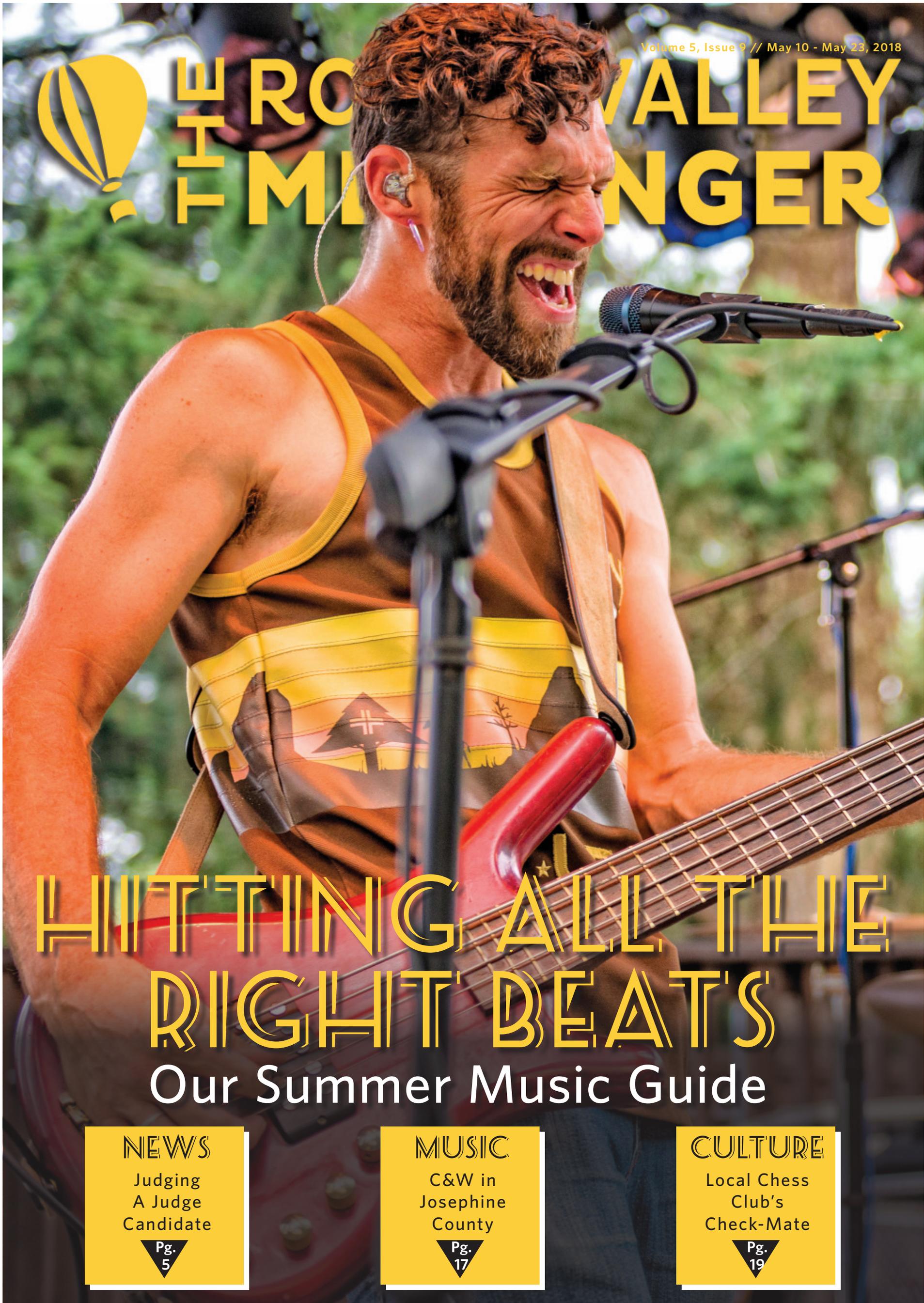




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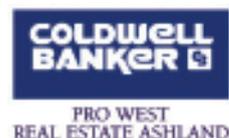


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# PUBLIC PROFILE

## David Orr, Jackson County Circuit Court Judge

INTERVIEW BY CAITLIN FOWLKES



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID ORR

**Rogue Valley Messenger: Outside of your professional experience what sets you apart, at the personal level, from the other Jackson County Circuit Court Judge candidates?**

David Orr: My unique life experiences give me per-

spectives that very few judicial candidates are likely to have. I did not come from a privileged background. I've experienced poverty and other challenges in my younger years; at one point I lived out of my car. I started college as a "non-traditional student" at the age of 23 and worked my way through college and law school as a laborer.

On a lighter note, I think I'm probably the only candidate who plays in a jazz band! My wife, Melissa, and I have been performing with the Bathtub Gin Serenaders since 2010.

**RVM: You've run unsuccessfully in the past.**

**What makes you hopeful for this year?**

D.O.: In the past, I ran against incumbents. This time, there's an open seat. Many people are unaware that Oregon's constitution states that judges are to be elected by voters, but the great majority of them are actually appointed to office, and later re-elected in uncontested elections. This is true not only for our local circuit court judges, but also for the Oregon Court of Appeals and the Oregon Supreme Court. Here's how this happens: when judges approach retirement, they resign before reaching the end of their term. This allows the governor to appoint a replacement, under a provision of law designed to address situations in which a deceased or incapacitated judge needs to be replaced quickly. In practice, however, many retiring judges purposely choose not to complete their final term, so that the governor can appoint their successor and circumvent the electoral process. As a result, most judges are not elected by the citizens, they are chosen by the governor.

Despite the fact that I ran against incumbents, my previous races were very close. I received 47.6 percent of the votes in 2012.

**RVM: What experience do you have for this position?**

D.O.: I began my legal career 23 years ago, as a public defender. As a new lawyer, I felt a calling to challenge the government's power over the people. Serving as a defense lawyer was the most direct way I could leap into the fray. I was particularly interested in litigation that tested the legal limits of police

actions, such as use of force on citizens, and search and seizure. That job also brought me to believe that all judges should have the experience of working as a defense attorney, in order to understand what it's like for an individual citizen to face off against the machinery of the state.

Since 2003, I've been serving Jackson County as a deputy district attorney and have experienced the justice system from the perspective of those who are victimized by crime. From 2007 to 2012 I was assigned to prosecute crimes against children. This was by far the most heartbreaking and critically important responsibility I have ever undertaken. This type of crime is more common than we'd like to think.

