar - Show starts at 9 pm - \$10 cover.

**JACK PARKER WITH CAM PIERCE** - Jefferson Spirits Bar - 9 pm - No cover.

**KRANK IT UP KARAOKE** - Pit Stop Tavern (and Barkley's Bar in Phoenix) - 9 pm.

**DJ CHUCK** - Every Saturday night at The Edge Nightclub & Patio - 10 pm.

### PHOENIX

**CHUBRITZA** - Live music, food, dancing and more at the first annual Ethnic Food Fair - A Taste of Eastern Orthodoxy at the Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Church (Shoppes at Exit 24) - 12 to 4 pm - Free admission.

**BLOWIN' SMOKE FT BETH HENDERSON** - Spit & Shine at D&S Harley Davidson - 1 pm.

### ROGUE RIVER

**TINA N' THE MIX** - Classic rock - Live music every Saturday night at Homestead Pub - 9 pm to 1 am - No cover.

### TALENT

**AUDITIONS FOR MARY POPPINS** - Vocal and Dance auditions for Camelot Theatre Company's (Nov 29 - Dec 31, 2017) production of Mary Poppins - 10 am to 1 pm at the Camelot Theatre Auditorium - Call the Box Office to make a 5 minute appointment 541-535-5250.

**FRACTAL LOVE JAM** - Kindred Spirits 2nd Anniversary Celebration - 5 to 7 pm - Free and kid-friendly.

**JELLY BREAD** - "a blend of desert twang meeting the urban tones of funk and rock" - The Talent Club - 9 pm.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 11

### ASHLAND

**JOE COHOON TRIO** - Belle Fiore Winery - 12 to 2 pm.

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**CELTIC MUSIC SESSION** - Black Sheep Pub & Restaurant - 2 pm.

**GARY CARLSON** - Weisinger Family Winery - 2 to 5 pm.

**SOU CHAMBER AND CONCERT CHOIRS** - SOU Music Recital Hall - 3 pm - \$10 Regular, \$5 Senior, Free to students and Faculty/Staff.

**JON GALFANO** - Belle Fiore Winery - 5 to 7 pm.

**KEN HART** - Callahan's Lodge - 6 pm.

**JIM QUINBY** - 6-8 pm, plus Little Thom's Open Mic with Dave Hampton at 8:30 pm - The Wild Goose.

**THE CABIN PROJECT** - Oberon's - 9:30 to 11:30 pm - No cover.

## CENTRAL POINT

**T.J. ELTON** - Music every Saturday & Sunday, May - September at Caprice Vineyards - 2 to 5 pm.

## JACKSONVILLE

**JEFF KLOETZEL** - Daisy Creek Vineyards - 2 to 4 pm.

**ALICE DIMICELE** - Wild Wines - 5 to 9 pm - Free, Family-friendly.

## MEDFORD

**JAZZ VESPERS** - Internationally recognized artist, Lesa Terry, who plays jazz violin - First Presbyterian Church - 5 pm - There will be a short meditation and times for reflection and prayer, everyone is invited to this free event.

**OPEN MIC** - Hosted by Robbie DaCosta at Jefferson Spirits - 7 to 10 pm.

**KRANK IT UP KARAOKE** - Karaoke at the Pit Stop Tavern - 9 pm.

## WILDERVILLE

**ROYAL JELLY JIVE** - Boneyard Blues Tour - Wilderville Summer Concert Series - 5 to 8 pm - All ages - \$5 cover.

## MONDAY, JUNE 12

### ASHLAND

**KEN HART** - Callahan's Lodge - 6 pm.

**PAUL SCHMELING TRIO** - Jazz - Martino's Restaurant - 7 pm.

**OPEN MIC** - Oberon's Tavern - Sign up at 8:30 pm, music and more at 9 pm - No cover.

**ROBBIE DACOSTA & FRIENDS** - Mondays at Smithfields Pub & Pies - 8 to 11 pm.

### MEDFORD

**PAUL TURNIPSEED** - Jazz every Monday at Lark's Restaurant - 4:30 to 6 pm.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - "Geeks Who Drink" Pub Trivia at 'BricktownE' Brewing Company - 7 pm.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - 4 Daughters Irish Pub - 7:30 pm.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 13

### ASHLAND

**KEN HART** - Callahan's Lodge - 6 pm.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - Louie's Restaurant - 7 pm - Free to play, plus prizes!

**SPACE HOODIE** - Oberon's - 8:30 pm.

**KARAOKE** - Hosted by Legendary-Oke at Smithfields Pub & Pies - 9 to 11:30 pm.

### CENTRAL POINT

**KARAOKE** - Tuesdays at the Corner Club - 9 pm.

### JACKSONVILLE

**OPEN JAM** - Hosted by T.J. Elton, Tuesdays at the J'ville Tavern - 7 pm - No cover.

### MEDFORD

**ASHLAND BLUES SOCIETY** - Hosted by Robbie DaCosta Band - Grape Street Bar and Grill - 6:30 to 9 pm.

**[P] THE SUPERSUCKERS / THE JOHN DOUGH BOYS** - Howiee's on Front - 8 pm to midnight - \$8.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

### ASHLAND

**JAZZ AND BLUES JAM** - La Baguette Music Cafe - 10 am to 12:30 pm.

**KEN HART** - Callahan's Lodge - 6 pm.

**ED DUNSAVAGE** - Belle Fiore Winery - 6 to 8 pm - No cover.

**FREE POOL** - The Wild Goose - Free Pool from 6 pm to midnight on Wednesdays.

**WHITHERWARD** - Oberon's Tavern - 8 to 11 pm - Free admission.

### GRANTS PASS

**JEFF PEVAR & INGER JORGENSEN** - World renowned multi-instrumentalist and vocalist playing original rock, blues, and funk at Barnstormers Theatre - Doors 6:30 pm, Show starts at 7:30 pm - \$15 - barnstormersgp.com.

### JACKSONVILLE

**JEFF KLOETZEL** - Wine 'n Dine at South Stage Cellars - Tastings 1 to 5 pm, Music 6 to 8 pm - \$10 dinner reservations.

### MEDFORD

**HAPPY HOUR & LIVE MUSIC** - Lark's Restaurant - 4:30 to 6 pm.

**THE MERIWETHERS** - Summer Concert Series, Wednesdays at Bear Creek Park (June 14 - July 19) - 7 pm - Free.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - Howiee's On Front - 7 to 10 pm - No cover.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - Portal Brewing Company - 7:30 pm.

**OPEN JAM NIGHT** - Pier 21 Tavern - 8 pm to midnight.

### PHOENIX

**OPEN MIC & JAM** - Hosted by Hannah Cooper at The Phoenix Clubhouse - 7 to 10 pm - Free, all ages.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 15

### APPLEGATE

**MOONALICE** - Applegate River Lodge - Doors 8 pm, music at 9 pm - \$15 adv, \$20 at the door.

### ASHLAND

**TALES AND TUNES FROM THE FOLK MUSIC ERA** - "Every song has a story." Bob Haworth at the Ashland Branch Library - 1 to 3 pm - Free.

**JOHN HOLLIS** - Callahan's Lodge - 6 pm.

**CHARLES GUY & LINDA POWERS** - Belle Fiore Winery - 6 to 8 pm.

**ASHLAND CITY BAND** - Thursdays at the Butler Bandshell in Lithia Park - 7 pm - Pre-concert entertainment begins at 6:15 pm - Free.

**DART TOURNAMENT** - The Black Sheep, 7:30 pm, \$5.

**A NIGHT OF BEAUTY** - Muriel Sadleir Hart's Senior Recital. "Music brings beauty to this world, and sharing this with a community is important, so please bring everyone and anyone to this community night of beauty." - Music Recital Hall - 7:30 pm - Free admission.

**ORGONE WITH BAMBOOZLE** - Live at the Armory - \$20 adv, \$25 Day of Show - Doors at 8 pm - 21 and over.

**TARA VELARDE** - La Baguette Music Cafe - 8 to 10 pm.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - Thursdays at Smithfields Pub & Pies, hosted by Miriam Lanning - 8 to 10 pm.

**LUMBERCAT** - Oberon's Tavern - 9 pm.

**DJ VEACH** - Third Thursdays (80's Edition) at Standing Stone Brewing Company - 9 pm to midnight - Best dressed wins a \$25 gift certificate.

### CENTRAL POINT

**KRANK IT UP KARAOKE** - Pizza Schmizza - 9 pm.

### GRANTS PASS

**AJ'S THURSDAY NIGHT JAM** - The Cedarwood Saloon - 7 to 11 pm - No cover.

**OPEN MIC** - Hosted by Ambur Rose, outside at The Haul - 7 to 10 pm - Free admission.

**KARAOKE NIGHT** - Thursdays at The Whammy Bar - 8 pm.

### JACKSONVILLE

**ERIC LEADBETTER** - Bella Union Restaurant & Saloon - 8 pm.

### KERBY

**OPEN MIC** - Thursdays at The G Spot Fine Bar & Grill - 7 pm.

### MEDFORD

**DAVID OUELLETTE** - Limestone Coffee - 9:30 am.

**LADIES NIGHT** - Thursdays at Grape Street Bar & Grill - Music by Dysfunktion starts at 7 pm.

**DJ JIM** - 80's, Alternative and Dance Night - Thursdays at Howiee's On Front - 9 pm until close - No cover.

**KRANK IT UP KARAOKE** - The Bohemian Club - 9 pm.

**KARAOKE** - Pier 21 Tavern - 9 pm to 1 am.

**WILLOW STEPS / THE HOTTMAN SISTERS** - Johnny B's - Music at 9 pm.

**PROPHETS OF ADDICTION** - The Bamboo Room at King Wah's - 9:30 pm to 12:30 am.

### WILLIAMS

**OPEN MIC** - Thursdays at Cocina 7 (132 Blodgett Rd) - 7 to 10 pm.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 16

### ASHLAND

**MYSTIC RISING: A FAMILY REUNION** - 3 days of music, workshops, visionary arts, ceremony, and yoga at the Jackson Wellsprings - Friday music: David Kai, Sasha "Butterfly" Rose Ayla Nereo. Campfire Sets: Mikey Pauker, Maesyn, Fantuzzi, and more! [mysticrisingfestival.com](http://mysticrisingfestival.com).

**JEFF KLOETZEL** - Belle Fiore Winery - 6 to 8 pm.

**JOHN HOLLIS** - Callahan's Lodge - 6 pm.

**RICHARD AND DAKOTA DRY** - Oberon's Tavern - 6:30 to 7:45 pm - "Sound, music! Come, my queen, take hands with me, And rock the ground whereon these sleepers be" - Oberon in Midsummer Night's Dream.

**[P] DANCEABILITY INTERNATIONAL** - The Green Show is offered six nights a week (Tuesday - Sunday, June - October) on the bricks at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival - 6:45 pm - Free - Their fifth season at the OSF Green Show, DanceAbility International's mixed-abilities dance company showcased the art of being together.

**KEN PEPOWSKI WITH THE DE DUNSAVAGE TRIO** - Featuring Joe Cohoon and Chicken Hirsh - The Old Siskiyou Barn - 7 pm - This show is Sold Out.

**REACHING LEVITY** - Full length circus show at Le Cirque Centre - 7:30 pm - \$15 Adult, \$10 Youth under 18 - Tickets available at the door or at the Music Coop.

**DAVE SCOGGIN** - 6 pm at The Wild Goose - Karaoke with Will at 8:30 pm.

**WILL LAYNG AND THE RIBS** - Americana and Folk Rock music with Southern roots and three part harmony. Well crafted songs that speak from the heart" - Oberon's - 10 pm to midnight.

**FRANKIE HERNANDEZ BAND** - Smithfields Pub & Pies - 9 to 11:30 pm.

### EAGLE POINT

**THE ROGUE SUSPECTS** - Agate Ridge Vineyard - 6 to 9 pm - General admission \$8, Wine Club admission \$5 - No outside alcohol.

### GRANTS PASS

**A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION** - "Honoring God and Country", featuring Camp Kirkland's "If God Be For Us" performed by the combined Grants Pass and Medford music departments - Apostolic Faith Church (422 NW F St) - 7 pm - Free, offerings never taken.

**ALL THAT JAZZ** - "Celebrate Dance...a spring concert" at the Grants Pass Performing Arts Center - Beginning, Intermediate classes and Creative Movement kids' classes - 7 to 9 pm - Adult \$16, Child & Senior, \$12 - Note: tickets for Friday's concert are available online only, no tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

**SAUCY** - G Street Bar and Grill - 8 pm to midnight.

**PARTICLEHEAD / TIN FOIL TOP HAT** - Plus special guests at The Whammy Bar - 9 pm.

**THE EVENING SHADES** - Rock, pop, progressive - The Sound Lounge - 9:30 pm to midnight - Free admission.

### JACKSONVILLE

**T.J. ELTON & J'VILLAINS** - South Stage Cellars - Tastings 1 to 5 pm, music 6 to 8 pm.

**FLAT FIVE FLIM FLAM** - Music in the Biergarten at the Schoolhaus Brewhaus - 7 to 9 pm.

**ERIC LEADBETTER** - Bella Union Restaurant & Saloon - 8 pm.

### MEDFORD

**LIVE MUSIC** - Live music & Happy Hour at Lark's Restaurant - 4:30 to 6 pm.

**BISHOP MAYFIELD** - RoxyAnn Winery - 6 to 8 pm.

**HOT GOSSIP** - Grape Street Bar and Grill - 8 pm.

**CHADWICKS COMEDY NIGHT** - Headliner: Alysia Wood - Opener: Phil Johnson - Chadwicks Pub & Sports Bar - Show starts at 9 pm - \$10 cover.

**KRANK IT UP KARAOKE** - Pit Stop Tavern (and Barkley's Bar in Phoenix) - 9 pm.

### TALENT

**MERCY FEATURING LYNDA MORRISON** - Paschal Winery - 6:30 pm - \$25 for dinner and show, reservation required. Dinner by Dancing Cats Catering, call 541-261-8631.



JUNE 15 - ORGONE WITH BAMBOOZLE - LIVE AT THE ARMORY IN ASHLAND

# LIVE MUSIC *and Nightlife*



**JUNE 16 - WILL LAYNG AND THE RIBS WILL BE AT OBERON'S**

**DRUM CIRCLE** - Fridays at Kindred Spirits Art, Ales & Wine - 8:30 pm.

**MANCHINO** - "From Eugene via from Alabama" - The Talent Club - 9 pm to 1 am - \$7.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 17

### ASHLAND

**MYSTIC RISING: A FAMILY REUNION** - 3 days of music, workshops, visionary arts, ceremony, and yoga at the Jackson Wellsprings - Saturday music: Heartifact, Mikey Pauker, Maesyn, Matthew Human, Freedom, Jah Levi. Campfire Sets: Mikey Pauker, Yaima, David Kai, Destiny Love, Hari, and more! [Mysticrisingfestival.com](http://Mysticrisingfestival.com).

**TIM CHURCH** - Saturdays at Standing Stone Brewing Company - 5:30 pm.

**KEN HART** - Callahan's Lodge - 6 pm.

**[P] INFINITE FLOW** - Infinite Flow is America's 1st Professional Wheelchair Ballroom Dance Company. This is their first season at the OSF Green Show - 6:45 pm - Free.

**REACHING LEVITY** - Full length circus show at Le Cirque Centre - 7:30 pm - \$15 Adult, \$10 Youth under 18.

**KARAOKE WITH QUEEN BRE** - The Wild Goose - 8:30 pm.

**TOKEN GIRL** - Oberon's - 10 pm to midnight.

**DJ SYLVIAH SOL** - Saturdays - Old School Hip Hop and Neo-Trap at Granite Taphouse - 10 pm.

### CENTRAL POINT

**RICK MILLWARD** - Music every Saturday & Sunday, May - September at Caprice Vineyards - 2 to 5 pm.

### GRANTS PASS

**[P] GRANTS PASS PORCHFEST** -

Washington Street - 12 to 3 pm.

**ALL THAT JAZZ** - "Celebrate Dance...a spring concert" at the Grants Pass Performing Arts Center - Advanced classes and Pre-professionals, a high energy evening of hip hop, jazz, contemporary, Broadway, ballet, and street tap - 7 to 9 pm - Adult \$16, Child & Senior, \$12.

**KRAY VAN KIRK** - A Fringe reviewer wrote "the Alaskan singer-songwriter, in his Edinburgh debut, was not the reason I arrived early, but certainly why I stayed late." Grants Pass Museum of Art - 7 to 9 pm - \$10 per person.

**SAUCY** - G Street Bar and Grill - 8 pm to midnight.

**DJ FOR THE WICKED** - EDM at The Sound Lounge, plus friends - 9 pm to 2 am - Free

admission.