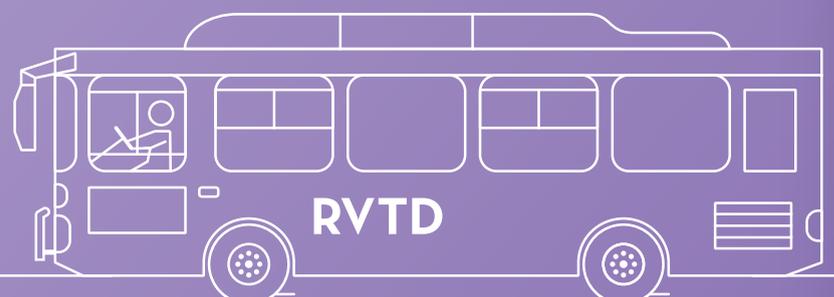
For the past three years, I've been assigned to prosecute adult sex abuse crimes, and I currently serve on the Jackson County's SART (Sexual Assault Response Team). Prosecuting these types of cases has raised my awareness about the kind of criminal who preys on the vulnerable.

**RVM: Why does that experience make you a good fit for Jackson County?**

D.O.: It is no secret that we have a growing crime problem in Jackson County that affects an increasing number of people. The overwhelming majority of jury trials in our county are criminal cases. A judge should have balanced experience from both sides of the criminal justice system in order to rule fairly and effectively in these cases. My experience as a prosecutor and a defense attorney uniquely qualify me to fairly evaluate both sides of every case. 🍷

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## Local Shows Not to Miss

The *Messenger's* top picks for what is coming through the Rogue Valley this summer

BY JOSH GROSS

### VIOLENT FEMMES AT BRITT ON TUE., JUNE 19

Acoustic punks, with sweet lyrics, sour vocals ranges, iconic songs, and a perfect balance of rage, and goofiness. There had never been a band like the Violent Femmes when they launched in the '80s, and there still hasn't been.

### LUNG AT JOHNNY B'S ON WED., JULY 25

Doom cello, ya'll. Doom cello. This Cleveland two-piece blasts moody, scrappy, raw and atmospheric rock with cello and drums. It's both familiar and totally new, and sure to be thrilling live.

### MASTODON AT BRITT ON TUE., JUNE 26

Jacksonville doesn't really get a lot in the way of metal shows. But the quality here ought to make up for the low quantity. Mastodon is as heavy and epic as

its namesake, with blistering guitar and double-kick, beneath melodically complex songwriting and vocal harmonies. If you don't like metal, Mastodon could turn you around. Or send you running for the hills.

### KOI DIVISION AT JOHNNY B'S ON TUE., JULY 3

Koi Division, the only fish-goth Joy Division parody band that matters. And if you don't want to see that, well then give it up now and go back the caves, cause there aint' no point.

### VEERS AT THE SOUND LOUNGE ON SUN., JUNE 3

We can't say definitively that L.A. space-rockers Veers are going to be the next big thing, but they have just the kind of sound that easily could be: a spacy, modern take on Brit-rock that feels somewhere between Blur and Tame Impala.



YOU PROBABLY THOUGHT WE WERE KIDDING THAT KOI DIVISION WAS A REAL BAND. PHOTO COURTESY OF KOI DIVISION

## Festivals Not to Miss But Not Too Far From Home

BY JOSH DAVIS

For this year's summer music festival guide, we are keeping our picks within a three-hour drive. That way you won't have to waste too much money on gas or turn into an angry Clark W. Griswold. Three of these festivals are here in the Rogue Valley, which means you can even sleep in your own bed... if you want to. (But aren't festivals more fun when you don't; winky-face emoticon!)

### APPLE JAM IN APPLGATE

Most of us know about Apple Jam, but this year they are celebrating their tenth anniversary. It's right here in our own backyard so the kids won't have a chance to ask, 'are we there yet?' There are too many bands to list, but every day's lineup is packed with great music. Friday May 18 features 100 Watt Mind, Scott Pemberton, and World's Finest. Saturday May 19 features Slow Corpse, Polyrhythmics, and Andy Frasco & The U.N. Sunday May 20 features Brother Angus, The Brothers Reed, and The Moves Collective.

*Weekend passes are \$150, Friday Day Pass: \$80, Saturday Day Pass: \$80, Sunday Day Pass: \$40. Camping and Parking are included in the ticket price, and children under 12 are free. AppleJamMusicFestival.com*

### BOATNIK IN GRANTS PASS

Not exactly a music festival, but they are celebrating their sixtieth year—and L.A. glam-band Warrant (of "Cherry Pie" fame) is playing on Fri., May 25 at Riverside Park. Lead singer Jani Lane (who passed away in 2011) was replaced by Robert Mason in 2008. Mason was the former singer for Dokken guitarist George Lynch's band, Lynch Mob. Mason also sang backing vocals for Ozzy Osbourne during his 1995, Retirement Sucks Tour. There's isn't a better rock n' roll credential than being hand-picked by Ozzy. And don't forget to stick around after the concert for a fireworks show.

*Tickets are \$35 General Admission (gates open at 6 pm). \$30 Pre-Sale Tickets are available at all Lil' Pantry Locations. boatnik.com*

### 4 PEAKS MUSIC FESTIVAL IN BEND

Bend is an ideal place to camp out and listen to some of the best touring bands in the country. Located on picturesque Stevenson Ranch, the 4 Peaks Mu-

sic Festival runs from Thu., June 21-Sun., June 24; and has plenty of activities and nightlife that everyone can enjoy. Kidlandia is kid favorite, as well this year's lineup features Nahko And Medicine For The People, Greensky Bluegrass, North Mississippi All-stars, Mother Hips, and at least a dozen other great bands (see page 6).

*Regular Tickets: \$200. RV Pass: \$150. Young Adult Ticket: \$70. Vehicle Impact Fee: \$20 per vehicle (please carpool). Day Parking: \$5, pay at the gates. 4PeaksMusic.com*

### NEWBERRY MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL IN LA PINE

The sixth annual Newberry Music festival in La Pine, Oregon (Fri., July 27-Sun., July 29) is special because not only because it features great music and camping, it is also a charity that benefits the Oregon National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Located on a beautiful property, across from the Newberry National Volcanic Monument, this is an ideal event for those wanting to avoid typical summer festival crowds. This year's festival features Pimps of Joytime, Shook Twins, HoneyHoney, and Five Alarm Funk; just to name a few. Space is limited, so the Newberry Festival is more like a private party than your average festival.