**THE SHIFTS** - The Haul - 9 pm.

**DJ'S FOR THE WICKED** - The Sound Lounge - 10 pm to midnight - Free.

### JACKSONVILLE

**RACE RACE LAUNCH PARTY** - Celebrate the start of Rat Race, the international paragliding competition that takes place on Woodrat Mountain. Music by Margaret Correa of Reckless Daughter - Longsword Vineyard - 12 to 5 pm - Free admission.

**[P] THE TAJ MAHAL & KEB' MO' BAND** - Britt Festival - 7:30 pm - Lawn \$39, Child (1-12) Lawn \$29.

**ERIC LEADBETTER** - Bella Union Restaurant & Saloon - 8 pm.

### MEDFORD

**BACK PATIO BBQ** - Music by DJ Dysfunktion - Starting May 27 and continuing every Saturday at Grape Street Bar and Grill - 12 to 4 pm.

**ICONIC** - Fusion Dance Academy's annual dance showcase - Craterian Theater - 6:30 pm - Tickets \$20 - \$25.

**HOT GOSSIP** - Grape Street Bar and Grill - 8 pm.

**[P] LAUGHS NIGHT** - Johnny Skourtis, Sandro Locolano, Jon Schieszer - LA to Medford comedy show at Johnny B's - Doors 8 pm, show 8:30 pm - \$5 cover.

**CHADWICKS COMEDY NIGHT** - Headliner: Alysia Wood - Opener: Phil Johnson - Chadwicks Pub & Sports Bar - Show starts at 9 pm - \$10 cover.

**KRANK IT UP KARAOKE** - Pit Stop Tavern - 9 pm.

**DJ CHUCK** - Every Saturday night at The Edge Nightclub and Patio - 10 pm.

### ROGUE RIVER

**MIDNIGHT PARTY BAND** - Classic rock - Live music and dancing every Saturday night at Homestead Pub - 9 pm to 1 am - No cover.

### RUCH

**STOMPIN' AND JAMMIN' FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE** - Distilled Spirit Rebellion and special guest Trevor Jones at the Wilding Rural Community Center, 4873 Little Applegate Rd - 7 pm - Family-friendly - A benefit for The Next Generation Climate Justice Action Camp.

### TALENT

**BAND DU PAYS** - Swing music at Paschal Winery - Dance lesson at 7 pm, music 7:30 to 9:30 pm - \$10 cover.

### LIFE DURING WARTIME

- Talking Heads Experience at The Talent Club - 9 pm.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 18 -

### Father's Day

### ASHLAND

#### MYSTIC RISING: A FAMILY REUNION

- 3 days of music, workshops, visionary arts, ceremony, and yoga at the Jackson Wellsprings - Sunday music: Moes Family Band, Fantuzzi, Gabriel Wolfchild and the Northern Lights, Yaima, Youssoupha Sidibe. Campfire Set: Chad Wilkins, Matthew Human, Stephen Roush, David Hummingbird, Cosmic Tickles, and more! [Mysticrisingfestival.com](http://Mysticrisingfestival.com).

**BULLHART TRIO** - Belle Fiore Winery - 12 to 2 pm.

**CELTIC MUSIC SESSION** - Live at the Black Sheep Pub & Restaurant - 2 pm.

**BEAR CREEK JAZZTET** - Belle Fiore Winery - 5 to 7 pm.

**REACHING LEVITY** - Full length circus show at Le Cirque Centre - 5 pm - \$15 Adult, \$10 Youth under 18.

**KEN HART** - Callahan's Lodge - 6 pm.

**[P] DANCEABILITY INTERNATIONAL** - The OSF Green Show - 6:45 pm - Free.

**JIM QUINBY** - 6-8 pm, plus Little Thom's Open Mic with Dave Hampton at 8:30 pm - The Wild Goose.

**CLOUDSHIP / TRAVIS BROOKS** - Oberon's - 9 pm to midnight - No cover.

### CENTRAL POINT

**GORDON GREENLEY** - Music every Saturday & Sunday, May - September at Caprice Vineyards - 2 to 5 pm.

### JACKSONVILLE

**SETH HANSSON** - Valley View Winery - 2 to 5 pm - No cover.

**[P] DUSTIN LYNCH / FOGLINE** - Britt Festival - 7:30 pm - Lawn \$39, Child (1-12) Lawn \$29 - Gates open at 6 pm for the general public. No outside alcohol allowed.

### MEDFORD

**A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION** - Featuring Camp Kirkland's "If God Be For Us" - Apostolic Faith Church (285 Sunrise Ave) - 6 pm - Free, offerings never taken.

## MONDAY, JUNE 19

### ASHLAND

**KEN HART** - Callahan's Lodge - 6 pm.

**PAUL SCHMELING TRIO** - Martino's Restaurant - 7 pm.

**OPEN MIC** - Oberon's Tavern - Sign up at 8:30 pm, music and more at 9 pm - No cover.

**ROBBIE DACOSTA & FRIENDS** - Mondays at Smithfields Pub & Pies - 8 to 11 pm.

### MEDFORD

**JEFF KLOETZEL** - Lark's Restaurant - 4:30 to 6 pm.

**KILLER KEYZ DUELING PIANOS** - "Not Your Grandma's Piano Bar" - The Rocky-Tonk Saloon - 7 pm showtime - Reservations 541-973-2887 - Non-dinner tickets \$10, dinner tickets \$25 - 21 and over.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - "Geeks Who Drink" Pub Trivia at 'Bricktowne' Brewing Company - 7 pm.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - 4 Daughters Irish Pub - 7:30 pm.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 20

### ASHLAND

**KEN HART** - Callahan's Lodge - 6 pm.

**[P] AIRMAZING SCIENCE!** - ScienceWorks demonstrates the amazing science of air with audience participation. This is their fourth season at the OSF Green Show - 6:45 pm - Free.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - Louie's Restaurant - 7 pm - Free to play, plus prizes!

**ROGUE POETRY SLAM** - Caldera Tap House - Sign-up at 7:30 pm, show starts at 8 pm - \$5 cover all goes to the winning poets.

**KARAOKE** - Hosted by Legendary-Oke at Smithfields Pub & Pies - 9 to 11:30 pm.

### CENTRAL POINT

**KARAOKE TUESDAYS** - The Corner Club - 9 pm.

### GRANTS PASS

**KELLY THIBODEAUX AND ETOUFFEE** - "Red hot fiddle, shufflin' rhythm and blues, and Southern rock create an exciting sound known as Swamp Rock" at Riverside Park - 6:30 pm - Free.

### JACKSONVILLE

**OPEN JAM** - Hosted by T.J. Elton, Tuesdays at the J'ville Tavern - 7 pm - No cover.

**JURASSIC 5** - Britt Festival - 7:30 pm - Lawn \$36, Child (1-12) Lawn \$26 - Gates at 6 pm (general entry) - No outside alcohol for this performance.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

### ASHLAND

**BREAD & JAM** - La Baguette Music Cafe - 10 am to 12:30 pm.

**KEN HART** - Callahan's Lodge - 6 pm.

**LIZ JONES** - Belle Fiore Winery - 6 to 8 pm.

**[P] FLAT FIVE FLIM FLAM** - Acoustic Swing - This is their second season at the OSF Green Show - 6:45 pm - Free.

**FREE POOL** - The Wild Goose - Free Pool from 6 pm to midnight on Wednesdays.

**NATIVE HARROW** - Oberon's Tavern - 8 to 11 pm.

### GRANTS PASS

**INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY: A PAUSE FOR PAWS 2017** - A evening of yoga, meditation and music at Riverside Park - 6:30 to 9:30 pm - Proceeds benefit the animals at the Rogue Valley Humane Society - Music provided by Kenobi Productions: DJ Savage C & DJ Ben Kenobi.

**MOODY LITTLE SISTER** - Solstice Celebration at Merging Rivers Zen Practice Center - 7 to 9:30 pm - \$10 adv, \$15 door - To reserve, email Steve Weskirchen at [s.west731@gmail.com](mailto:s.west731@gmail.com) or text to 541-295-5475.

### JACKSONVILLE

**CHARLES GUY & LINDA POWERS** - South Stage Cellars - Tastings 1 to 5 pm, Music 6 to 8 pm, dinner by C Street Bistro \$10, reserve online.

### MEDFORD

**HAPPY HOUR & LIVE MUSIC** - Lark's Restaurant - 4:30 to 6 pm.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - Howiee's On Front - 7 to 10 pm - No cover.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - Portal Brewing Company - 7:30 pm.

**FORESTEATER / LAST TIME ONLY** - The Bamboo Room at King Wah's - 9:45 pm.

### PHOENIX

**OPEN MIC & JAM** - Hosted by Chase Valentine at The Phoenix Clubhouse - 7 to 10 pm - Drums, amps, keyboard and more available for use - Free, all ages.

PLAYING A SHOW? LET US KNOW!

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# EVENTS

## Art

### ROGUE VALLEY BIENNIAL

June 1 - July 27. This juried exhibition at the Grants Pass Museum of Art will showcase the current art of our region. On Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, Art in the Garden offers a self-guided tour of local gardens with dozens of local artists with their works in the gardens. Tickets for the tour are \$20. Visit [gpmuseum.com](http://gpmuseum.com). Grants Pass Museum of Art, 229, SW G St.

### GUMAEIUS AND SCHLEGEL

This June, Ashland's Hanson Howard Gallery will feature the work of collaborative sculptors, Robin and John Gumaelius and painter, Robert Schlegel. John and Robin Gumaelius create ceramic and mixed media assemblage sculpturers which stretch the bounds of imaginative figures, embracing the theatrical and whimsical. Robert Schlegel combines strong lines and structure, with bold color in his paintings which often include dwellings and birds. Show will be on display June 1 - July 4 at Hanson Howard Gallery, 89 Oak St, Ashland.

### 2018 ODFW ART COMPETITION

Artists are invited to compete in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2018 Habitat Conservation Stamp, Waterfowl Stamp and Upland Game Bird Stamp art competitions. Collector's stamps and other promotional materials will be produced from first place artwork and each winning artist will receive \$2,000. Entries accepted August 25 - September 29, 2017, 8 am - 5 pm at ODFW headquarters, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, OR, 97302. Visit [www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy).

### MOONS, VIEWS, AND STILLS

Through July 25, view "Moons, Views, and Stills" by Silvia Trujillo, an exhibition of textured paintings created by the application of various impasto techniques. A variety of subject matter, ranging from nightscapes to landscape to still life, are all rendered by the artist to convey a sense of presence, place, and time. View this exhibit before performances in the Berryman Gallery, located upstairs at the Craterian Theater, 23 S Central Ave, Medford.

### VICTORIAN DAY OF HOBBIES & CRAFTS

Saturday, June 17, from 12 - 4 pm. Join Historic Jacksonville, Inc. for a Victorian Day of Hobbies & Crafts at the historic 1873 Beekman House Museum located at 470 E California Street in Jacksonville. During 1-hour house tours beginning every 15 minutes, Victorian costumed docents will talk about popular hobbies of the late 1800s and the Beekman's personal collections and crafts. Lawn and Carriage House demonstrations and displays will feature the Jacksonville Museum Quilters, the Southern Oregon Miniaturists, The Wood Carving Place, the Hand Weavers, and other local craft guilds and hobbyists. Adults, \$5; Seniors/Students, \$3; Lawn and Carriage House activities, free. 541-245-3650, email [info@historiccjacksonville.org](mailto:info@historiccjacksonville.org).

### AN AFTERNOON WITH STEFAN BAUMANN

Friday, June 23, from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Art du Jour Gallery and Central Art are co-sponsoring this special presentation by renowned Northwest artist Stefan Baumann of The Grand View (PBS/SOPTV), where he will talk about his life as an artist and demonstrate his artistic techniques. Tickets for "An Afternoon With Stefan Baumann" are available for \$25 at Art du Jour Gallery, 213 E Main St, Medford. Tickets cannot be purchased at the event in the Medford Library.

### IMPRESSIONIST EXHIBIT

June 2 - July 7. Reception: Friday, June 16, 5 - 8 pm. Rogue Gallery & Art Center, 40 S Bartlett St., Medford.

## Classes

### GROWING AND COOKING WITH HERBS

Saturday, June 10, from 10:30 am - 3 pm. Master Gardeners Rosnelle Florencechild and Ellen Scannell will be teaching how to grow AND cook with herbs. In the morning, learn all about growing, harvesting, and pruning lavender. In the afternoon, learn how to cook with lavender and other culinary herbs. Class is held at the OSU Extension Auditorium, 569 Hanley Rd, Central Point. \$10 Adv, \$15 at the door. Register online at [jacksoncountrymga.org](http://jacksoncountrymga.org) or call 541-776-7371.

### WEAVING WITH WILD PLANTS

June 10-11, from 10 am - 4 pm. Join naturalist and primitive skills enthusiast and instructor Myron Cretney for a weekend or weaving practice and instruction using a variety of wild materials including cattail and tulle (a wild grass). Single day participants can create a small basket or water bottle holder, while those participating in the full weekend can choose to make a variety of smaller items, or create a larger basket or a women sun hat. Pre-registration is required. Email [elizabeth@squawkinghawk.com](mailto:elizabeth@squawkinghawk.com). Squawking Hawk Acres, 4860 Hwy 66, Ashland.

### WRITING FOR CHANGE

Saturday & Sunday, June 17-18, 10 am - 4 pm both days. Discover how to create a powerful message and infuse your writing with passion and meaning! This two-day workshop will offer hands-on instruction and practice in the art and craft of activist literature. Instructor Stacy Bannerman, M.S., M.F.A., is the author of two nonfiction books, has contributed to an anthology, and has published over 60 original articles, essays, and opinion pieces. 1 day is \$175, Full workshop is \$275 (Early Bird through June 1, \$375 after June 1). Lunch not included. Bring a pen, paper, a laptop, and a 600-800 word piece to share to class discussion. To register, contact Stacy Bannerman at [stacy@stacybannerman.com](mailto:stacy@stacybannerman.com) or call 253-217-2153. Workshop will be at the Medford Branch Library, 205 S Central Ave.

### RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEM DESIGN

Thursday, June 29, from 6 - 8 pm. Interested in capturing and storing rainwater for irrigation? Participants will learn about rainwater catchment system components, beneficial uses, appropriate collection surfaces, pre-storage filtration, and tank storage options. Bring a calculator and your project ideas. Includes discussion of cost effective ways to reduce run-off, design trade-offs, and project profiles. Please register online at [www.ashland.or.us/register](http://www.ashland.or.us/register) or call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541-488-6606. For ages 16 and older. \$7.

## Community

### CENTRAL POINT GEOCACHE CHALLENGE

Saturday, June 10, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Discover Central Point during the first annual Geocache Challenge! Geocache Challenge will be held throughout various parks, points of interest, and business locations in Central Point. Pick up your Passport at Central Point Parks and Recreation located on the second floor at City Hall, June 10. Make sure to collect all locations and log them into your passport in order to receive a collectible challenge coin. For more information, go to [www.facebook.com/CParksRec/](http://www.facebook.com/CParksRec/) or call Cory at 541-423-1978.

### GOLD DUST DAY

Saturday, June 10, 2017. The parade kicks things off at 10 am. There will be haystack scrambles, gold panning, vintage carriages, wagons, automobiles, old engines and tractors, Fort Vannoy's Cow Train, an hourly depiction of an old Western gunfight, displays, demos, games, raffles, vendors, and more! Gold Hill, Oregon.

### HATHKAPASUTA RIVER CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 10, from 10 am - 6 pm. Join community in a celebration of our rivers and forests. This event is free, open to all ages, includes live music, crafts, and a Giant Puppet parade at noon! Illinois River Porks State Park, Cave Junction.

### AAUW SPRING GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, June 10, from 10 am - 4 pm. Join the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and tour six very diverse landscapes which include a poolside paradise, country pollinator garden, secret garden, sustainable garden, gorgeous property on acreage enhanced for the day with glass garden art and the hospitality garden - an "enchanted" estate on the National Historic Register. Tickets are \$20 (tax deductible), children 12 and under free. Proceeds from this 9th annual AAUW Garden Tour fund educational and leadership opportunities for local women and girls. For more information, visit [medford-or.aauw.net/garden-tour-2017](http://medford-or.aauw.net/garden-tour-2017).

### STORIES OF SOUTHERN OREGON

Stop by the Grants Pass Public Library on Thursday, June 15, starting at 2 pm and scan your family photos and tell a short family story. SOU archivists will be on hand to advise on preserving your precious family documents and Rogue Valley Genealogical Society experts will show you how to research your genealogy. At 5 pm, Jennifer Krauss Philippi and Kathy Krauss will talk about the history of their family company, Rough & Ready Lumber, followed by historian Jeff LaLande who will talk about the history of logging in southern Oregon. Story Days will also be the McKee Bridge 100th Anniversary on June 10, Cave Junction on June 17, the Kerbyville Museum on June 24, and the Merlin Pottsville Museum on July 9. Visit [storiesofsouthernoregon.com/story-days](http://storiesofsouthernoregon.com/story-days).

### BUTTE FALLS CITY WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, June 17, 8 am - 4 pm. Pick up a yard sale map at the Sugar Pine or General Store. There will be antiques, collectibles, camping equipment and more! To add your yard sale, contact the Butte Falls City Hall or email [buttefallsactiveclub@yahoo.com](mailto:buttefallsactiveclub@yahoo.com).

### SOUTHERN OREGON LAVENDER FESTIVAL

Fri-Sun, June 23-25 and July 7 - 9. Two lavender festivals hosted by Lavender Fields Forever. Pick a bundle of fresh

lavender (\$5 each) while strolling rows and rows of fragrant lavender. Food and craft vendors, too! Free admission. Lavender Fields Forever, 375 Hamilton Rd, Jacksonville.

### FOOD FOR FINES AND FINE FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

June 1 - 30, 2017. Have an overdue book, CD, or DVD from the library? Now's your chance to clear your fines. Jackson County Library Services will forgive fines and fees on all overdue items that are returned during the month of June, without limit. If you've lost library materials, you can get a fresh start with the Library's Food for Fines campaign, also happening throughout June. Food for Fines allows anyone with an outstanding balance for overdue books to have \$5 in charges forgiven for every can or package of non-perishable food donated, also without limit. The Library's 15 branches will serve as collection sites for the campaign.

### HAUNTED HISTORY TOURS

Friday, July 7, at 7 pm, 7:15, 7:30, and 7:45 pm. On the first Friday of each month, May through September, costumed docents will share notable tales of woe, sorrow, and regret during Historic Jacksonville's History Walking Tours. This approximately one hour tour leaves from the Visitor's Center at Oregon & C Streets in Jacksonville. Tours are limited to 15 people - \$5 per person. Reservations 541-245-3650 or email [info@historiccjacksonville.org](mailto:info@historiccjacksonville.org). Visit [www.historiccjacksonville.org](http://www.historiccjacksonville.org) for additional tour dates.

### WOLF CREEK INN

The recently reopened Wolf Creek Inn (25 minutes north Grants Pass) offers daily Park Ranger guided tours of the Inn at 11 am and is open for self-guided tours from 12-3 pm. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Wolf Creek Inn is the oldest continuously operated hotel in the Pacific Northwest. The inn has 8 rooms available for overnight guests. Visit Reserve America for reservations, walk-ins are also accepted. Email [wolfcreek.inn@oregon.gov](mailto:wolfcreek.inn@oregon.gov).

### OUTDOOR STORE HELPS SCHOOL OF NATURE

The Ashland Outdoor Store, 37 Third St, Ashland, OR, will donate 1 percent of its sales to the nonprofit Coyote Trails School of Nature from every purchase made by fans of Coyote Trails, whether the purchase is in their store or made online. Coyote Trails' primary activities are education programs, nature observation, earth art, and wilderness survival skills for ages 3-103. When purchasing items, let the store know you would like to help Coyote Trails nurture the next generation of wise earth stewards.

### ACCESS ROAD CLEANUP AT MT. ASHLAND

Saturday, June 24, from 10 am - 12 pm. Little Patrol Unite! Join community for a couple hours to help clean up the Mt. Ashland Ski Road, bottom to top. Meet at 10 am at the intersection of Old Hwy 99S and the Mt. Ashland Ski Road. Participants will divide into groups and be responsible for 1 mile sections of the access road. Trash bags will be provided. Weather appropriate clothing and good walk shoes/boots are recommended. After the clean-up, gather at the Mt. Ashland lodge for drinks and smiles. The following groups are involved: The Mt. Ashland Association, The Southern Oregon Nordic Club, The Mt. Ashland Racing Association, and Polaris Surveying.

## Film

### THE GOONIES

Thursday, June 8, from 8 to 10 pm. Movie starts at dusk. All ages welcome, under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No outside food or beverages. June 15 movie is Fast Times at Ridgemont High. June 22 movie is Caddyshack. The Schoolhaus Brewhaus, Jacksonville.

### SELMA CENTER DRIVE-IN MOVIES

Friday, June 9: Back to the Future. Friday, June 16: Austin Powers. Gates open at 8:30 pm, movie starts at 9:30 pm. \$5 per person or \$20 per car. Concession stand will be available. Selma Center Drive-In, 18255 Redwood Hwy, Selma, Oregon.

### SEAN CONNERY IS BOND, JAMES BOND

Of the seven actors who have officially played James Bond in theatrical films, the actor most cited as the favorite is still the first, Sean Connery. Appropriate to his code name of 007, Connery played the role seven times. Talent Branch Library will be showing the first four Connery Bond films every Wednesday in June at 2 pm, 101 Home St. Films were made between 1962-65, Rated PG. Free.

### GREASE

Saturday, June 17, 7 pm. "Bring the entire family down for some movie themed fun under the stars in one of your local neighborhood parks!" Grease stars John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. Movies begin at dusk. Free admission. Fichtner Mainwaring Park, 334 Holmes Ave, Medford.

### COLLATERAL BEAUTY

Wednesday, June 28, from 12 - 2:30 pm. This movie focuses on a man who is retreating from life after a tragedy. He questions the universe by writing to Love, Time and Death. Receiving unexpected answers, he begins to see how these things interlock and how even loss can reveal moments of meaning and beauty. 2016, PG-13. Medford Branch Library, 205 S Central Ave.

## Food

### HEARTS & HOPS

Friday, June 9, from 6 to 10 pm. "If good cheer and beer is your taste, get tickets to the 2nd Annual Hearts & Hops charity fundraiser and beer tasting." Beer and food pairings, plus live music, silent auction, and raffle. This is a 21 and over event. Visit [heartssandvines.com](http://heartssandvines.com). Hearts and Vines Foundation, Medford.

### ETHNIC FOOD FAIR

Saturday, June 10, from 12 - 4 pm. Join the first annual Ethnic Food Fair - A Taste of Eastern Orthodoxy. Features include: Ethnic foods from Greece, Russia, Germany, and Thailand, Russian Tea Room, live and dancing with California's folk band Chubritza, kids activities like face painting, and more. Free parking, free admission. Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Church, The Shoppes at Exit 24.

### [P] SOUTHERN OREGON CRAFT BREW FEST

Saturday, June 10, from 12 to 8 pm. Over 25 breweries, plus Fired Up Food Truck, LLC, Peruvian Point, Wok Star Food Truck, and All Smoked Out BBQ! This year, the festival is a Subaru Drive Safe Event, and is brought to you by Southern Oregon Subaru and Beerworks Medford. \$20 gets you admission, a festival pint glass, 8 tasting tickets, and 8 hours of fun. Visit [socbrewfest.com](http://socbrewfest.com). Festival will be held at the Commons in downtown Medford.

### FOUNDATIONS FOR RECOVERY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Saturday, June 17, from 8 to 10 am. "Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause." Enjoy breakfast for \$10, including pancakes, sausage, eggs and choice of coffee or orange juice. Plus, your ticket becomes your raffle ticket. Grand prize is 2 Oregon Duck Football Tickets! Call 541-245-HOPE to pre-order. Visit [www.frrhope.com](http://www.frrhope.com). Event will be at Applebee's Grill & Bar, 1388 Biddle Rd, Medford.

### WILDRIDE BREWHAHA AT PORTERS

Wednesday, June 21, 7 pm. 6 brews, 5 plates. \$65 includes gratuity. Porters, 147 N Front St, Medford. 541-857-1910.

### CANYONVILLE FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays, May 3 - September 27, from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. Seven Feathers parking lot, 146 Chief Miwaleta Lane. Food and fresh produce, arts, crafts and live music. Oregon Trail accepted. Non-smoking, pet-friendly. [www.canyonvillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.canyonvillefarmersmarket.org).

### CAVE JUNCTION FARMERS MARKET

Fridays, April - September 23, from 4 pm - 7 pm. Celebrate food, community and culture every Friday at Jubilee Park. Live music and kids activities!



**JUNE 10 - LEARN HOW TO WEAVE WITH WILD PLANTS AT SQUAWKING HAWK ACRES**

# EVENTS

## GRANTS PASS GROWERS MARKET

Summer Growers Market is on Saturdays from March - October 28, from 9 am - 1 pm at 4th & F St. in downtown Grants Pass. Oregon Trail (SNAP) and WIC and welcome! Visit [www.growersmarket.org](http://www.growersmarket.org).

## ROGUE VALLEY GROWERS & CRAFTERS MARKETS

Ashland Tuesday Market: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, March - November at the National Guard Armory, 1420 E Main Street.

Ashland Saturday Market on Oak Street (downtown), 8:30 am - 1 pm, May - October.

Medford Markets: Thursdays & Saturdays (through Nov/Oct 2017), 8:30 am - 1:30 pm at Hawthorne Park, 501 E Main St. SNAP match up to \$10. Visit [www.rvgrowersmarket.com](http://www.rvgrowersmarket.com).

Central Point Saturday Market: 10 am - 2 pm, on 2nd and 4th Saturdays, May - September at Pfaff Park.

## TALENT EVENING MARKET

Fridays, May 25 - September 15, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm (or dusk). Live music and entertainment, food trucks, local artisans, family-friendly event hosted by the Talent Artisans and Growers. Old Town Park in Talent, located at the corner of Main and John Streets.

## COMMUNITY MARKET IN ASHLAND

Saturday, June 3, from 9 am - 3 pm. Every first Saturday of the month, May - December, the Bellview Grange hosts a Community Market. This event is free, and features local artists, antiques, thrift, produce and food. Vendor space is \$10. Admission is free. Bellview Grange, 1050 Tolman Creek Rd, Ashland.

## ASHLAND COMMUNITY MEALS

Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Free community meal at Wesley Hall, First United Methodist Church, 175 N Main St., hosted by Uncle Foods Diner. Contact Maren Faye, Director of Uncle Foods Diner at [marenfayecatering@yahoo.com](mailto:marenfayecatering@yahoo.com).

Fridays, 5 pm - Free community meal at Pioneer Hall, 73 Winburn Way. Call 541-690-2807 to volunteer or donate.

## PHOENIX COMMUNITY DINNER

Thursdays, June 8 & 22, from 5 - 7 pm. On the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month, the Phoenix Community Kitchen hosts dinner. Everyone is welcome, bring your neighbors and friends. First Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, 121 W Second St. Info: 541-535-1119.

## ICE CREAM EATING COMPETITION

Sunday, June 25, from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. First annual Ice Cream Eating Competition at Tommi's Ice Cream, 101 SW 4th St, Grants Pass.

## Kids & Family

### KIDS' DASH CARNIVAL

Saturday, June 10. Gates open at 8 am, race registration is \$10. Dashes begin at 8:30 am. Carnival hours are 9 am - 12:30 pm. Jump house, Obstacle course, Face painting & Glitter tattoos, Healthy snacks, and Kids Zumba. Entry into the Carnival is free and open to the community! Visit [www.kidzonefoundation.org/kids-dash](http://www.kidzonefoundation.org/kids-dash) or call 541-474-2775. Grants Pass High School, 830 NE 9th St.

### "OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO" STORYTIME

Saturday, June 10, 11 am. With his trademark use of humorous verse and illustrations, Dr. Seuss' wonderfully wise graduation speech will truly inspire anyone starting out in the world! Join us at this special Storytime, with activities to follow. Children's event at Barnes & Noble, 1400 Biddle Rd, Medford.

### MEET AUTHOR HEATHER RANSOM

Saturday, June 10, 2 pm. Come support Grants Pass author Heather Ransom (Teens, Science Fiction and Fantasy). "How far would you go to save the planet? And what would you do to save yourself? Ransom considers these questions while giving us characters we can connected with and a story that leaves us on the edge of our seats." -Kate Ristau. Barnes & Noble, 1400 Biddle Rd, Medford.

### COME AND PLAY IN OUR ALLEYWAY

Sunday, June 11, from 1 - 4 pm. Join this exciting and educational opportunity to build community in our alleyways. This event is multi-generational in focus, open to the public, and free of charge. Come paint the alley and make street art, learn about rainwater storage and gardening, listen to music, and create community; all while beautifying our surroundings. Visit [www.mydirtpark.org](http://www.mydirtpark.org). The location will be north of East Pine between 5th & 6th St, Central Point.

### SKILLS & SPEED CAMP AT ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

June 12 - 16, from 9 am - 12 pm. Football fundamentals, speed training, position specific training, and agility skills. For grades 5 - incoming freshmen. This camp

is a fundraiser for Ashland Middle School Football. \$75 per student. 10% discount to 4.0 students. Contact Johnnie Hines, 925-727-7936, email [hinesjohnnie@yahoo.com](mailto:hinesjohnnie@yahoo.com) / [ZSPerform@yahoo.com](mailto:ZSPerform@yahoo.com).

### THE LAND OF WALLOO

Saturday, June 17, 11 am. Georgia Linger is a local children's author who will be reading her new bilingual children's book with signing and activities to follow. Visit the wonderful Land of Walloo (or La Terra de Walloo for our Spanish speakers) in this fun filled tale full of imagination! Barnes & Noble, 1400 Biddle Rd, Medford.

### STAR WARS NIGHT

Saturday, June 17, game starts 6:35 pm. It's Stars Wars Night at Harry & David Field! Dress up as your favorite Star Wars character to compete in a costume contest for special prizes. Watch your Medford Rogues embrace the Dark Side of the Force, wielding red Lightsaber bats and wearing special Dark Side themed jerseys, which you can bid on after the game. All proceeds from the auction go to Hearts With A Mission. Stay after the game for a fireworks show, set to the music of Star Wars! Harry & David Field, 2929 S Pacific Hwy, Medford.

### SUMMER CAMP FOR GIRLS

June 19-23, 1 - 4 pm. In this summer camp for middle school girls (6-8th grade, join Natalie Stawsky and other guest teachers for a week of sharing tools to empower and help girls navigate this challenging age and times we are living in. The cost is \$190. Ashland Hot Yoga, 2455 Siskiyou Blvd.

### TROLLS DANCE CAMP

June 19-22. At camp, dancers get to experience different types of dance: Hip Hop, Ballet, Tap and Jazz. All camps include crafts, games, dancing, snacks, camp T-shirt, and a special performance on the last day of camp! Camps are open for all skill levels, ages 3+. \$150/4 days of fun! Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Register at [www.fusiondanceoregon.com](http://www.fusiondanceoregon.com). Fusion Dance Academy, 810 Biddle Rd, Medford.

### PROJECT SPACE KIDS ART CLASSES

June 24-July 22; July 29-August 26. Megan Headley's classes are designed to introduce children and young teens to the basic elements of visual art- line, shape, color, value, texture, form and space. Students will be encouraged to explore materials and techniques through art-based experiences that may or may not result in a finished product. Expression and observation are the primary objectives. Registration is required, min. three students, max. six. \$50, materials provided. Drop in available if class is not full (drop in rate \$15 per class). Scholarships available upon inquiry. Contact Megan at [meganheadley31@gmail.com](mailto:meganheadley31@gmail.com) for more information, or go to [www.artprojectspace.com](http://www.artprojectspace.com). Project Space, 106 Talent Ave. Suite #5, Talent.

### BARNSTORMERS MIDSUMMER THEATRE CAMP

Week 1: June 26 - 30, from 9 am - 3 pm for ages 8-12. Week 2: July 10-14, 9 am - 3 pm. Perform Shakespeare, learn makeup design, stage combat, and train for all kinds of auditions! Camp Director is Madeline Decourcey, award-winning actress, teacher, producer. Guest Instructor is Heath Koerschgen, equity actor with appearances on NBC's Grimm. Showcase performance on Friday, 3 pm. \$200 to enroll includes a snack and personal Ben Nye makeup kit to keep. Contact [barnstormersgp@gmail.com](mailto:barnstormersgp@gmail.com) / 541-479-3557. Barnstormers Theatre, Grants Pass.

### HOW TO SURVIVE THE ZOMBIE INVASION DAY CAMP

June 26-30, 9 am - 3 pm. Do you have the skills necessary to evade the zombies and stay alive when civilized society is turned on its head? Join Coyote Trails to play out this scenario and learn the skills of silent movement and stealth, as well as many other crucial survival skills for living off the land - skills such as finding shelter, building fire by friction, obtaining potable water, tracking, awareness, and defense. Come learn the skills and make it through this disaster scenario in a playful way. Tuition is \$175. Pre-registration required. Visit [Coyotetrails.org](http://Coyotetrails.org). Coyote Trails Wilderness Campus at Earth Teach Forest Park, Ashland, OR. Directions provided upon registration.