Don't wait until the last minute to buy tickets, or you may not make the invite list.

*\$150 for the weekend. Tent camping is free with a three-day event ticket. Kids under 13 free. RV tickets available for an additional fee, but tickets are limited.*

*Newberryevent.com*

### WEST COAST COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL AT THE GREEN SPRINGS INN

Less than an hour from Ashland, so you can get off work on Friday and enjoy some great Americana music the same night. You can also stay at the Green Springs Inn or camp at the Hyatt Lake Resort, if you want to have some extra outdoor fun. Pe-party doors open at 5pm on Fri., August 10 and 11am on Sat., August 11. This year's lineup features Zach Bryson and the Meat Rack, Miss Lonely Hearts, Halden Wofford And The Hi Beams, and Intuitive Compass.

*Tickets \$30: Advance. \$40 at the door. Kids under 14 Free. Weekend Passes \$50 Advance and \$80 at the door. VIP Tickets are also available. Advance Tickets can be purchased from: eventbrite.com*



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# SUMMER MUSIC GUIDE

## Dancing With Yourself silent Discos Expand to the Butler Bandshell

BY CAITLIN FOWLKES



ARE SILENT DISCO-ITES EVEN LISTENING TO THE SAME MUSIC? NO ONE KNOWS!  
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The words “silent” and “disco” seem like an inherent contradiction. But the sight of people dancing to live DJ-ed music broadcast to wireless headphones rimmed with blinking L.E.D. lights is well-known to those prone to taking strolls through Lithia Park in Ashland during summer evenings.

But those silent discos, courtesy of Silent Movement International, has outgrown their bell-bottomed britches.

“We were getting angry mobs at our events because we only had 100 headsets and there was always a line,” says

the event’s founder, Jordan Rose.

So for this year’s silent disco season, the event’s third, Rose and company are expanding the event’s scope with more headsets, a larger venue, food trucks, and sponsorship from Ashland Parks and Recreation.

Every First Friday, from May 4 through October, Silent Movement International will be holding its silent discos at the Butler Bandshell in Lithia Park,

Because SMI has worked so closely with Parks and Rec. to put on the discos, Rose said it’s molded the organization into what it is today. Technically, SMI is a fiscally sponsored project of a larger 501c3 non-profit. Therefore, they request a donation of \$5 per headset rental to keep the discos going.

Rose, Ashland native, said he’s been in the performance industry for about 15 years. He and his partner attended a silent disco in Portland and agreed they should bring it to Southern Oregon.

“It helps circumvent a lot of the red tape and ordinances that come with trying to do events in Ashland,” Rose said.

Rose said there’s a lack of entertainment for youth in town and works to cater the discos to all ages.

“We’ve had a lot of parents come to our events,” Rose said. “We’ve got a huge Burner community here in Ashland, and now they have kids.”

Because of the often-younger audiences at their events, the DJs spin music without profanity.

Last year they started projecting light shows, as well as live video-mapping and visuals. This year will bring some new additions as well including food trucks and interac-

tive art. They’ll also host day discos which will be flash-advertised on their Facebook page.

Rose said the staff is entirely comprised of volunteers and all of the equipment is donated. Most funds raised at the events are donated to various non-profits showcased at the events including the Lotus Rising Project, Heartisan Youth Foundation and the Ashland Food Bank. The focus this year will be for the Ashland Parks Foundation.

“As a team, we’ve realized that we have a lot of great ideas for developmental youth programs,” Rose said. “We really lean towards youth support and education.”

They’re in the process of developing a program called Shadow Labs where kids can learn about the music production process, how to DJ and VJ, and use synthesizers from the volunteer DJs.

“Our ultimate goal is to have kids who are trained to do every aspect of what we do at the silent disco and then we can give them the equipment and help them facilitate their own fundraising event,” Rose said. “We want to teach them to think locally and empower them to create change and impact in the community.”

The goal is to have these programs up and running once the discos end in October.

“It encourages alternative forms of communication,” Rose said. “You can take your headphones off and have a conversation because there’s no music to talk over, then you put your headphones back on and you’re back in the music matrix where you’re communicating through movement.”

**SILENT DISCOS**, First Fridays, May-October  
Butler Bandshell, Lithia Park, Ashland, \$5 donation



Hannah Mayree

Deya Dova

Youssoupha Sidibe

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### Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 5/11: Wild Tribal Medicine Dance
- 5/13: Uger--Khan; Traditional Tuvan Folk Throat Singing
- 5/17: Deya Dova w/ Kalpataru Tree: future mystic temple tribal beats
- 5/18: Circle Singing with Hannah Mayree - No mistake zone
- 5/18: Hannah Mayree Live Casbah Concert banjo and vocal harmonies
- 5/19-5/20: Anam Thubten & Kilung Rinpoches Meditation Retreat
- 5/22: Youssoupha Sidibe kora & devotional lyrics from Senegal
- 5/25: Fractals of Infinity - Alcyon Massive & Fractal Love Jam
- 5/26: Psychedelic Documentary Mini-Film Fest
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## thurs 10 The Rock Collection

**MUSIC**—This Rock Collection is the best because each member is a show-stopper on their own, but together, they are dynamite: Melvin Seals (Jerry Garcia Band/JGB), Greg Anton (Zero), Stu Allen (Phil Lesh & Friends), Dan “Lebo” Lebowitz (ALO), John-Paul McLean (JGB) and Stephanie Salva (Tumbleweed Soul). 9 pm. Applegate River Lodge and Restaurant, 15100 Hwy 238, Applegate. \$17, online. \$20, door.



## fri 11 – sun 13 Art in Bloom

**FESTIVAL**—Spring is here, and it is time to celebrate with art! Art of all types will be showcased, including live music, food and children’s activities. And kicking Mother’s Day Weekend off right will be Open Streets Night on Friday, where the streets will be clear of cars for walking and bicycling enjoyment. 5:30 – 8 pm, Friday. 10 am – 5 pm, Saturday. 11am – 4 pm, Sunday. Downtown Medford.



## fri 11 Magic of Jason Andrews

**MAGIC**—Sawing people in half and bunnies appearing out of top hats is the bread-and-butter magic show. But Jason Andrews takes the traditional magic up several notches and adds a flair of comedy in his internationally acclaimed routines. He has also been decorated by the International Brotherhood of Magicians, which is actually a thing. 7 pm. Randall Theatre Medford, 10 E. 3rd Street, Medford. \$10 – \$15.