### ELECTRONICS WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

June 27-30, 10 am - 12 pm daily. It's a fun four day workshop for kids age 8-12 (6-7 with parents) to learn amazing things about electricity. Each day includes hands-on activities that explore different types of circuits, how magnets and electricity are related, how batteries work, and some fun electronic activities. \$100 for four full days, total of 8 hours, take-home supplies



**JUNE 16 - FORD & HOT ROD SHOW-N-SHINE AT FICHTNER MAINWARING PARK IN MEDFORD**

included. \$35 for one day, supplies for that day included. Space limited to 10 groups, sign up by June 15. Contact David Hartkop, Idea Propulsion Systems LLC, [www.ideapropulsionsystems.com/contact](http://www.ideapropulsionsystems.com/contact). Carpenter Room, Medford Branch Library, 205 S Central Ave.

### W.O.L.F. PACK

Saturday, June 24, from 12-3 pm. Are you part of the W.O.L.F. (Wolf Creek Oregon Loves Families) Pack? The Wolf Creek Inn is hosting free family events throughout the summer, each including a scavenger hunt with prizes! Drop-in anytime from 12-3 pm on the following dates: June 24 (Then & Now: From Telegraphs to Texts), July 15, August 19, and September 16. For more information visit [oregonstateparks.org](http://oregonstateparks.org), email [wolfcreek.inn@oregon.gov](mailto:wolfcreek.inn@oregon.gov) or stop by the Inn to speak with a ranger. The Historic Wolf Creek Inn, 100 Front St, Wolf Creek, Oregon (Exit 76 on I-5, approx. 25 min north of Grants Pass).

### LEGO BUILDERS & MAKERS

Sunday, July 2, from 1 - 3 pm. On first Sundays monthly, Lego Builders & Makers is a workshop for kids ages 4 and older. There is a \$5 charge per kid. Parents and adults can join in and participate for free. Come explore Legos as an art form at the Ashland Art Center classroom, 357 E Main St.

## Meetings

### FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION - A CALL TO COMMUNITY

Monday, June 12, from 7 - 8:30 pm. Foster Care & Adoption - A Call to Community is geared towards those wondering what the whole foster care or adoption journey is about, what it means to partner to DHS Child Welfare, and for those who want to hear the perspective of people with boots on the ground. This is an honest conversation about both the highlights and the challenges of foster care and adoption through the Child Welfare system. Black Rock Coffee, Northgate Center, 151 Rossanley Dr, Medford.

### CONSERVATION BOOK CLUB

Love reading? Love nature? Consider joining the Conservation Book Club. Discuss local and planet-wide conservation issues inspired by the groups' readings and personal experiences. This book club meets quarterly at a private residence. For more information, email [kristi@landconserve.org](mailto:kristi@landconserve.org) or visit [www.landconserve.org](http://www.landconserve.org).

### 2ND TUESDAY BOOK CHAT GROUP

Tuesday, June 13, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. The group will discuss "Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler, which tells a poignant yet unsentimental story in praise of family in all its emotional complexity. Adams Room of the Medford Branch Library, 205 S Central Ave.

### YEARS OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY SEASON 2

Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 1 - 2:30 pm. Each Wednesday in June, the Ashland Branch Library will host a climate change film and discussion group. Each week a documentary will be followed by an open discussion led by Elizabeth Hallett about how we have impacted our planet, and also how we can potentially save it for future generations.

### MEDFORD CHESS CLUB

Mondays, 6 pm. Free and open to Chess players of all levels. Diamond Medical, 1020 Knutson St. (off Biddle Rd), Medford.

### MONTHLY GAME NIGHT

Friday, June 16, 6 pm. Every third Friday of the month, Barnes and Noble hosts Game Night Fun, featuring a new game every month. 1400 Biddle Rd, Medford. 541-858-0203.

### QUILTS & GENEALOGY

Tuesday, June 27. The fourth Tuesday of every month from 1:30 - 2:30 pm, the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society presents "Quilts & Genealogy Talks." Sometimes, the research into the history of a quilt leads to genealogical clues! Free to everyone. Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S Pacific Hwy, Medford. For information, call 541-512-2340.

### SOUTHERN OREGON SKYWATCHERS

Monthly gathering, star parties, telescope building, and more! Meetings and programs are free of charge, and you don't have to be a member to attend. North Medford High School Planetarium. Visit [www.orskywatchers.org](http://www.orskywatchers.org). New moon is June 23, 2017.

### VETERANS FOR PEACE

The Rogue Valley Veterans for Peace Chapter 156 meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at a rotating location. For further information or to arrange transportation to the meeting, visit [veteransforpeace.org](http://veteransforpeace.org).

## Presentations

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST MEDICINAL PLANTS

Monday, June 12, 7 pm. Combining foraging and natural medicine, this comprehensive guide is accessible to everyone, from beginners seeking reliable advice to experienced practitioners on the hunt for new information. Bloomsbury Books, 290 E Main St, Ashland. Free and open to the public.

### HIKING THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

Tuesday, June 13, from 6:30 - 8 pm. Thinking about hiking some - or all - of the Pacific Crest Trail in Oregon this summer? Join Eli Boschetto, author of the new guidebook, "Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail: Oregon," for an evening in inspiring imagery and useful trail information to help you start planning your own PCT adventure. Bring your questions! For more information, visit [PCToregon.com](http://PCToregon.com). The Ashland Outdoor Store, 37 N 3rd St. Free admission.

### GENETIC GENEALOGY: UNDERSTANDING GEDMATCH.COM

Wednesday, June 14, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Using DNA testing, more and more people are delving into their ancestry and examining more closely their family tree. Gedmatch.com is a website for those who have already tested their autosomal DNA and enables access to more genetic tools to try to figure out how you are related to others. Taught by guest speaker Donna Rae Hays, this class is designed to help you understand what Gedmatch.com offers. \$20/Non-members; \$10/RVGS Members. Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S Pacific Hwy. Questions? Call Denise Salthouse at 808-448-1776, or email [denise.salthouse@gmail.com](mailto:denise.salthouse@gmail.com). To register, call 541-512-2340.

### MICHAEL HANLEY AND HIS FRIENDS

Wednesday, June 14, 12 pm. Join historian Larry Mullaly for a Windows in Time local history lecture on pioneer rancher Michael Hanley and his friends. Ashland Branch Library. Free.

# EVENTS

## THE WOMAN I AM: THOUGHTS, POEMS, AND STORIES

Monday, June 19, 7 pm. "The Woman I Am" is a poetic view of the author's revolution from a fearful teenage bride to a resilient, sometimes raunchy world traveler. This book is about love, faith and optimism and reminds us to treasure our lives and those we love every day. Join author Jean Johns at Bloomsbury Books, Ashland. Free.

## INVASIVE TO NATIVE

Tuesday, June 20, 7 pm. Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council and Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds present their 2017 Spring/Summer lecture series, Invasive to Native: Countering Invasive Species with Native Seed & Plants. Part 1: Promoting Native Seed. Part 2: Invasive Plant Prevention. The lecture will conclude with information on native seed collecting methods and how best to prevent invasive seed from spreading. Ruch Library, 2919 Hwy 238.

## A CONVERSATION WITH VICTOR LODATO & MIDGE RAYMOND

Monday, June 26, 7 pm. Join award-winning authors Victor Lodato (Edgar & Lucy) and Midge Raymond (My Last Continent) for a conversation about writing and publishing, moderated by Ed Battistella. Bloomsbury Books, Ashland. Free.

## Sports & Outdoor

### BIRD WALKS IN ASHLAND

Saturday, June 10, 8 to 9 am. Stroll through North Mountain Park with local birding experts from the Rogue Valley. This will be an opportunity to see and hear a variety of birds that spend the summer here in the valley. Binoculars and field guides will be available for check-out. Please register online at [www.ashland.or.us/register](http://www.ashland.or.us/register) or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606. Events are on June 10, July 8, and August 12. Free.

### GRANITE MAN 2017

Saturday, June 10, 9 am. Granite Man is an exciting off-road running, triathlon and duathlon event held at Applegate Lake, Oregon. New this year is a Road Bike Sprint Triathlon. There is also a kids Triathlon and Duathlon. Visit [granite-man.com](http://granite-man.com) or go to [www.facebook.com/GraniteManOregon](http://www.facebook.com/GraniteManOregon).

### NORTHWEST RUN/WALK FOR EPILEPSY

Saturday, June 10, from 9:30 am - 12 pm. The Northwest Run/Walk for Epilepsy benefits the Epilepsy Foundation Northwest that leads the fight to overcome challenges of living with epilepsy, and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives. Visit [www.nwrunwalk.org](http://www.nwrunwalk.org). Fichtner Mainwaring Park, 334 Holmes Ave, Medford.

### [P] DRIFT EVENT IN CENTRAL POINT

Saturday, June 10, 11 am - 7 pm, and Sunday, June 11, 11 am - 5 pm. \$15 for Spectator. Free to veterans and kids age 12 and younger. \$100 for Drift + Campsite / Pit Area. \$25 for Premium Pit Area by the track. Limited spots. 1st come, 1st served. Car arrival time is 9 am. Sponsor: Star Body Works. Jackson County Sports Park, 6900 Kershaw Rd, Central Point. Kid-Friendly!

### [P] DAVID'S CHAIR CHARITY POKER TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 10, from 4:30 pm to midnight. Play poker and help raise money for an amazing cause! Your \$75 buy-in gets you dinner, a raffle ticket, and an opportunity to bid at the auction (brought to you by Millard Auctions). All money raised will go to buy a Track Chair so David and others with ALS can still go outside and enjoy nature. Visit [davidschair.org](http://davidschair.org) for more information. Doors open at 4:30 pm at Mace Pavilion, Jackson County Expo, Central Point.

### MEDICINAL AND EDIBLE PLANT WALK

Sundays, June 11 and August 13, from 3 - 4:15 pm. Stroll through North Mountain Park to learn more about the abundance of edible and medicinal plants found in the gardens and on the ethnobotanical trail. Explore traditional ethnobotanical lore as well as current trends and research regarding these plants. Learn how to identify and sustainably harvest useful plants. Different plants will be discussed on the June 11 and August 13 walks. Bring a notebook and writing utensil if you wish to take notes. \$8 per class. Ages 12 and older. Please register online at [www.ashland.or.us/register](http://www.ashland.or.us/register) or call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

### MEDFORD ROGUES BASEBALL

June 13, 14, and 15: Rogues vs Portland Pickles. June 16, 17 (Star Wars Night), and 18: Rogues vs Lincoln Potters. Games start at 6:35 pm at Harry & David Field, 2929 S Pacific Hwy, Medford. Visit [www.medfordrogues.com](http://www.medfordrogues.com).

## WALK AND WEED PULL IN THE MONUMENT

Thursday, June 15, from 3 - 6 pm. Join Julie Spelletich, Jeanine Moy, Charles Shelz, and Christine Beekman for an annual invasive weed pull in the Mariposa Preserve just outside of Ashland. The group will continue to clear yellow starthistle in the habitat of the rare Green's Mariposa Lily and observe wildflowers growing along the way. Register at [kswild.org](http://kswild.org).

## SOUTHERN OREGON BUILDERS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, June 16, from 7 am - 3 pm. 4 person scramble. \$550 Team. This event benefits Redemption Ridge. Sponsor Opportunities: email [jessica@buildso.com](mailto:jessica@buildso.com). Event location is the Resort at Eagle Point, 100 Eagle Point Dr.

## DUFFIN' FORE THE DUCKS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 16, 10:30 am. It's the 32nd annual golf tournament, banquet, and fundraising auction! You don't have to play golf to attend the Banquet and Auction. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$50 per person. Call to reserve your spot, 541-414-3237. Meet Head Coach Willie Taggart and Head Coach Dana Altman along with 25 other University of Oregon coaches and staff. Rogue Valley Country Club, 2660 Hillcrest Rd, Medford.

## FORD & HOT ROD SHOW-N-SHINE

Friday, June 16. Car arrival time is 4 pm. Show from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. \$5 to show, pay on arrival (any Ford or Hot Rod / any year). Free to attend! Fichtner Mainwaring Park, 334 Holmes Ave, Medford.

## SADDLE UP FOR ST. JUDE

Saturday, June 17, 10 am - 7 pm. Jackson County Horseman's Association presents a trail ride to benefit St. Jude. This event is open to the public. The trail ride is at your own pace along a well marked trail. First rider out at 10 am, last rider out by 11 am at Willow Prairie Horse Camp Day Use Area, Butte Falls. All money collected goes directly to St. Jude. Visit [www.ridejcha.com](http://www.ridejcha.com) for the donation form. Taco Potluck will follow, bring something that goes into tacos to share.

## [P] RACING ON THE ROGUE

June 17 - July 9. Horse Racing at the Grants Pass Downs, 1451 Fairgrounds Rd, Grants Pass. Post time is 1 pm. Admission is \$4. Gates open at 11:30 am. Race Office 541-476-1639.

## RENEGADES VS PIT BULLS

Saturday, June 17, from 6 - 9 pm. In the first home minor league game of the 2017 Pacific Football League season, the Southern Oregon Renegades take on the Washington County Pit Bulls. Adult admission \$8, Senior (55+) \$5, Military admission (w/ ID) \$5, Age 12 and younger Free admission. Eagle Point High School, 203 N Platt Ave.

## LONGEST DAY RUN

Tuesday, June 20, 7:30 pm. Southern Oregon Runners presents the Longest Day Run at Bear Creek Park (next to tennis courts), 1250 Siskiyou Blvd, Medford. \$25 Day of Race, age 17 and under is always \$7. This event supports FOTAS - Friends of the Animal Shelter.

## OQHA OREGON SUMMER CIRCUIT

June 21-25. This is the Oregon Quarter Horse Association's premier circuit show on the west coast and the 3rd largest AQHA show in the nation. Jackson County Expo, 1 Peninger Rd, Central Point (Exit 33, I-5). Visit [www.oregon-qha.com](http://www.oregon-qha.com).

## ROGUE VALLEY SUMMER SWING GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 23, 9 am - 2 pm. The Rogue Valley Basketball Official's Association and the Rogue Valley Benefit Outreach Association have been joined by KOGAP Enterprises and their Stewart Meadows Village development, to provide financial support to all of the public and private middle schools in the Rogue Valley. Over \$60,000 has been given to local middle schools in their first three years. Event location: Resort at Eagle Point, 100 Eagle Point Dr.

## 20TH ANNUAL \$5K BLACKBIRD FISHING DERBY

Saturday, June 24, 2017 at Diamond Lake Resort, 350 Resort Drive, Diamond Lake, Oregon. Reservations 541-793-3333. Get your registration forms at Waldron's Outdoor Sports in Roseburg, Blackbird Shopping Center in Medford, and at Diamond Lake Resort. Register by June 23.

## BUTTERFLIES AT SKY KING COLE & CASCADE-SISKIYOU NATIONAL MONUMENT

Sunday, June 25, from 10 am - 3 pm. Learn with Kathleen Donham and Linda Kappan how to safely catch and identify butterflies on a privately conserved property on the Siskiyou Summit and on the Cascade-Siskiyou National

Monument. This event is perfect for beginners, kids welcome. Limited to 15. Carpool from Ashland. Register at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

## GRANTS PASS DISC GOLF CLUB

Every Wednesday. Sign-ups end at 5 pm. Throwing by 5:15 pm. Weekly prizes and more! Cost is \$7. For more info message A.E. Stevens at 541-659-6988. Tom Pearce Park in Grants Pass, 3700 Pearce Park Rd.

## MOUNTAIN BIKING IN JACKSONVILLE

Wednesdays, 6 pm, year-round. Cycle Analysis hosts a two hour group Mountain Bike ride on the Britt Trails in Jacksonville or John's Peak, which has 200 miles of trail. Come enjoy good food, friends, and a great ride. Everyone is welcome. Helmets mandatory at all times, lights in the winter. Cycle Analysis in Jacksonville, 535 N Fifth St. Free.

## Stage

### [P] ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Friday, June 9, 7 pm and Saturday, June 10, 2 pm. Take an adventure with Alice down the rabbit hole. Le Cirque Center dancers will fly through the air as they tell the fantastical story of Alice and her adventures in Wonderland. Don't miss this spectacular aerial circus event at the Mountain Avenue Theatre at AHS, 201 S Mountain Ave, Ashland. General admission \$15. Tickets available at Music Coop, Le Cirque Centre, and [www.alicecirqueshow.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.alicecirqueshow.brownpapertickets.com).

### SPOTLIGHT ON PETER, PAUL & MARY

May 25 - June 11. "If I had a song, I'd sing it in the morning. I'd sing it in the evening...All over this land." ~ Peter Yarrow. Peter, Paul & Mary relied on folk's potency as a social, cultural and political force. Now, 50-years later we realize how fervently and pervasively the group's message of freedom, humanity, hope and activism was. Regular \$26 - \$32. The Camelot Theatre, 101 Talent Ave, Talent. 541-535-5250 / [www.camelottheatre.org](http://www.camelottheatre.org).

### [P] THE CURIOUS SAVAGE

June 9 - 25. Mrs. Savage just received an immense fortune from her late-husband, but her step-children want it, so they commit her to a sanitarium to try to 'bring her to her senses.' In there, Mrs. Savage befriends a few patients that help her confuse and distract her step-children away from the inheritance. In this wonderful comedy, you will be left with a feeling that the neglected virtues of kindness and affection have not been entirely lost in a world that seems at times motivated only by greed and dishonesty. \$15. Barnstormers Theatre, 112 NE Evelyn Ave, Grants Pass.

### IN THE DAYS OF TEDDY ROOSEVELT

June 10 -14. Through music, live performance, and multimedia, this show tells the story of Teddy Roosevelt and his times - a romantic and exciting era, America has just come of age and the world was full of new wonders - autos, planes, "talking machines," and the first movies. Ragtime set the pace; Vaudeville was king. Kacie Garner, who headlines the show, said, "This toe-tapping lineup includes patriotic songs from George M. Cohan, the melodic tunes of Irving Berlin, hits from early Broadway, and hilarious comic numbers from vaudeville." Performances are June 10 at 7 pm, June 11 at 1 pm, and June 14 (Flag Day) at 7 pm. Tickets are \$12. The Randall Theatre, 10 E 3rd St, Medford. [www.randalltheatre.com/](http://www.randalltheatre.com/) 541-632-3258.

### SPAMALOT

June 21 - 23. "Lovingly ripped off" from the film Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Camelot is pleased to present SPAMalot as its summer musical. This Tony Award-winner for Best Musical is a comedy featuring the Knights Who Say Ni, killer rabbits, accused witches and other Python touches.SPAMalot also adds swipes as Vegas glitz and Broadway conventions to the film's anarchic spirit. Tickets \$18 - \$36. Camelot Theatre, 101 Talent Ave.

### THE ALL NIGHT STRUT

Enjoy a two-act musical celebration of the 1930s and 40s filled with jazz, blues, bebop and American songbook standards. The story moves through time and place to highlight a slick slice of yesteryear, weaving together the work of legendary songwriters such as Hoagy Carmichael, Frank Loesser, Duke Ellington, Johnny Mercer, and Charlie Parker. Through June 25, 2017. The Oregon Cabaret Theatre, 241 Hargadine St, Ashland. [www.oregoncabaret.com/](http://www.oregoncabaret.com/) 541-488-2902.

### OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Currently playing: Julius Caesar; Shakespeare in Love; Mojada: A Medea in Los Angeles; Henry IV, Part One; Hannah and the Dread Gazebe; UniSon; The Merry Wives of Windsor; The Odyssey; Disney's Beauty and the Beast (starts June 8); plus Henry IV, Part Two (July 4) and Off the Rails (July 27). The Green Show runs June 16 - October 15, 2017. Oregon Shakespeare Festival, 15 S Pioneer St, Ashland. Box Office: 800-219-8161. [www.osfashland.org](http://www.osfashland.org).

## THE SLEEPING BEAUTY BALLET

June 22 - 25. The Sleeping Beauty Ballet features over 90 dancers ranging in age from 4 to 50+, outstanding choreography and beautiful costumes! Showtimes are June 22 and 23 at 7 pm, and June 24 and 25 at 2 pm. Adults \$12, Seniors & Veterans \$10, Children under 12 \$8. Purchase tickets are Oregon Books, Plaza Sew & Vac, Roleys, at the door or online at [heartlanddancestudio.com](http://heartlanddancestudio.com). Grants Pass Performing Arts Center, 8th & Olive, GPHS.

## Wellness

### WOMEN IN RECOVERY YOGA CLASS

Sunday, July 2, from 5 - 6:30 pm. Y125RL Women in Recovery is a monthly yoga class (on first Sundays) for ladies in recovery from all types of addiction and is centered around hope, healing, and empowerment. This class weaves the practical tools of 12-Step programs with the philosophical teachings of yoga. Class will include group sharing, spiritual readings, meditation, breathing practices, yoga poses, and journaling/writing activities in a nurturing environment.\$15 suggested donation. Nobody will be turned away for inability to pay. BE Yoga, 980 SW 6th St, Grants Pass.

### LONG TERM CARE WORKSHOP

Tuesday, June 13, 10 am. Futurity First is offering a new program on long term care, an hour long workshop which will show how planning ahead can help protect retirement savings while giving people options on the type and quality of care they receive. Participants will learn about the cost of home health services compared to assisted living and nursing homes, ways to cover the costs, and the benefits of planning early. To register, call Futurity First at 541-973-2100. Event location: Smullin Health Center, 2825 E Barnett Rd, Medford.

### JADE TEMPLE

Wednesday, June 14, from 5 - 8 pm. Jade Temple is a sacred space for women to gather and explore the ancient Taoist practices of sexual energy cultivation and pelvic health through the powerful tool of the Jade Egg. Join Halo Seronko of Shakti Temple Arts for a three hour immersion into these life-changing practices! \$20-\$40 sliding scale for workshop, due at time of workshop. Space is limited to 10 women. To RSVP, fill out form at [www.shaktitemplearts.com](http://www.shaktitemplearts.com). Location in Ashland.

### HAPPY HANDS AND FEET

Sunday, June 18, from 5 - 8 pm. Every third Sunday of the month, enjoy a relaxing foot bath, and learn the reflexology points of the hands and feet, followed by a massage routine to refresh the body by following the reflexology stroke patterns. Singles and Couples are welcome. \$35 per class per person, or \$55 per pair. Family Massage Education Center, 77 Manzanita St, Ashland. [www.hellofmecc.com](http://www.hellofmecc.com).

### TALKS IN THE PINES

Over five days, June 21-25, bestselling "Letting Go" author Guy Finley will lead visitors through a series of talks and meditation sessions, plus break-out discussion groups. There will also be a picnic by the river and a banquet featuring organic produce from the Foundation gardens, music by the Life of Learning Choir, and more! Visitors may sign-up for 5 days, 3 days, or participate online through live streaming. For more information, visit [www.guyfinley.org/visit/tips](http://www.guyfinley.org/visit/tips) or call 541-476-1200. Event location: Life of Learning Foundation, 459 Galice Rd, Merlin.

### COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER

Counseling can help you enhance personal development, meet life's challenges, improve interpersonal relationships, handle emotions from life's problems or stressors and accomplish your academic and career goals. The CCC offers low cost, sliding-scale, professional counseling for individuals, couples, adolescents, families and children. The Community Counseling Center, 600 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland. Visit [www.cccofashland.com](http://www.cccofashland.com) or call 541-708-5436.

### DEATH CAFE

Thursday, June 15, 7 pm. The Ashland Death Cafe offers a creative way to explore how death can inform and inspire the way we live. In a relaxed and safe setting, discuss death, drink tea and eat delicious sweets. This is not intended as a bereavement support, grief counseling or therapy group. Suggested donation \$10, registration required. Email [ashlanddeathcafe@gmail.com](mailto:ashlanddeathcafe@gmail.com).

### EHAMA BEGINNER'S YOGA CLASS

Classes are on Thursdays, April 6 - June 22, 2017, from 6 - 7:30 pm. No experience is required, this class is open to all levels of fitness and yoga experience. Cost is \$15 per class. You must be 18 or older. Bring a yoga mat to each class. Class size limited. Email [thephoenixoregon@gmail.com](mailto:thephoenixoregon@gmail.com). The Phoenix Clubhouse, 310 N Main St, Phoenix.

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# SOUND

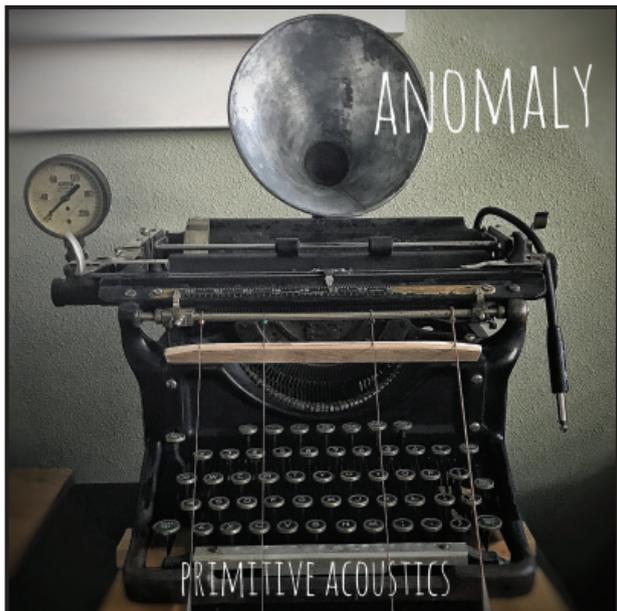
## Rogue Sounds

### The Anomalous Nature of 'Anomoly' by Primitive Acoustics

BY JOSH GROSS

Forrest Gump's mom was wrong. Boxes of chocolates come with labels. If anything, life is more like a local music review column in that you never know what you're going to get. The genres are as fluid as the talent, and the moment you think you know what's coming (probably something with banjos or sophomore odes to weed), you get caught off-guard. At least that's what happened to me with this issue's subject, *Anomaly*, recently released by Primitive Acoustics.

Primitive Acoustics is the solo project of Ashland man, Tom Thompson. In his words: "He creates experimental electro-acoustic instruments and performs original music and sound textures on his creations using a variety of fx pedals and looping."



It's a pretty good summation. The general sound of the 15 tracks on *Anomoly* focuses on ambient textures rather than melodies that guide listeners through the composition like a dramatic plot line. There are noises, creaks, moans, and wails. There are bleeps and bloops, washes of reverb and more—including a fair amount of tape hiss. Thompson says some of the instruments he used to create *Anomoly* include a typewriter, a spring-box, and cigarbox guitars, many of which he made himself. If it sounds alien, that's because, compositionally, it kinda is.

And it's good.

The record opens with "Spy Station," a buoyant piece that feels like it could be the closing credits for a sci-fi romance film.

The second track, "Station One," has a more mournful and distant vibe that trends away from composition and towards sound installation.

Track seven, "Ambient Machines," feels a bit haphazard, lacking some of the cohesiveness of the opening tracks. But things turn around with the slightly eastern flavor of "Count to Five Drone."

The record closes with "Spring," a warbly tune that feels like something went very wrong in a Samurai film.

But what's surprising is that while this is the sort of experimental lo-fi ambient I expect from teenagers running a cassette tape record label out of their closet in major metro areas, it's not something you expect to hear from Southern Oregon boomers. So score one for defying stereotypes.

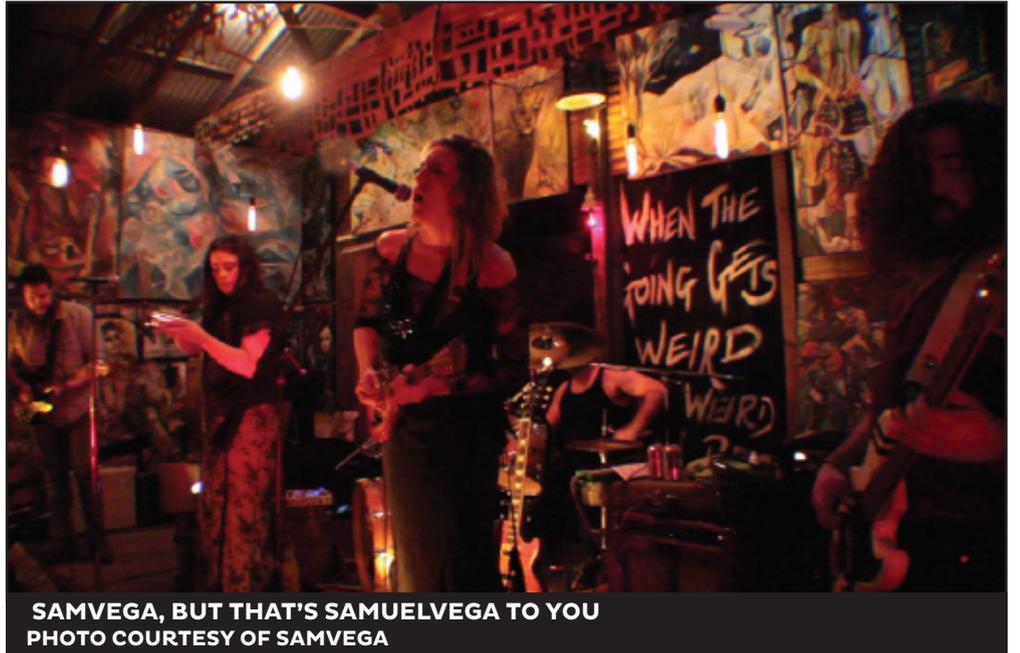
*Anomoly* is available for download via Bandcamp. 🍷

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## Ease The Suffering of Samsara

### Samvega Has Your Musical Medicine

BY JOSH DAVIS



SAMVEGA, BUT THAT'S SAMUELVEGA TO YOU  
PHOTO COURTESY OF SAMVEGA

Watching live music is exciting and usually the band's goal is to make sure everyone in the crowd is having a good time. If they have a good time, that's just an added bonus. But for Samvega, playing June 21 at the Haul in Grants Pass, playing is as thrilling for the musicians as it is for the audience.

It's hard to describe the eclectic sound of Samvega. And when asked, drummer/singer Pat Feistel usually has the same response.

"We get asked that question a lot," says Feistel. "What I say is, watch our set and tell us what you think."

They play a unique brand of psychedelic circus-rock, and it is more of a blessing than a curse to have a sound that transcends genres.

"It's really nice," says Feistel. "It gives us the ability to play to the venue. We don't have a genre so we get booked with all types of bands. And everyone in the band sings, so we have different singers on different songs."

Samvega first came together in the Midwest as two different bands, moved to the west coast and broke up. Then reformed with the notion that musically, anything goes.

"The core of us met in Wisconsin at the end of 2002," says Feistel. "Band drama happened and then there were four of us left. We came up with the idea that anything someone brings to the band, we will try. It is so exciting to play in this band."

Samvega's latest album 2016's, *The King Is Asleep*, is their fourth album to date and is a psychedelic carousel ride. At a celebration show in San Francisco on June 1, the album was released on vinyl to their clambering fans.

"It's more than just a celebration," says Feistel. "The band has a cult following; the people that get us, really get us. So they were screaming for us to get vinyl. It's the first chance people can get their hands on vinyl."

It's been a long road for the members of Samvega, but now they have found a musical home in the backwoods of the Napa Valley. For Feistel, singer/multi-instrumentalist Melissa Baker, singer/multi-instrumentalist Mercedes Baker, bass player/singer Teddy Archuleta, and guitarist/singer Henry Wolfe; Samvega is a musician's band.

"I've played with a bunch of bands over the years and Samvega is a really special thing," says Feistel. "Not just for the people who watch it, but for the people in the band. We write the songs together, it's a real collective consciousness that grows between us."

The style of music that Samvega plays may be dark at times, but the overall energy they exude is joyous. And they work hard to ensure that collective energy, extends beyond the stage.

"We are a live band," says Feistel. "You want to connect with people and let them know we are all one. With everything going on in the news and everything, it gives you a lot of hope. When you get out there and see the world for yourself you realize, it's a really beautiful place." 🍷

**SAMVEGA**

8 pm, Wed., Jun 21  
The Haul, 121 SW H St., Grants Pass

# SOUND

## True Swiftians

### Scarlet Canary is a Metal Band that Ain't Afraid to Shake it Off

BY JOSH GROSS



**BEARD, BEARD, HAT, BEARD**  
PHOTO COURTESY OF SCARLET CANARY

Scarlet Canary's most popular song on Spotify is called "The Death of Rock and Roll," which is a bit ironic, since rock and roll is alive and kicking in their music. The Colorado band's sound is a riff heavy, balls-out, face-melting combo of blazing guitars, precision drumming, and powerhouse rock vocals in the vein of The Distillers frontwoman Brody Dahl courtesy of frontwoman Hannah Maddox. But part of what makes their swagger so legit, is that the band can move seamlessly between odes to whiskey, and unironic Taylor Swift covers dressed up in thunderous double-kick rolls. Scarlet Canary has come through Southern Oregon several times, and is returning to play at Johnny B's in Medford on Sun., June 11, and guitarist Allan Maddox took the time to answer a few questions to preview the show.

**RVM: What is the band's background/how did you all get together and find your sound?**

AM: The band started in college primarily as a "Three Days Grace" inspired cover band. As we moved into original music we started to pull from Marcos and Marcus's background in death metal and metal core as well. Hannah had always been a solid vocalist when it came to singing, but screaming was a talent she was developing at the time so it worked out well to start pulling from a bit of our

metal influences as she got better and better at it. Now Hannah is a pro and while we try to hold true to our 'rock' format ultimately we kind of run off this quote: "Sing when you want to be heard. Scream when you want to be felt." Running with that basis we have ended up with this 'aluminum' rock/metal sound that seems to resonate well with all four band members.