## sat 12 Urban Forest Carnival

**CARNIVAL**—The World Premier Urban Forest Carnival is bringing the trees and those who work up in them to the city. The fastest tree climbers, the sharpest cross-cut saws, the speediest zipline, and more await in the urban forest. 8 am – 5 pm. Hawthorne Park, 501 E. Main Street, Medford. Free.



## sat 12 Meadowlark Comic Con

**COMIC CON**—Still reeling from the Medford Comic Con? Or just getting warmed up? The Meadowlark Comic Con swoops in to save the day and offer another opportunity to cosplay, create and connect with favorite characters and culture. 10 am – 5 pm. Ramada Medford Hotel and Conference Center, 2250 Biddle Road, Medford.



## sat 12 & thurs 17 Wild and Scenic Film Festival

**FILM**—The next best thing to experiencing the wild and scenic places in our world is seeing them on the big screen in all their glory. Prepare to be inspired. 11 am – 10 pm, Saturday, May 12. College of the Siskiyous, 800 College Avenue, Weed, California. \$5 – \$15. 7:30 – 10 pm, Thursday, May 17. Ninkasi Administrative Building, 155 Blair Blvd., Eugene. \$12 – \$18.



## sat 12 Spring Wine Stroll

**WINE**—Simply sampling all the amazing wines our Valley has to offer would be lovely enough, but with food and strolling at the same time? Perfecto! Local downtown Grants Pass businesses will each host a local winery and local food paired with it for strollers to sample at their own pace. 3 – 6 pm. Downtown Grants Pass. \$30 – \$35.



## sun 13 I Can Go

**READING**—In preparation for full production, *I Can Go* by Meridith Friedman seeks the audience’s input after a dramatic reading in conjunction with Ashland New Plays Festival. *I Can Go* is the final piece in a trilogy about the Hoffman family, with a secret and a farewell. 7:30 – 10 pm. Southern Oregon University, Main Stage Theatre, 1250 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland. \$20.



## thurs 17 Druid and Super Moon

**MUSIC**—The stoner/psych of *Druid* from Ohio pairs well with the stoner/doom of *Super Moon* from Nebraska. Aside from the obvious common ground of “stoner,” *Druid* takes a bit more time developing a song, while *Super Moon* jumps right in, but these seeming opposites attract and make for one great show. 8 – 11 pm. Johnny B’s, 120 E. Sixth Street, Medford.



## fri 18 – mon 21 Apple Jam

**MUSIC**—Receiving the Bestie this year for “Best Music Festival,” Apple Jam is everything a music festival should be, and then some. From The Quick & Easy Boys to The Brothers Reed to Slow Corpse (Bestie Band), there is music for everyone. This year will also feature a roller skating rink and silent disco in the wee hours. Apple Jam Music Festival, 14391 Williams Hwy, Williams. \$100 – \$150.



## sat 19 World Music Festival

**FESTIVAL**—Our world is a big one, and it is full of music. The World Music Festival celebrates it all in one day in this family friendly event, complete with ethnic food and beverage vendors to fuel the music and, of course, the dancing! 12 – 6 pm. Lithia Park, Butler Bandshell, 150 Winburn Way, Ashland. Free.



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**GRETA AND EMILY** - Belle Fiore Winery. 6 to 8 pm.

**JOHN HOLLIS** - Thursdays & Fridays at Callahan's Lodge. 6 pm.

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**DJ FINATTIK** - Live in the Mix, Thursdays at Saturdays at The Vinyl Club. 10 pm to 2 am.

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

### JACKSONVILLE

**DAVID PINSKY & BROADWAY PHIL** - Blues at Bella Union. 7 to 9 pm.

### MEDFORD

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

**BURLESQUE BINGO** - "Join Miss Darby Doll and Vix Vargas, along with Velvet Thorn, Sundae Sparkles and Esmeralda Fox along with guests MC Debby Dale for a night of burlesque performances, bingo games and fun at the show where everyone wins!" Johnny B's. 7 pm. \$5 cover.

**THROWBACK THURSDAY** - Music by DJ Dysfunktion at Grape Street Bar and Grill, throwback jams from the 70s to present. 7 to 11 pm.

**LEGENDS OF THE ROAD: JOHN LENNON** - "A tribute to John Lennon, one of the greatest all-time singer-songwriters from the rock and roll era." Doug Warner, Bret Levick, Don Harriss, Matt Terreri, Gene Black, Bob Evoniuk, Jennifer DePuglia, and Greg Frederick. Craterian Theater. 7:30 to 9:30 pm. \$28 Reserved online.

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

**ZEPARELLA** - All female Led Zeppelin inspired tribute performs at Howiee's on Front. Doors open at 8 pm. Show 9 pm to midnight. \$15 adv, \$18 door.

### TALENT

**THE BROTHERS REED & SAGE LEAF** - TonTon's Artisan Affections. 7 to 10 pm. \$10 admission.

### WILLIAMS

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

## FRIDAY, MAY 11

### ASHLAND

**ERIC LEADBETTER** - Belle Fiore Winery. 6 to 8 pm.

**GAY, BLACK AND PROUD!** - "In a time when things can seem to be unraveling fast how do we find resilience and strength through it all? How do we come together in our differences and celebrate each other? How we we hold the hard questions and still see the good?" Join an evening of Spoken Word exploring themes of Race, Gender, Queerness, Sexuality and what it means to be alive in these times right now. Followed by a community conversation afterward. Geos Institute. 6 to 8 pm. \$10 online or at the door. Tickets at <https://gayblackandproud.ticketbud.com/gay-black-and-proud->

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

**JIM QUINBY & JULIA RUPP** - La Baguette Music Cafe. 7 to 9 pm.

**DAVID SCOGGIN** - Music at 6 pm at The Wild Goose. Karaoke at 8:30 pm.

**BRAM LIGHTBOURNE** - "Featuring the enchanting Electronic Wind Instrument, an extremely expressive instrument capable of sounds that often delight human ears and hearts." Dragon Gongfu Tea House. 9 pm.

### GRANTS PASS

**LEE STEWART** - Friday night music at Schmidt Family Vineyards. 5 to 8 pm.

**HOT GOSSIP** - 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s Rock at G Street Bar and Grill. 8:30 pm to midnight.

**PUPPETEERS FOR FEARS** - "Live music! Comedy! Puppet burlesque! And so much more!" The Haul. 8 to 11 pm. \$5 at the door.

**FRIDAY NIGHT SLUMP** - "Every Friday night we will have bass music, brought by Rizlo and special guests, come down and enjoy a refreshing adult beverage and rinse off the week!" Mill St Mug Shots. 9 pm.

### JACKSONVILLE

**SETH HANSSON** - South Stage Cellars. 6 to 8 pm.

**DAVID PINSKY & BROADWAY PHIL** - Blues at Bella Union. 7 to 9 pm.

### MEDFORD

**STATE OF JEFF** - Guitar Duo at RoxyAnn Winery. 6 to 8 pm. \$5 Wine Club Members / \$7 general public.

**JOVINO SANTOS NETO QUARTET** - "Siskiyou Music Project and Britt Education welcomes three-time Latin Grammy nominee Jovino Santos Neto, a master pianist, composer and arranger, and is among the top Brazilian musicians working today." Artistic Piano. 7 pm. \$25 general admission. Performance is Sold Out.

**MAGIC OF JASON ANDREWS** - "International magic star brings dazzling magic to small

communities!" The Randall Theatre. 7 pm. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$35 family 4 pack. [www.randalltheatre.com](http://www.randalltheatre.com).

**NAT MILLER & FRIENDS** - "An eclectic mix of tunes along with your favorite Grateful Dead covers!" Osmo's Alehouse. 7 to 9 pm. Free show. 21 and over.

**NOX NOVACULA / TRAAG / PX-15** - Medford Pyrate Punx. Show starts at 7 pm. \$5 cover at the door. "No fighting. No exceptions."

**LEGENDS OF THE ROAD: JOHN LENNON** - Craterian Theater. 7:30 to 9:30 pm. \$28 Reserved online.

**DISPOSITION** - Rock / 90's to current Rock at Morrton's Pizza. 8 to 10 pm. No cover, all ages.

**SOMEWHERE BETWEEN / WARRIORS OF LIGHT / TENTAREIGN** - Metal night at Johnny B's. 9 pm to 1 am. \$5 cover. 21 and over.

**CHADWICKS COMEDY NIGHT** - Headliner: Susan Price. Opener: Julia Fretwell. Chadwicks Pub & Sports Bar. Show starts at 9 pm. \$10 cover.

### PHOENIX

**ZENWARE / LOKAHI / WARI**

**SOUNDS** - Live at The Phoenix Clubhouse. 8 pm to midnight. All ages event. \$10 cover.

## SATURDAY, MAY 12

### ASHLAND

**THE MAYBE SOMETIMES** - Lithia Artisans Market. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

**GENE BURNETT** - Lithia Artisans Market. 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

**BLUE LIGHTNING** - Benefit dance for Jamie McLeod-Skinner for Congress. Grizzly Peak Winery. 5 to 8 pm. Tickets are \$25 (children 12 and under free), available online at <https://act.myngp.com/Forms/9099039328060705536>. Limited tickets available at the door.

**DINNER & A SHOW** - The Music of Billy Joel, featuring David Cahalan at J's Bistro on A St. Tickets are \$30 each, available only in advance (none available on day of show). Dinner 5:30 - 6 pm. The show begins at 7 pm.

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

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

**STOLEN MOMENTS** - Dan Fellman, Conny Lindley, and Walter Lindley at Belle Fiore Winery. 6 to 8 pm.

**THE HOLLOWBODYS / MAYWOOD MACABRE** - "Down and dirty, beer soaked, good time having, real deal rock'n'roll!!!" O'Ryan's Irish Pub. 9 pm. Free show.

**DJ FINATTIK** - Live in the Mix, Thursdays at Saturdays at The Vinyl Club. 10 pm to 2 am.

### CAVE JUNCTION

**SORIAH** - "Soriah, which translates as "Pleiades" in Arabic, is the stage persona for the internationally recognized artist, Enrique Ugalde. Soriah's craft is a blending of traditional Khöömei (Tuvan Throat Singing), tempered with Soriah's own visceral force." Takilma Community Building. 7:30 to 11 pm. \$10 - \$20 sliding scale.

### GRANTS PASS

**HOT GOSSIP** - G Street Bar and Grill. 8:30 pm to midnight.

### JACKSONVILLE

**SONIDO ALEGRE** - Live music by Sonido Alegre and kite-flying with the Rogue Valley Windchasers at LongSword Vineyard. 12 to 5 pm. Peruvian Point food truck will be on-site.

**NICK GARRETT-POWELL** - South Stage Cellars. Live music 6 to 8 pm.

**DAVID PINSKY & BROADWAY PHIL** - Blues at Bella Union. 8 pm.

**TC AND THE REACTIONS** - With Savannah True at Boomtown Saloon. 8:30 to 11:30 pm.

### MEDFORD

**JEFF KLOETZEL** - Jaxon Vineyards. 1 to 3:30 pm.

**THE JOHN DOUGH BOYS / THE LEGENDARY GOODTIMES / THE ERIC LEADBETTER BAND** - The John Dough Boys "BeerResponsible" CD Release Party at Walkabout Brewing Company. 6 to 8 pm. "\$5 gets you in the door, \$10 gets you in with a copy of "BeerResponsible" in your hand. It's gonna be a real boobanger so don't miss it!"

**CHOOSE LOVE** - "In times of pain, In times of joy, We choose to SING!" Rogue Valley Peace Choir,

14th Annual Spring Concert at the United Church of Christ. 7:30 pm. Free admission. Donations gratefully accepted. "Rogue Valley Peace Choir, now in its 15th season, is a non-audition secular choir dedicated to building peace, equality, social justice, and stewardship of our planet through song." [www.roguevalleypeacechoir.org](http://www.roguevalleypeacechoir.org).

**LEGENDS OF THE ROAD: JOHN LENNON** - Craterian Theater. 7:30 to 9:30 pm. \$28 Reserved online.

**CHADWICKS COMEDY NIGHT** - Headliner: Susan Price. Opener: Julia Fretwell. Chadwicks Pub & Sports Bar. Show starts at 9 pm. \$10 cover.