**RVM: In this laptop ruled era, do you feel that heavy guitar rock like yours is in decline, or having a renaissance as it returns to the underground? Why or why not?**

AM: Rock might be on the decline, but I doubt it will ever die. Our hearts and interest are in the genre and driving around America we've found a large number of people who would agree with us. As to where the genre is going who can really say. All we know is that music is our outlet and we love rock and metal. So we'll play that music as hard and as loud as we can until something makes us stop or it catches on again.

**RVM: Onstage and off, rock, especially metal, remains a bit of a boy's club. You are a mixed gender-band, and one that has covered Taylor Swift and Disney Princesses. Does it change your outlook or choices as a band? What is the reaction from audiences?**

AM: Female fronted bands seem to be on the rise

to the point that it's almost becoming its own sub-genre of rock and roll. Obviously there is always the drunken creep at a bar that can make our vocalist seem a bit unwelcome, but for the most part 99 percent of the people out there have been very supportive of Hannah's role in the metal scene. If anything it has been a benefit as more women join the ranks of their male counterparts as front men we are generally met with friendship when entering a venue. Hannah is a bit out of the norm though as her guitarist is her husband. Most people are very respectful of that and I'm sure that does dissuade a part of the "boys club" mentality.

As for covering T-Swift and Disney... REAL men head bang to Disney. Those covers are a lot of fun to play live and generally convince a few more people to get off their bar stool and party with us.

**RVM: You've played Southern Oregon several times before. Any thoughts or expectations?**

AM: We love Southern Oregon. At the Johnny B's show our friends in the local band 'Hardway Bend' are opening for us and we LOVE partying with those guys. Johnny B's is always a good time and we couldn't be happier to be back! 🍷

**SCARLET CANARY, WITH THE ANCHOR, AND HARDWAY BEND**

9 pm Sunday, June 11

Johnny B's, 120 E. Sixth St., Medford

# FOOD & Drink

## Talking Death and Eating Cupcakes

### Ashland Death Cafe

BY JORDAN MARIE MARTINEZ



**ASHLAND DEATH CAFÉ PROVIDES TASTY TREATS AND INTERESTING CONVERSATION.**  
PHOTO COURTESY OF ASHLAND DEATH CAFÉ

A group of people gather together amongst pastries and tea. The mood may be somber and there may even be some tension. The topics about to be covered might not start off easy to talk about, but that's the goal of Ashland Death Cafe.

“By beginning to explore death and our relationship to it, we can prepare ourselves to make decisions that are aligned with our deepest beliefs and values about life and death,” says Laurel Miller, one of the facilitators at Ashland Death Cafe.

“There, indeed, is comfort in sitting and sharing in small groups holding a cup of hot tea and a piece of cake, a cookie, or some fruit, especially when talking about uncomfortable subjects,” says Selene Seltzer, another facilitator of the group. The founder of the idea of Death Cafes, Jon Underwood, wanted to create a safe place for people to openly discuss the often complicated topics that come with death. In 2013, Miller and Marla Estes facilitated two gatherings.

Facilitator Jennifer Matthews explains, “Based on the guidelines of the international Death Cafe movement, the Ashland Death Cafes is free of specific themes, agendas, and ideologies. Each small group talks about what emerges naturally, allowing participants to create a unique experience with others who are interested in talking about anything related to death and dying. But the conversations are always open and follow the lead of participants’ interest that evening.”

Ashland Death Cafe is comprised of nine facilitators, with the first gathering taking place June of 2015. “We were all, attendees and facilitators alike, touched by the willingness and sincerity of those in attendance to be trans-

parent and honest in a group of mostly strangers,” says Seltzer. “Over and over we heard how refreshing it was to be welcomed and deeply heard when everyone spoke of their interests, experiences, and concerns.” The limit for their gatherings are 60 people. As the gatherings commence, the larger group splits off into smaller, more intimate groups to further conversation.

When it comes to how food is involved in these gathering, Underwood says, “The act of eating and drinking is one of consciously nurturing one’s body and sustaining one’s life, so it helps mitigate those kind of fears. If you ask any caterer they’ll tell you that people eat much much more at a funeral than at a wedding and it’s for the same kind of reason. We’re all in the same boat as it were when it comes to life and death and when you recognize that it’s very humanizing. So in providing that tea and cake we’re nurturing each other, we’re giving each other a sort of cuddle with food and drink.”

“Our guests are offered a variety of tea choices and plentiful trays of delicious flavored mini cupcakes from Market of Choice adorned with candy skulls, flourless chocolate torte, and seasonal fruit,” says Miller. “We’ve been told that while the conversation about death is the main event, the food is icing on the cake!”

Death Cafe gatherings are offered four times a year, their next one taking place June 15. One can register for these gatherings on their website at [ashlanddeathcafe.com](http://ashlanddeathcafe.com), as well as learn more about the facilitators and the purpose of the group. 🍷

#### ASHLAND DEATH CAFÉ

7 – 9 pm, Thursday, June 15

Register at [ashlanddeathcafe.com](http://ashlanddeathcafe.com)

# DRINK *Local*

## De Vino Veritas: Paschal Winery

BY CHARLES FISCHMAN

*(Editor's Note: The Drink Local Column makes anonymous visits to randomly chosen vineyards and wineries to discover the truth about wine—De Vino Veritas—in Southern Oregon.)*

What causes you to change your mind about a place? When you step out onto the balcony at Paschal Winery, the stunning views of the Bear Creek Valley and surrounding mountains erase impressions of Exit 21 and the stretch of sprawl between Ashland and Phoenix. Your companion is likely to say, "I can't believe we're in Talent."

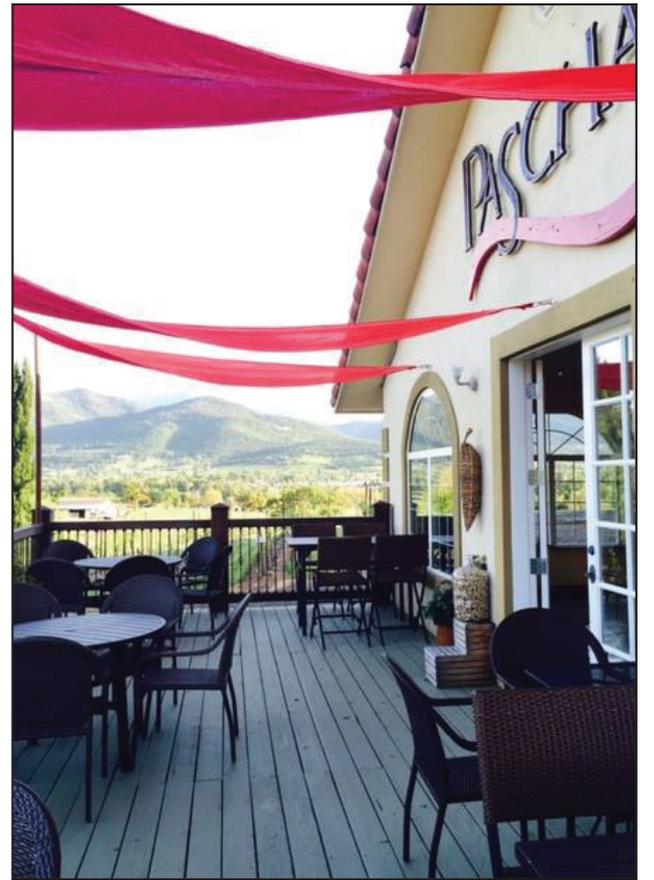
Some of Paschal's wines fit the view. The delicious 2015 Viognier would make an excellent choice when you arrive as a guest to Thanksgiving Dinner. At this time of year, the 2014 Pinot Gris will ease your suffering on a 100+ degree afternoon in the Rogue Valley. A glass of Jill's Rosé inspired landscape comparisons to Tuscany and significant discussion over the progress of Western civilization in the 2000 years since Ancient Rome's glory.

Then you wonder why the staff, certainly friendly and helpful, would not venture out to the balcony to pour the rest of your flight, even with only two other customers. You notice the dented, Home-Depot patio furniture, both on the deck

and inside the tasting room. The traffic noise from I-5 drifts into your conversation on the balcony.

These questions lead you back to the wine. Where were the grapes grown? At Paschal, roughly 60 percent grow on the property and play the leading role in the Pinot Gris, the Viognier, the rosé, the Pinot Noir, and the Syrah we tasted. The winery grows its own Riesling as well. The rest of the grapes come from other Rogue Valley vineyards. As for the wine itself, winemaker Rene Eichmann works out of Bear Creek Estates in Cave Junction which is where Paschal ages its wines, too.

Yes, if it's four o'clock, and you want to fit a winery visit in before your six pm dinner reservation and eight o'clock show, Paschal's and its tremendous view are only 15 minutes from downtown Ashland. Yes, when July and August bear down, you will have no regrets about stocking Jill's Rosé in the refrigerator. *Veritas?* No.



# SCREEN

## Rustic Wisdom

### Local Filmmaker Ross Williams and the Immortality of Storytelling

BY JACOB SCHEPPLER



**ROSS WILLIAMS HAS A STORY TO TELL, THROUGH FILM.**  
PHOTO CREDIT: KRISTAN KELLY

the course of an ad-lib monologue. However, as ancient as humankind is the process of passing wisdom from an older, more weathered generation to the fresh faced. This sentiment is at the heart of Ross Williams' film, who found such wisdom in his friend's father, and decided to capture this acuity before it was too late. An Ashland filmmaker, Williams recently featured *Papa Joe* in this year's Ashland Independent Film Festival.

"*Papa Joe* is a short documentary about one of my

Sages and philosophers come in many forms. From children spouting pithy yet insightful proclamations, as if they had just figured out some hidden perennial truth, to a venerable elder who can change your life over

best friend's dad. Growing up around him, he always felt like a larger than life character," explains Williams. "As an adult, I really grew to appreciate his stories and lust for life. He's now over 80 years old and I really wanted him to be able to tell his story before he's gone. To be able to preserve him for his family and the small town that I grew up in, that he had such a large influence over. It was a very small production, just me, my Canon 7D and a lav mic. I followed him around over the course of two days and interviewed him a couple different times. The hardest part of making the film was what I initially thought would be the easiest. Whenever you're around him, he just opens up and stories pour out of him, but something about having the camera on him made him shut down and I really had to work hard and ask him the same questions over and over to get responses. But I think he eventually cracked and opened up a bit and the true him is there on screen."

Williams was clearly inspired by Papa Joe, and Joe perhaps even played a subconscious role in bringing him to his current career. The first full-scale production he embarked on was called *eRATi-cate*, a black and white silent film that explores the duality of a relationship between rats and a human as both subversive and comforting. From there, he established Xrats Productions and [xrats.com](http://xrats.com) as the home to all his content, which is less rodent centric than one would expect. Each of his productions are

unique, but there are recurring themes of neuroticism, human psychology, and irony.

"I really love telling stories," says Williams. "Whether they're made up or they're true, it doesn't matter to me as long as they have something of substance to say. I think everybody has a unique point of view and that film is the best medium to convey that. I want to make people laugh, or scared, or cry, or make them think about a subject in a new way. Nothing is more satisfying than making a film and having it play to an audience and listen to them react to it in the moment."

In terms of garnering a reaction from the viewer, his work is adept in this practice, and palpable in his newest film *Self Inflicted*, a disturbing "romantic" comedy that delves into a masochism ad absurdum. Marquis de Sade would be intrigued by the piece. I'll leave my review at that.

"Eventually I'd like to work my way up to making a feature, probably a horror-comedy of some kind," says Williams. "That's still a few years off. I need to hit on the right idea to go all in on that huge endeavor. I'm very busy, it's hard to find the time to make my passion projects, but ultimately that's what I live for. So they manage to come together every so often." 🍷

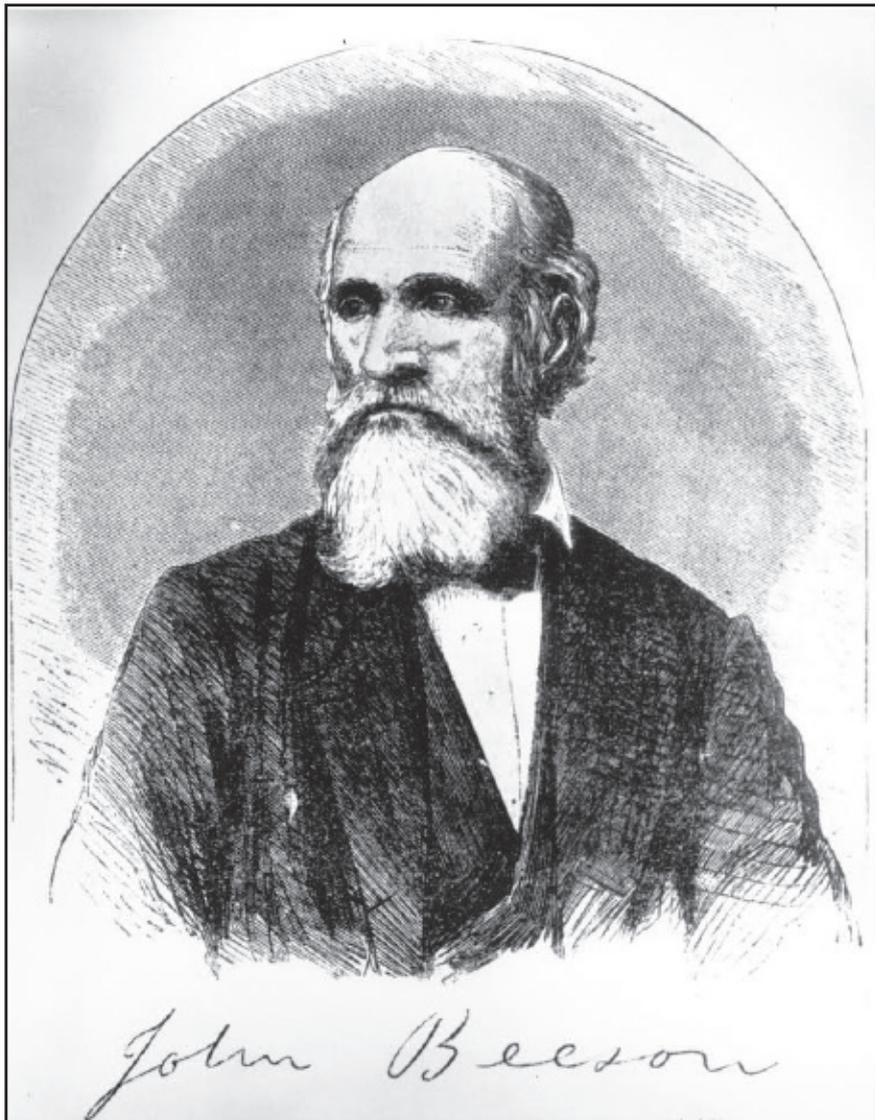
Williams' work can be viewed at [xrats.com](http://xrats.com) or at [youtube.com/xrats](https://www.youtube.com/xrats).

# CULTURE

## One Complicated Story

### *Imperfect Apostle John Beeson, Advocate for Native Americans*

BY JORDAN MARIE MARTINEZ



**JOHN BEESON**  
PHOTO COURTESY OF JAN WRIGHT

John Beeson isn't a household name. He doesn't have mountain peaks in southern Oregon named for him. An English emigrant, Beeson settled in Illinois in the 1830s, and his farm served as a waystation for the underground railroad, before walking with his wife and son as far west as Talent. An early settler in the Oregon Territory, Beeson took on the unlikely role as an advocate for Native American rights—a stance so unpopular during the brutal Rogue River Wars in 1855, that he had to flee.

But the full breadth of his story may finally have its day. Through a Kickstarter campaign, Wright is raising money to publish her book about John Beeson, titled *Imperfect Apostle John Beeson, Advocate for Native Americans*. Beeson and his family traversed to Oregon in 1853. His advocacy for Native Americans' rights lead him to opposition and potential danger because of his beliefs, eventually leading him to leave his family and Oregon.

"I have been gathering photos, letters, diaries, newspaper clippings, and oral histories for over two decades," Wright says. "My search has taken me to New York and Illinois where the Beesons once lived and to Massachusetts, Connecticut and, of course, Oregon."

Wright has written numerous historical works, such as articles for *Southern Oregon History Today*, *Images of America: Talent*, and wrote a small book titled *Celebrating 100 Years*, *Ashland Library*.

Her research for Beeson started with his son, Welborn Beeson.

"But after decades of research, the bulk of what I have found about John Beeson has national appeal and is so interwoven with the Native Americans that I couldn't resist anymore."

Her book will follow the life of Beeson, focusing on what he stood for and his role as an activist. Considered irrational and sometimes misunderstood by his own enemies, Wright's

research is to understand what Beeson stood for.

"I also want to explore the personal emotional toll of his single-minded mission and the repercussions on the family he left behind," she says. "With this book I would like to deepen a sense of history and place in the Rogue Valley and make Beeson a household name."

On her Kickstarter page, she says, "I am as compelled to write his story as he was to take up his calling."

Her research hasn't been easy and is never ending, but she's grateful for those who have contributed thus far to her Kickstarter campaign to fund the book.

"Historical writing always defers to its sources," she says. "I have to squeeze details out of the primary and secondary documents that others might miss and understand the context and surrounding characters that enter into the scenes of John Beeson's life. Tracking down personal mentions and opinions about his work have been difficult. I have encountered a few mysteries that so far have no paper trail. Kickstarter has created a sense of community and responsibility. My backers have been amazingly generous and enthusiastic and have changed the way I view the book project. I feel as if John Beeson is working behind the scenes and still wishes his message of peace to thrive in these troubled times." 🇺🇸

To learn more about Wright's plan to write this book and even help back it on her Kickstarter page: [www.kickstarter.com/projects/235507129/imperfect-apostle-john-beeson-advocate-for-native](http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/235507129/imperfect-apostle-john-beeson-advocate-for-native).

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# CULTURE

## Art Watch

### A Celebration of Color

Alx Fox at Art and Soul Gallery

BY JORDAN MARIE MARTINEZ



**SUNRISE THROUGH THE MIST**  
PHOTO CREDIT: ALX FOX

After suffering a particularly bleak winter in the Rogue Valley, it's no wonder people are ready to embrace the brightness and colors of Spring. Art & Soul Gallery's newest exhibit featuring Alx Fox's acrylic paintings is dubbing her latest installment "A Celebration of Color."

"After a long wet winter in the Rogue Valley, new pieces came about this spring in a bold way," says Fox. She's been involved in Art & Soul Gallery for five years now, this being the third time her work will be featured there.

Getting into art through black and white and cibachrome photography at Barat College in Illinois, Fox's style has evolved and moved toward an abstract style overflowing with expressions and vibrancies of color and shapes. "In the 80s I was fascinated with pastels and entered shows at the Kauai Museum," she says. "Unable to achieve the bold colors and textures I needed for self-expression and experimentation, I settled on using oil and acrylic mediums."

She describes her abstract style beginning with a lot of "trial and er-

ror and countless workshops. Nothing replaces creating art works in the learning process. Reading and studying only go so far. Time in the studio is what makes results for me. I also learn from my own students and the workshops I give."

Her piece "Sunrise Through Mist" uses subtle tones found in overcast skies, as well as great contrasting colors such as red and electric blue to provide excitement to the canvas. "Celebration" is like a literal celebration of colors, with deep reds, bright yellows, greyish green, and a darker grey to add depth.

"The sheer joy of experimentation and working on large canvases allows for creating unique results. Blending different media and being fearless with color is stimulating," she adds. "There is never a dull moment with abstracts."

Fox was featured in the First Friday Art Walk June 2, and can be viewed at Art & Soul Gallery in Ashland.

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## Row, Row, Rowing Their Boat to Silver at Nationals

### SOU Crew Inaugural Year Is More Than A Strong Start

BY PHIL BUSSE



**SARITA CRONYN-LLOYD, ERIKA DETRICK, COLEEN WHEELER, CASSIDY WHEAT AND KENNA TYLER.**  
PHOTO CREDIT: NATHAN OSTOVAR

It truly was an underdog story, the stuff that Hollywood tries to script: The Southern Oregon University crew team, in their first real year of competition, not only kept pace with some of the east coast powerhouses, but snagged a silver medal at this year's national championships in late May.

On the final weekend of May, two women's boats from SOU crew—a novice four and a novice eight—traveled to its first national competition. (Any crew that has competed for less than one year is called “novice”; other crews are varsity.) Hosted at Lake Lanier, near Atlanta, where the 1996 Olympics were held, the venue was teaming with hundreds of rowers. SOU was the newest program there.

Over the years, there has been a ragtag boat of SOU college students here and there who travel for competitions around the state, but over the past several months, SOU rowers—a team now consisting of 40 or so rowers—has somewhat quietly been gaining skills and strength with nearly daily practices at nearby Emigrant Lake, and last weekend showed they can hold their own against programs like University of Texas, Ohio State and Washington State.

Two years ago, Rogue Rowing, the community program that has rowed on Emigrant Lake for the past two decades, hired Rick Brown to head up their program. Brown has an impressive pedigree—he competed at Bates College in Maine, a solid program that routinely leads the New England colleges in rowing; and has since barnstormed the rowing world with coaching gigs at top notch programs like Marin Rowing Association in California and with Three Rivers Rowing in Pittsburgh, organizations that combined have three times received the prestigious U.S. Rowing Club of the Year award. Brown also has coached the U.S. Rowing Men's Junior National team for six years—and this coming summer will host a month long training program for junior nationals in Ashland. With Brown at the helm, Rogue Rowing has steadily been stacking up its competitive programs and starting last fall, launched SOU Crew.

“We started very late October and didn't even think

about racing last fall,” explained Brown. “We then picked up a bunch of new rowers in January. I hope it's only the beginning of getting a lot of great, committed students who wanted to be competitive athletes.”

Yet, in spite of a strong first year, SOU Crew was very much at a disadvantage compared to its competition, most which boast decades long traditions and deep-pocketed support from alumni. For example, while many of the other schools arrived at the recent national championships with trailers stacked with multiple \$30,000+ shells, SOU's women raced in boats borrowed from other teams. John Gutrich, who is an Environmental Science and Policy faculty member, also helped out coaching this past term. A rower as an undergraduate himself at Purdue University, he was able to hook up the SOU Crew with shells from that team, while Brown was able to connect the rowers with housing from the mother of a girl he had coached in Pittsburgh. With many of the other programs flush with athletic department and alumni funding, cer-

tainly SOU was the pauper program, which perhaps only added to the determination.

On race day itself, the skies were overcast and drab. The SOU women's novice four lined up against seven other teams—all which had been established more than a half-century, compared to SOU crew's which is still counting its existence in months. From the start, UNH jumped to an early lead, but followed closely by a pack of three other boats—Penn State, Williams & Mary and SOU. Much like a swim meet, rowers race in lanes, with their boats side-by-side, and SOU battled stroke for stroke, but none were able to pull away from the other crews. It was a tense race.

Races in the springtime are called “sprints,” although unlike a Track & Field 100 or 200 meter which last less than a half-minute, these sprints are six or seven minutes of anaerobic punishment; like doing 250 consecutive power lifts, but with the control of a ballerina. To gain on other crews, squads often “up” their stroke rate—38 or 40 strokes each minute—but more strokes per minute also means depleting rowers of their energy faster. Battling for the silver medal, Penn

State and Williams & Mary upped their rates in the final stretch, while SOU remained surprisingly calm, with a lower rating, but clearly stronger strokes; such calmness is usually a mark of a much more veteran team.

UNH crossed the finish line first, but the other three crews hammered the final 200 meters without one able to break away from the pack, and at the finish line, the announcer called out, “too close to call.” But, the final results showed SOU nudging out Williams & Mary by one second and Penn State by a whisker (oh, a tenth-of-a-second over the course of a seven minute race).

In SOU's other race, the women's novice eight did not qualify for the Grand Final, but rowed in the consolation heat—and in impressive fashion, handily finished first over UC-Santa Barbara and Florida. 🏆

For an interview with SOU coxswain Coleen Wheeler, check out [RogueValleyMessenger.com](http://RogueValleyMessenger.com)



**SOU MIDDLE LANE, CROSSING FINISHING LINE AT NATIONALS.**  
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# SPORTS & Outdoor

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### Quiet Places

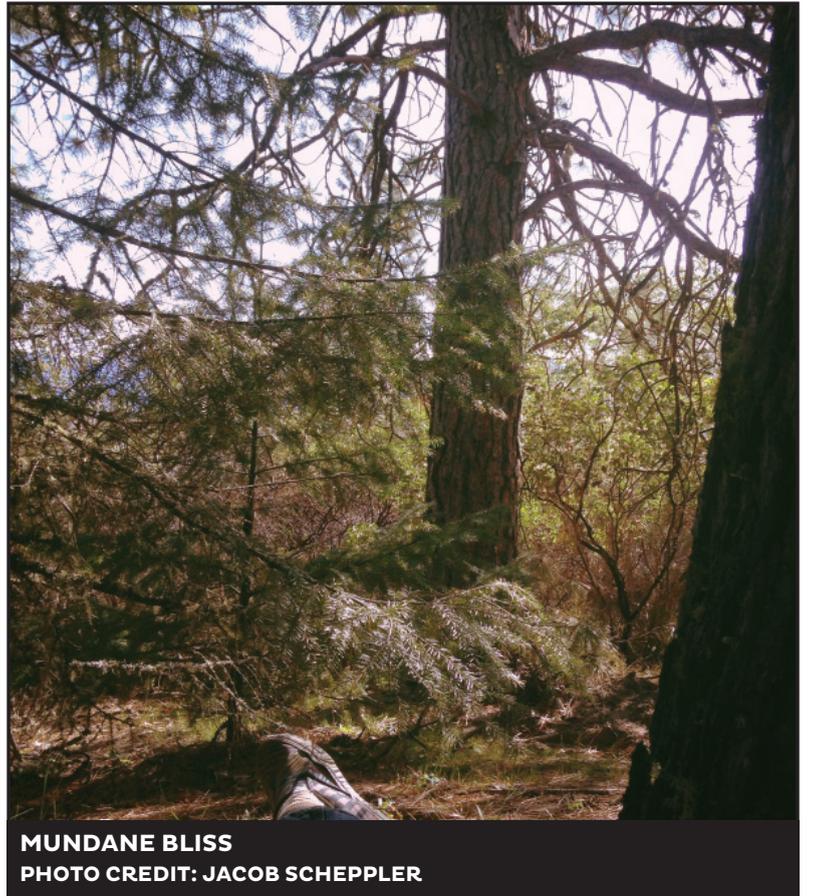
BY JACOB SCHEPPLER

As someone who spent his childhood in suburban Texas, having the opportunity to live in the Rogue Valley is a blessing. There is a sublime duality between city life and rural life, at times they even seem to coexist as a singular entity. Still, walking through palisades of concrete and traffic lights doesn't exactly induce a feeling of serenity.

Luckily, there are tranquil trails and clearings within walking distance for when the urban life becomes too much of a drain. Many will praise Lithia Park, and rightly so, but this isn't the most optimal place to go if one is searching for absolute quiescence. There is, however, a trail at the top of Liberty Street in Ashland, which will prove to be worthwhile exercise just by merit of the walk up-hill. The trail itself is impeccable and diverging; there are hardly any distractions and a different path to be taken upon each excursion. It culminates with views of the formidable Grizzly Peak, before diverging again.

Another sterling spot is Rainie Falls Trail just outside of Merlin, which is generally more populated, but still as peaceful as they come. Amid the bosom of spring, one can observe the migratory quest of salmon and steelhead trout, as they jump and flop about. This trail, unlike the official Rogue River Trail, also has the benefit of being shaded during the sweltering summer. Upon arriving at the end of the trail, there is an immense aggregate of swirling water, collecting from the rim of the above cascade.

For those slightly to the south in Grants Pass, Shan Creek Trail is another beautiful scene of verdant foliage and rushing water. Just be advised not to get lost amongst the winding paths. For the Ashland crowd, there is also the modest but alluring N. Mountain Park. These are all ideal places for anyone looking to get away from the compressed urban sprawl. It's important to remember that we aren't suited for these mechanical, robotic, and materialistic lives. ❤️



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# Here Comes The Sun Don't Get Burned By Your Sunscreen

BY DR. DANIEL SMITH

I am increasingly concerned by the degree to which the medical establishment endorses the use of sunscreen. I am also disturbed by the extent to which people who are otherwise concerned about what goes *into* their body (e.g. they eat organic food) seem quite willing to slather a chemically laden ointment *onto* their body. The premise behind the use of sunscreen lies in its ability to first, prevent sunburns and second, prevent skin cancer later in life. While the former attribute is undeniable, the second, it should be known, is currently being called into question.

Sunscreen may increase the risk of cancer due to several factors. First, it is replete with chemicals. Many of these chemicals, along with the preservatives, fragrances and stabilizers added to the formula carry undisclosed biologic effects. For example, some common active ingredients (such as benzophenone-3 and octyl methoxycinnamate) are classified as endocrine disrupters. These compounds can interfere with the female cycle, lower sperm count and cause cancer. Their effects upon children have not been studied, and they have been banned in certain countries. Other chemicals create free radical species in the skin. The sun itself will bake these chemicals, turning them into byproducts not listed on the label that are even more toxic than the parent compound. And of course, the skin being the largest organ on the body, absorbs this soup and transfers everything into the bloodstream.

The sun burns skin due to the presence of a particular form of ultraviolet light, UVB. However, both UVB and UVA cause cancer. Most sunscreens only block UVB but not UVA (and those that do block UVA require additional chemicals). Because the application of sunscreen will prevent burning, it may actually encourage people to stay out in the sun longer. However, the unopposed UVA light may very well increase the likelihood of skin cancer.

Of even greater concern is the ability of sunlight to prevent the synthesis of vitamin D, which is formed in the presence of ultraviolet light. The blocking of UV light therefore, may lower the ability of the body to produce this vitamin. The role of vitamin D in the prevention of cancer cannot be understated. William Grant, a major vitamin D researcher, estimates that vitamin D deficiency allows 100,000 people to develop cancer each year who wouldn't have if they had adequate levels to provide protection.

There are studies that substantiate my position that suntan lotion is of limited



DR. DANIEL SMITH

value. A 2007 study in the Annals of Epidemiology analyzed 17 different papers on sunscreen based on the latitude at which they were conducted. Of these, 10 studies were conducted at latitudes >40 degrees from the equator and 7 at < 40 degrees. When all the data were combined together no protective effect was seen against skin cancer. However, in studies conducted at latitudes > 40 degrees from the equator, sunscreen use increased risk. People in these regions were about one and a half times as likely to get cancer. Below 40 degrees latitude, sunscreen use lowered skin cancer risk ratio slightly. Medford, Oregon lies at 42.3265° North Latitude.

If you do use sunscreen, I recommend only using zinc oxide and titanium dioxide. Avoid creams that contain nanoparticles. I urge you to add antioxidants to the lotion. To 100 ml of lotion (about 3-4 ounces) add the 20 grams of Vitamin C and 2000-4000 IU of Vitamin E (mixed tocopherols). About four hours before heading into the sun, take orally vitamin D (5000 IU), selenium (300 mcg), vitamin A (take 50,000 IU but none if you are pregnant) and fish oil. Herbs such as curcumin, green tea and gotu kola are all herbs that can be used both topically and orally and will provide excellent antioxidant support.

Is it possible to enjoy the sun, have fun, get a light tan and diminish your toxic load all at the same time? I am answering "Yes" emphatically! ♥

Dr. Daniel Smith practices at Bear Creek Naturopathic Clinic. His office is on 2612 Barnett Ave. He specializes in naturopathic oncology, but still maintains a strong family practice, treating all manner of conditions. He can be reached at 541-770-5563 or at [drdanielnd@gmail.com](mailto:drdanielnd@gmail.com). If you would like to schedule an appointment, please ask specifically for Dr. Dan.

## FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** "The most intense moments the universe has ever known are the next 15 seconds," said philosopher Terence McKenna. He was naming a central principle of reality: that every new NOW is a harvest of everything that has ever happened; every fresh moment is a blast of novelty that arises in response to the sum total of all history's adventures. This is always true, of course. But I suspect the phenomenon will be especially pronounced for you in the near future. More than usual, you may find that every day is packed with interesting feelings and poignant fun and epic realizations. This could be pleasurable, but also overwhelming. Luckily, you have the personal power necessary to make good use of the intensity.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Nobody likes to be scrutinized or critiqued or judged. But we Crabs (yes, I'm one of you) are probably touchier about that treatment than any other sign of the zodiac. (Hypersensitivity is a trait that many astrologers ascribe to Cancerians.) However, many of us do allow one particular faultfinder to deride us: the nagging voice in the back of our heads. Sometimes we even give free rein to its barbs. But I would like to propose a transformation of this situation. Maybe we could scold ourselves less, and be a bit more open to constructive feedback coming from other people. Starting now.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** The lion's potency, boldness, and majesty are qualities you have a mandate to cultivate in the next three weeks. To get in the righteous mood, I suggest you gaze upon images and videos of lions. Come up with your own version of a lion's roar -- I mean actually make that sound -- and unleash it regularly. You might also want to try the yoga posture known as the lion pose. If you're unfamiliar with it, go here for tips: [tinyurl.com/lionpose](http://tinyurl.com/lionpose). What else might help you invoke and express the unfettered leonine spirit?