**OCEANS ARE ZONES / BOX BROTHERS** - "Two great bands, one night of fun!" Johnny B's. 9 pm. \$5 cover.

### ROGUE RIVER

**RICKISHANE** - Rock at Homestead Pub. 9 pm to 1 am. No cover.

### TALENT

**BAND DU PAYS** - Swing music at Paschal Winery, second Sundays monthly. 30 minute dance lesson with Jacob Jagger at 7 pm. Show is from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. \$10 cover. [www.banddupays.com](http://www.banddupays.com). [www.paschalwinery.com](http://www.paschalwinery.com).

**THE LIQUE** - "The Lique's (pronounced "Leak") debut album, "Democracy Manifest," is the culmination of an 18 month journey together and the beginning of a multi-genre musical experience complete with a 4-piece band, spoken wordsmith, and a buoyant stage presence comprised of storytelling, fan interaction, and choreographed routines; all served with a suit and tie." Talent Club. 9 pm to midnight.

## SUNDAY, MAY 13 - MOTHER'S DAY

### ASHLAND

**CELTIC MUSIC SESSION** - "Gather your family and friends for a plate and a pint and enjoy the lively music of Ireland, Scotland and Wales." Black Sheep Pub & Restaurant. 2 to 5 pm. All ages welcome!

**CHOOSE LOVE** - Rogue Valley Peace Choir Spring Concert at the First Methodist Church. 3 pm. Free admission. Donations gratefully accepted. [www.roguevalleypeacechoir.org](http://www.roguevalleypeacechoir.org). "Music can reach under the radar directly to our hearts and souls in a much more meaningful way than speech or debate," says RVPD Director Rob Griswell-Lowry. "Using music to deliver a message of hope, of love, of caring community - this is our best chance to help secure a better future for our children and for this beautiful blue-green planet we have the precious and precarious privilege to call 'home'."

**SAVANNA** - Belle Fiore Winery. 5 to 7 pm.

**KEN HART** - Saturday through Wednesdays at Callahan's Lodge. 6 pm.

**THE CORNER BOYS** - Dan Engle - fiddle, bouzouki, guitar, vocals. Mark Morris - fiddle, flute. Maurya Murphey - whistle, fiddle, vocals. Simon Parker-Shames - accordion. Dave McGinnis - guitar, bodhrán. Sundays at Oberon's. 6 to 9 pm.

**JIM QUINBY** - Music 6 to 8 pm, plus Little Thom's Open Mic with Dave Hampton at 8 to 11 pm at The Wild Goose.

**ASTROFAUNA / ETHEREAL SEA / STONE SKY** - O'Ryan's Irish Pub. 8 pm to midnight.

**UGER-KHAN** - "Enrique Ugalde, performing traditional Tuvan Folk songs. Enrique has a very deep relationship with this music and culture, which comes through in his beautiful performances of the traditional songs and chants of the people of Tuva." Jackson Wellsprings Casbah. Doors 7:30 pm, music 8 to 11 pm. \$15 - \$25 sliding scale.

**KARAOKE WITH BREEZY** - Superstar Karaoke, Sundays at Granite Tap House. 9 pm.

### CAVE JUNCTION

**STRUMMIN SUNDAY** - 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at Creative Self Collective. 4 pm Potluck, 5 - 8 Jam Time. "Bring yourself, your instrument, your friends, your family (kids welcome), and join us for a good ol' fashioned, music-centered community gathering!" Free! Donations appreciated!

### GOLD HILL

**JEFF KLOETZEL** - Del Rio Vineyards. 3 to 5 pm.

### JACKSONVILLE

**SETH HANSSON** - Mother's Day at Red Lily Vineyards. 2 to 5 pm.

**LET'S CHANT** - 2nd and 4th Sundays at the Jacksonville Community Center. 4 to 5 pm. By donation.

### MEDFORD

**BLUE LIGHTNING** - Music on the main stage at Art in Bloom, downtown Medford. 11 am to 12 pm.

# LIVE MUSIC *and Nightlife*

**DEJA NEAUX** - Jazz Fusion at Art in Bloom, downtown Medford. 1 to 3 pm.

**JAZZ VESPER** - The Ed Dunsavage Trio includes Ed Dunsavage on guitar, Joe Cohoon on bass, Chicken Hirsch on drums, and features Bob Rawlings on saxophone. First Presbyterian Church. 5 pm. There will also be an art show in the Hallway Gallery at the church.

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

## TALENT

**STAND-UP COMEDY OPEN MIC** - "Open-Mic Silliness. Mad-Cap Calamity. Improvised Alien Intelligence! So much more. Stay Open. Stay Informed. Stay tuned!" Every Second Sunday, Stand-Up Comedy at TonTon's Artisan Affections. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Starts at 7 pm.

## WHITE CITY

**UR MOM** - "Yes, we're back for another afternoon of tasty acoustic rock and smooth harmonies. Always a good time!" Kriselle Cellars. 1 to 4 pm.

## WILLIAMS

**PICNIC AT PACIFICA** - Celebrate Spring and Mother's Day with local art, live music, wildflowers and good food at Pacifica: A Garden in the Siskiyou. Indoor/Outdoor event. 10 am to 4 pm. This event is free, and includes canvas tote bag to decorate for Mom.

## MONDAY, MAY 14

### ASHLAND

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

**PAUL SCHMELING TRIO** - Jazz. Mondays at Martino's Restaurant. 7 to 10 pm.

**APRIL VERCH** - About fiddler, singer, and step dancer April Verch: "She though every little girl learned to step dance at the age of three and fiddle at the age of six. She knew nothing else and decided early on that she wanted to be a professional musician. She took that leap, and for over two decades has been recording and captivating audiences worldwide, exploring new and nuanced places each step of the way." Grizzly Peak Winery. 7 to 9 pm. \$20 at the door.

**BLUE NOTES** - The Wild Goose. 8 pm.

**THE LANTERN: IN BLOOM** - "Come tell us your stories! Dig through your experiences for metaphors, synonyms, and relatable moments to our theme, 'In Bloom': To bear fruit, blossom, bud, burgeon, burst, develop, effloresce, fare well, fructify, germinate, grow, open, prosper, sprout, succeed, tassle out, thrive, wax. Let's hear it!" The Black Sheep Pub & Restaurant. 8 to 9:30 pm. Sign up to tell your story by 8:15 pm. On Facebook, search for Lantern of Ashland.