**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** "What does it matter how many lovers you have if none of them gives you the universe?" French psychoanalyst Jacques Lacan posed that question. I invite you to put it at the top of your list of hot topics to meditate on. In doing so, I trust you won't use it as an excuse to disparage your companions for their inadequacies. Rather, I hope it will mobilize you to supercharge your intimate alliances; to deepen your awareness of the synergistic beauty you could create together; to heighten your ability to be given the universe by those whose fates are interwoven with yours.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** From my study of the lost prophecies of Nostradamus, the hidden chambers beneath the Great Pyramid of Cheops, and the current astrological omens, I have determined that now is a favorable time for you to sing liberation songs with cheeky authority . . . to kiss the sky and dance with the wind on a beach or hilltop . . . to gather your most imaginative allies and brainstorm about what you really want to do in the next five years. Do you dare to slip away from business-as-usual so you can play in the enchanted land of what-if? If you're smart, you will escape the grind and grime of the daily rhythm so you can expand your mind to the next largest size.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** "On some hill of despair," wrote poet Galway Kinnell, "the bonfire you kindle can light the great sky -- though it's true, of course, to make it burn you have to throw yourself in." You may not exactly feel despair, Scorpio. But I suspect you are in the throes of an acute questioning that makes you feel close to the edge of forever. Please consider the possibility that it's a favorable time to find out just how much light and heat are hidden inside you. Your ache for primal fun and your longing to accelerate your soul's education are converging with your quest to summon a deeper, wilder brilliance.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You're in a phase when you have the power to find

answers to questions that have stumped you for a while. Why? Because you're more open-minded and curious than usual. You're also ready to be brazenly honest with yourself. Congrats! In light of the fact that you'll be lucky at solving riddles, I've got three good ones for you to wrestle with. 1. Which of your anxieties may actually be cover-ups for a lazy refusal to change a bad habit? 2. What resource will you use more efficiently when you stop trying to make it do things it's not designed to do? 3. What blessing will you receive as soon as you give a clear signal that you are ready for it?

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** A typical Capricorn cultivates fervent passions, even to the point of obsession. Almost no one knows their magnitude, though, because the members of your tribe often pursue their fulfillment with methodical, business-like focus. But I wonder if maybe it's a good time to reveal more of the raw force of this driving energy than you usually do. It might humanize you in the eyes of potential helpers who see you as too strong to need help. And it could motivate your allies to provide the extra support and understanding you'll need in the coming weeks.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** In accordance with the astrological omens, I invite you to carry out a flashy flirtation with the color red. I dare you to wear red clothes and red jewelry. Buy yourself red roses. Sip red wine and savor strawberries under red lights. Sing Elvis Costello's "The Angels Want to Wear My Red Shoes" and Prince's "Little Red Corvette." Tell everyone why 2017 is a red-letter year for you. For extra credit, murmur the following motto whenever a splash of red teases and pleases your imagination: "My red-hot passion is my version of high fashion."

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** "If you want a puppy, start by asking for a pony," read the bumper sticker on the Lexus SUV I saw. That confused me. Would the owner of a Lexus SUV be the type of person who didn't expect to get what she really wanted? In any case, Pisces, I'm conveying a version of this bumper-sticker wisdom to you. If you want your domestic scene to thrive even more than it already does, ask for a feng shui master to redesign your environment so it has a perfect flow of energy. If you want a community that activates the best in you, ask for a utopian village full of emotionally intelligent activists. If you want to be animated by a focused goal that motivates you to wake up excited each morning, ask for a glorious assignment that will help save the world.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Life is in the mood to communicate with you rather lyrically. Here are just a few of the signs and portents you may encounter, along with theories about their meaning. If you overhear a lullaby, it's time to seek the influence of a tender, nurturing source. If you see a type of fruit or flower you don't recognize, it means you have a buried potential you don't know much about, and you're ready to explore it further. If you spy a playing card in an unexpected place, trust serendipity to bring you what you need. If a loud noise arrives near a moment of decision: Traditionally it signifies caution, but these days it suggests you should be bold.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Your body is holy and magic and precious. I advise you not to sell it or rent it or compromise it in any way -- especially now, when you have an opening to upgrade your relationship with it. Yes, Taurus, it's time to attend to your sweet flesh and blood with consummate care. Find out exactly what your amazing organism needs to feel its best. Lavish it with pleasure and healing. Treat it as you would a beloved child or animal. I also hope you will have intimate conversations with the cells that compose your body. Let them know you love and appreciate them. Tell them you're ready to collaborate on a higher level. 🍷

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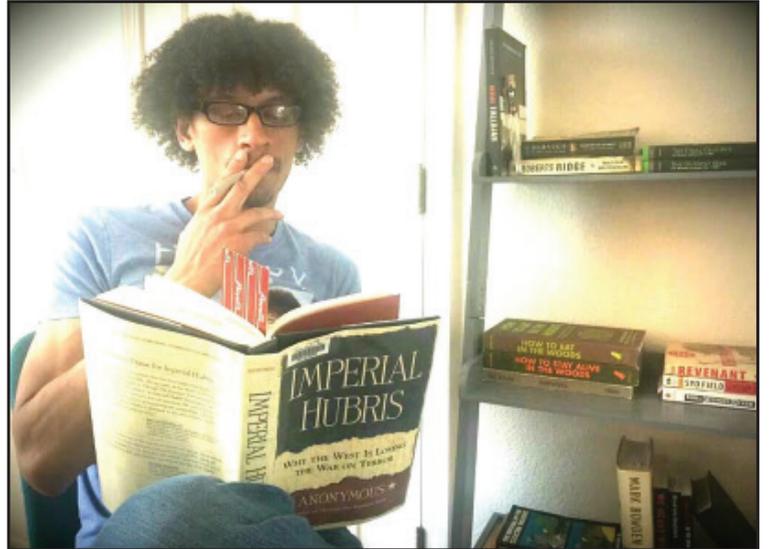
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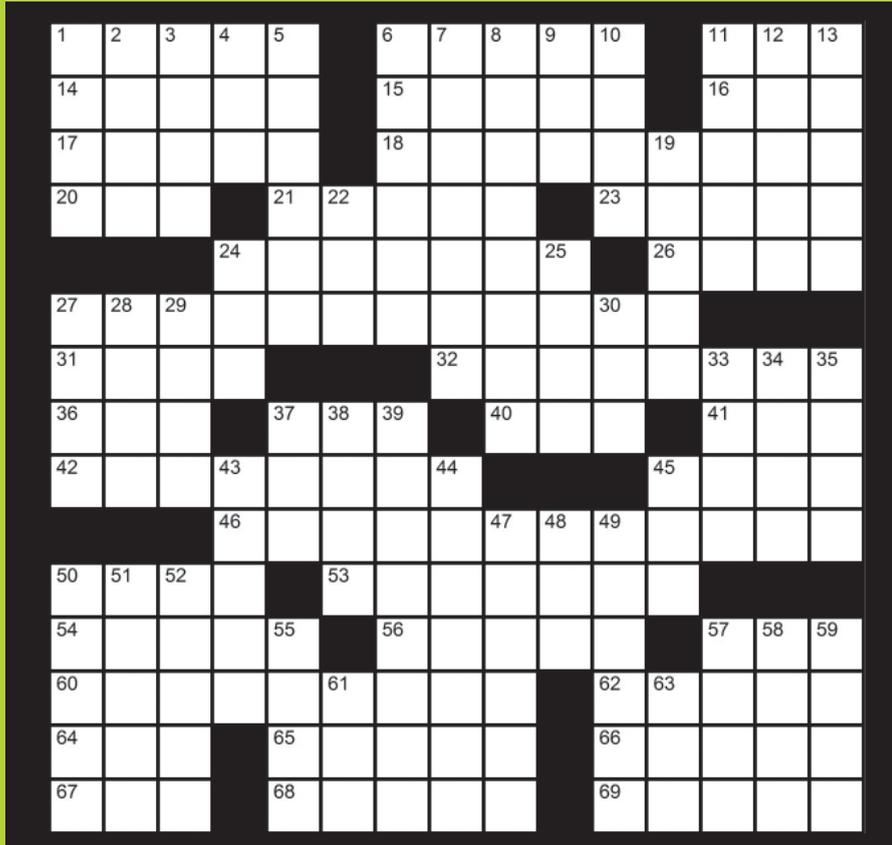
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- 14 Judge's place
- 15 Kazakhstan range
- 16 Marriage starter
- 17 Gloss over, vocally
- 18 Grab a belief?
- 20 Pizza \_\_\_ (2015 meme)
- 21 Disturbance
- 23 Low tattoo spot
- 24 Bar tests?
- 26 Holes in Swiss cheese
- 27 "M\*A\*S\*H" character's cutesy Disney Channel series?
- 31 Four-award initialism
- 32 Charmed
- 36 The whole thing
- 37 Airwaves regulatory gp.
- 40 Planetarium depiction
- 41 Call for Lionel Messi
- 42 Northern California draw
- 45 One of four on a diamond
- 46 Brothel owner on a pogo stick?
- 50 Word in multiple "Star Wars" titles
- 53 Neighbor of Morocco
- 54 Acid in proteins, informally
- 56 \_\_\_ District (Lima, Peru beach resort area)
- 57 Maggie Simpson's grandpa
- 60 Queen of paddled boats?
- 62 Injured by a bull
- 64 Ginormous
- 65 The first U.S. "Millionaire" host, to fans
- 66 Bring together
- 67 Part of IPA
- 68 Having lots of land
- 69 Ford Fusion variety

- 3 "Don't bet \_\_\_!"
- 4 \_\_\_ Soundsystem
- 5 Stanley Cup org.
- 6 Sailors' uprising
- 7 "A Little Respect" synthpop band
- 8 They get greased up before a birthday
- 9 A.L. Central team, on scoreboards
- 10 Schnauzer in Dashiell Hammett books
- 11 Swear word?
- 12 "Hello" singer
- 13 Completely, in slang (and feel free to chastise me if I ever use this word)
- 19 Calendario starter
- 22 Slick stuff
- 24 Frequent chaser of its own tail
- 25 Mt. Rushmore loc.
- 27 Make a mad dash
- 28 Give creepy looks to
- 29 Tattled
- 30 "Snatched" star Schumer
- 33 Word before kill or rage
- 34 "Let It Go" singer
- 35 Consider
- 37 "Learn to Fly" band \_\_\_ Fighters
- 38 Barry Manilow's club
- 39 Increasingly infrequent dashboard option
- 43 Full of complaints
- 44 Political placards in your yard, e.g.
- 45 Sheep's sound
- 47 Made out
- 48 Miracle-\_\_\_ (garden brand)
- 49 "Goodbye Pork Pie Hat" bassist Charles
- 50 Brand name in the smoothie world
- 51 Server piece
- 52 Morose song
- 55 Gumbo veggie
- 57 Uninspired
- 58 B in Greek Philosophy?
- 59 Genesis setting
- 61 DOE's predecessor
- 63 It comes after twelve

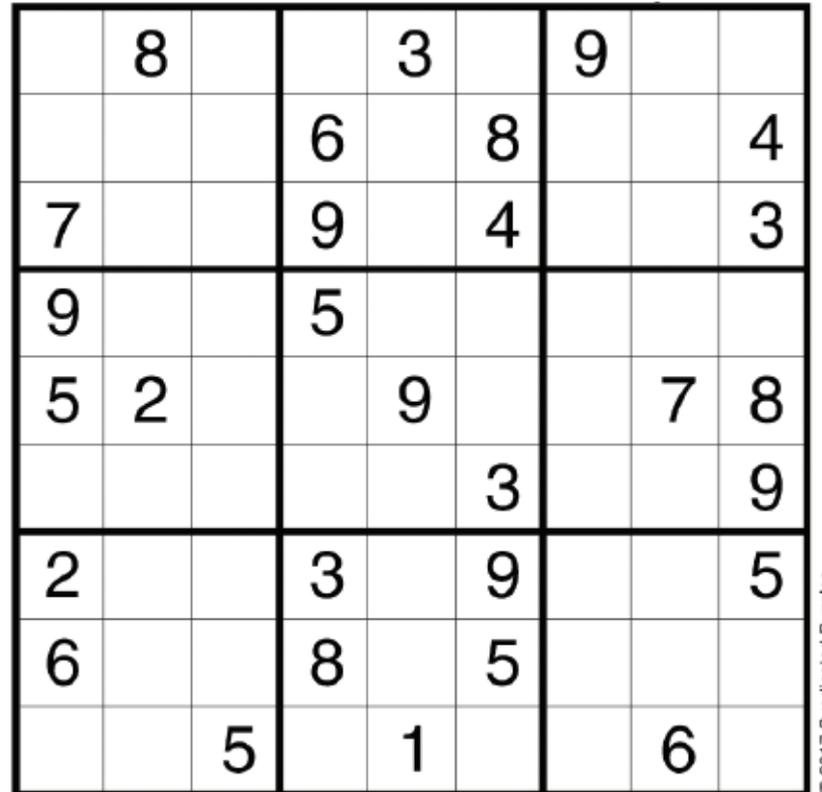
### Down

- 1 Lyft competitor, in most places
- 2 Bauhaus song "\_\_\_ Lugosi's Dead"

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## SUDOKU

NO. 174 - VERY HARD



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Previous solution - Tough

6	3	9	8	2	1	7	4	5
1	7	4	3	9	5	8	2	6
2	8	5	7	4	6	1	3	9
7	2	1	4	3	9	6	5	8
4	6	3	5	7	8	9	1	2
9	5	8	1	6	2	4	7	3
3	9	6	2	1	7	5	8	4
5	1	2	9	8	4	3	6	7
8	4	7	6	5	3	2	9	1

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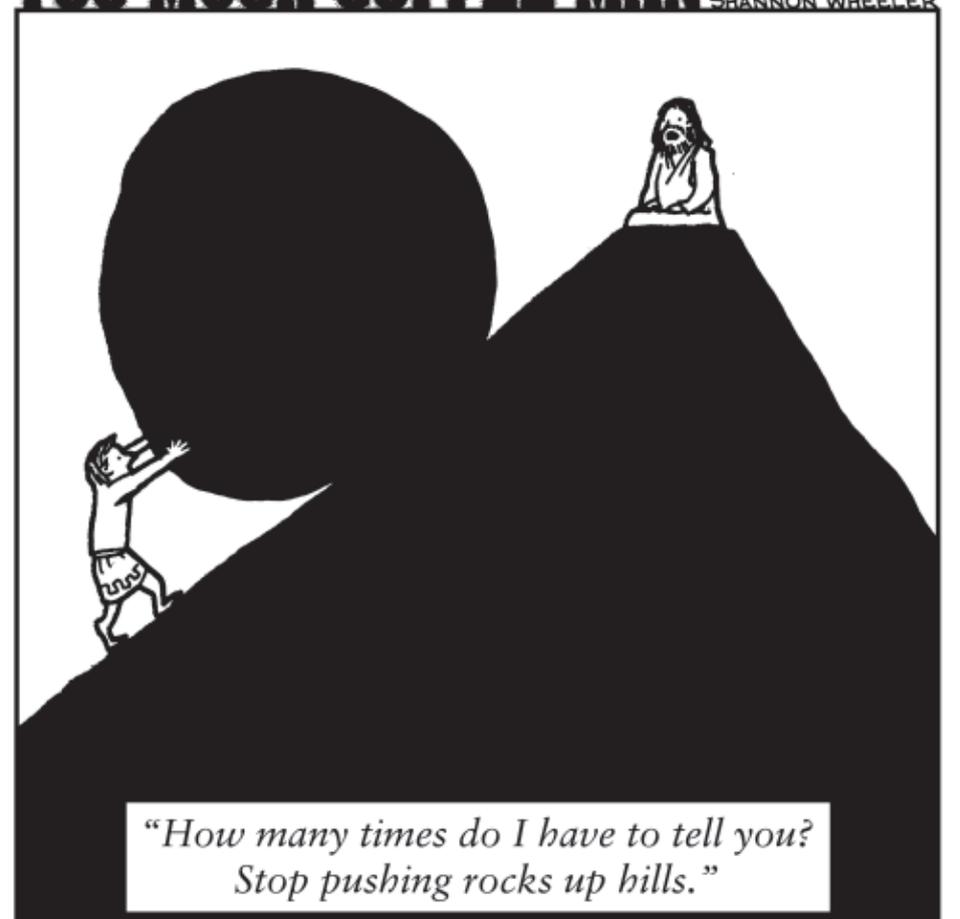
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