**OPEN MIC** - Oberon's Tavern. Sign up at 8:30 pm, music and more 9 to 11 pm. No cover.

### 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, MAY 15

### ASHLAND

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

**ROGUE POETRY SLAM** - Three-round Poetry Competition, Third Tuesdays monthly at Caldera Tap House. Sign up 7 pm, Slam begins at 7:30 pm. Poems must be the poet's own work, they must be timed (cannot run over 3 minutes without negatively affecting score), and are shared from the stage in the order the Poet's name is pulled out of the hat. Come out to Listen - Come to Compete - or Come to Judge. "The Rogue Poetry Slam was founded by T Poe Varnado - and we are in our fifth year of monthly Slams! Come join us."

**DOUG WARNER & GREG FREDERICK** - Blues and bass at the Wild Goose. 7 pm.

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

### MEDFORD

**SOUTHERN OREGON JAZZ ORCHESTRA** - Third Tuesdays monthly at Grape Street Bar and Grill. 7 to 9 pm.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

### APPLEGATE

**POOR MAN'S WHISKEY / THE LAST REVEL** - "Poor Man's Whiskey has evolved into a ragged, spontaneous beast pulling from equally deep wells of story-telling originals, expertly crafted covers and zany on-stage shenanigans." Applegate River

Lodge. Doors 8 pm, show at 9 pm. \$15 advance, \$20 at the door. www.liveatthegate.com.

### ASHLAND

**LA BAGUETTE HOUSE BAND** - La Baguette Music Cafe. 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

**HIGH WATER PARTY** - Gil's. 4 to 9:30 pm. \$1 from every Ninkasi beer purchased will benefit American Whitewater and Rogue Riverkeeper. Raffle prizes include two seats on a professionally guided rafting trip with Indigo Creek Outfitters, a paddle from Sawyer Paddles and Oars, and much more! Live music and painting starts at 5 pm.

**MATT DORRIS** - Belle Fiore Winery. 5 to 7 pm.

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

**MATURA & BHAKTI SHAKTI** - Last show on the "Love is the Shakti Tour," at the Jackson Wellsprings. 8 to 10 pm. \$20 sliding scale.

"Matura and Bhakti Shakti is a high powered unique kirtan band from Eugene, Oregon that incorporates elaborate guitar virtuosity with deep manta songwriting and soaring flute melodies."

**WAKING HAZEL** - Waking Hazel is a five-piece band specializing in bluegrass and country-folk roots music featuring Dave Brendlinger on mandolin, Rachel Buklad on banjo, Michael Lindgren on upright bass, Bekkah McAlvage on guitar, and Jessie Monter on fiddle. The Wild Goose. 7 to 10 pm. "Don't forget to ask...who is Hazel?"

### GRANTS PASS

**OPEN MIC NIGHT** - Weekly open mic night hosted by Jack Hopfinger at The Jammin Salmon. 6 to 9 pm.

### JACKSONVILLE

**BRITT ORCHESTRA HOSTS FAMILY MIXER** - "Open Forum" style mixer at Bella Union Restaurant and Saloon. Come learn what hosting a Britt Orchestra musician is all about, and mingle with the host family community. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served. 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

**JEFF KLOETZEL** - South Stage Cellars. Live music 6 to 8 pm.

**OPEN MIC** - Wednesdays at Boomtown Saloon. Sign up at 6 pm. Open Mic 7 to 10 pm.

### MEDFORD

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

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

**OPEN JAM NIGHT** - Wednesdays, hosted by T.J. Elton at Pier 21 Tavern. 8 to 11 pm.

### PHOENIX

**OPEN MIC** - Open Mic at The Phoenix Clubhouse. Free, all ages, all talents. 7 to 10 pm.

## THURSDAY, MAY 17

### ASHLAND

**JEFF AND JEFFRI** - Jeff Stanley and Jeffri Lynn Carrington at Belle Fiore Winery. 6 to 8 pm.

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

**STOMPING GROUND** - Ecstatic Dance, Thursdays at the Ashland Community Center. 6 to 8 pm. \$10 - \$20. Adults only, except on last Thursdays monthly.

**DEYA DOVA** - "Synthesizing ancient songlines, tribal voices and inspired story telling with cinematic soundscapes, future bass, and tomenic beats, Deya Dova invokes a temple mysticism bring euphoric tribalism to the dance floor." Jackson Wellsprings. Advance tickets \$15. All ages.

**JULIAN RUCK** - Oberon's. 7 to 10 pm.

**DARRIN WAYNE - The Wild Goose. 8 to 11 pm.**

**DJ FINATTIK** - Live in the Mix, Thursdays at Saturdays at The Vinyl Club. 10 pm to 2 am.

### GRANTS PASS

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

### JACKSONVILLE

**SETH HANSSON** - Bella Union. 7 to 9 pm.

### MEDFORD

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

**JEFF KLOETZEL** - Larks Restaurant. 4:30 to 6 pm.

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

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

**DRUID / SUPER MOON** - Druid: 3 piece stone/psych from Athens, Ohio. Super Moon: 4 piece stoner/doom from Omaha, Nebraska. Johnny B's. 8 to 11 pm.

### TALENT

**OPEN HYPE MIC** - "Music, spoken word, great food

and drink and curated community art live." First and Third Thursdays at TonTon's Artisan Affections. 6 to 9 pm. All ages until 8 pm. 21+ after 8 pm.

**THE BLACKBIRDS** - Allen Crutcher, Mary Boucher and Jeff Addicott at Kindred Spirits. 7 to 9 pm.

**TIFFANY WILSON** - "Wilson released her Sophomore album in July 2016, entitled #SEESHARP, a collaboration with indie label We Coast Records. With this project, Wilson's plan is to use her pen, voice and outlook to shed some light and love on what's taking place in our shared world." Talent Club. Doors 8 pm. Music starts 9 - 9:30 pm. \$10 at the door.

### WILLIAMS

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

## FRIDAY, MAY 18

### ASHLAND

**DAVID SCOGGIN DUO** - Music at 6 pm at The Wild Goose. Karaoke at 8:30 pm.

**CIRCLE SINGING** - "Every voice matters. All are welcome." Hosted by Hannah Mayree at the Jackson Wellsprings. 6 - 8 pm. \$5 - \$10 suggested donation, but this event is free! Notaflof = No One Turned Away For Lack Of Funds.

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

**NOT TOO SHABBY** - Lisa Yriarte, Pete Brown, and Mike Fitch at Belle Fiore Winery. 6 to 8 pm.

**HANNAH MAYREE** - Hannah says, "This music has found itself in the teeth of my banjo and the bellows of my accordions. Booming forth from the drummed head, resonating like tree roots resting. This music is that of the world, culminating here on this soil, brought through diaspora, immigration, old country and new, let's join together for some earthly magic and to express what has been suppressed up until this blessed point in time. \$10 - \$20 for those who have it. If not, I wouldn't want anyone missing out on the fun." Casbah at the Jackson Wellsprings. 9 to 11 pm.

**INDYCA** - "The Indyca duo is at it again!" Oberon's. 9 pm to midnight.

**SWEETGRASS** - Original Roots Music at The Black Sheep Pub & Restaurant. 9 pm to midnight. \$5 cover. 21 and over.

### GRANTS PASS

**BRYAN TEAL** - Friday night music at Schmidt Family Vineyards. 5 to 8 pm.

**CLAUDE BOURBON** - "Thousands of people in the UK, Europe and USA have enjoyed listening to this virtuoso and for the majority of his audience it is an experience that compels them to return again and again to hear and watch him play, as his fingers lightly dance over the strings of his guitar and create a unique sound that is 'Claude'. Medieval & Spanish Blues at the Grants Pass Museum of Art. 7 pm. \$15. www.gpmuseum.com.

**PIGS ON THE WING** - A Tribute to Pink Floyd - "Finding the Dark Side of the Moon" at the Historic Rogue Theatre. 8 pm. \$20 general admission. "Pigs on the Wing has steadily developed a reputation for delivering a high quality, high energy take on Pink Floyd's music steeped in the NW's own rich musical heritage."

**THROUGH THE SKY** - Rock at G Street Bar and Grill. 8 pm to midnight.

### JACKSONVILLE

**LYNDA AND DAVE** - South Stage Cellars. 6 to 8 pm.

**MILESTONE IN REVIEW** - Bella Union. 8 pm.

**THE MOTIONS** - J'Ville Tavern. 9 pm to midnight. Free.

### MEDFORD

**ART & MUSIC WITH TEDDY ABRAMS** - Third Friday at the Rogue Gallery & Art Center with Britt Music Director Teddy Abrams. The Artwalk is from 5 to 8 pm. Teddy performs from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served. This event is free! www.roguegallery.org.

**WAITING STAR: THE MUSICAL** - Staged Reading of Ed Miller's Musical at the Randall Theatre. "This romantic, and often outrageously funny, show is inspired by characters in Shakespeare's three plays about Prince Hal." 7 to 9 pm. Free admission.

**RODEO FLYER** - Country / Americana at Morrton's Pizza & Pub. 8 to 10 pm. No cover. All ages.

**CHADWICKS COMEDY NIGHT** - Headliner: Gabe Rutledge. Opener: Daniel Storrow. Chadwicks Pub & Sports Bar. Show starts at 9 pm. \$10 cover.

**ERIK ANARCHY / CDIRT / THE LIVING SKINS / BOPL** - Johnny B's. 9 pm to 1 am. \$5 at the door.

### WILLIAMS

**APPLE JAM MUSIC FESTIVAL** - 3 pm: Mars Retrieval Unit. 5 pm: The Quick & Easy Boys. 7 pm: Scott Pemberton Band. 9:30 pm: 100 Watt Mind.

12 am: World's Finest. Silent Disco Lineup: 2 am - Sun Up: Druzy, Booker, J. Tunz, NOWA, Kenobi, Samuel Lawrence. Tickets \$100 in advance, \$150 at the gate for the weekend. See eventbrite.com.

## SATURDAY, MAY 19

### ASHLAND

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

**ASHLAND WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL** - Free family-friendly outdoor concerts (noon - 6 pm) at the Lithia Park Bandshell, followed by international folk dancing until 8:30 pm at the Ashland Community Center (doors open at 6:30 pm). There will be 7 groups from 12 pm - 6 pm. 12 pm - Rogue World Ensemble & Choristers. 12:45 pm - Rainey & the Rattlesnakes. 1:45 pm - Ballet Folklorico & Mariachi Centella. 2:30 pm - Flat String Five. 3:15 pm - Flamenco Pacifico. 4:15 pm - Dromeno. 5:15 pm - Rutendo Marimba. Food trucks & regional artisans!

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

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

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

**WHETHERMAN** - "Take one seasoned, bucolic folk artist and mix him with the likes of Ray Lamontagne, crossed with all the poetic feels of Bob Dylan's early recordings. You might find someone that's been working tirelessly for the last decade, rediscovering himself and expanding the conversation of Americana." La Baguette Music Cafe. 7 to 9 pm. \$10.

**ESPAÑA: THE GOLDEN AGE** - "Spanish Songs & Romances from the Siglo de Oro and Beyond." Tickets are \$20 (free for under age 21). 7 to 9 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Crystal Room at the Ashland Springs Hotel. Visit www.musicamatrix.org for more information.

**SOUTHERN OREGON REPERTORY SINGERS** - "Baroque Majesty" concert at the SOU Music Recital Hall. 7:30 pm. \$32 - \$38. Visit repsingers.org or call 541-552-0900.

**STRINGS BROKEN BAND** - Oberon's. 9 pm to midnight.

**DJ FINATTIK** - Live in the Mix, Thursdays at Saturdays at The Vinyl Club. 10 pm to 2 am.

### GRANTS PASS

**FM79** - G Street Bar and Grill. 8 pm to midnight.

### JACKSONVILLE

**ADAM GABRIEL** - South Stage Cellars. 6 to 8 pm.

**MILESTONE IN REVIEW** - Bella Union. 8 pm.

### MEDFORD

**TIFFANY WILSON** - "RLM Entertainment brings to you Tiffany Wilson, and amazing Soul Funk singer out of Seattle, Washington that will keep you moving all night." Howie's on Front. 9 pm to midnight. \$10 at the door.

**CHADWICKS COMEDY NIGHT** - Headliner: Gabe Rutledge. Opener: Daniel Storrow. Chadwicks Pub & Sports Bar. Show starts at 9 pm. \$10 cover.

### ROGUE RIVER

**THE ROADSTERS** - Pop / Classic rock at Homestead Pub. 9 pm to 1 am. No cover.

### WILLIAMS

**APPLE JAM MUSIC FESTIVAL** - 12 pm: The Legendary Goodtimes. 2 pm: Slow Corpse. 4 pm: Bamboozle. 6 pm: Sol Seed. 8 pm: Dirty Revival. 10 pm: Polyrythmics. 12:30 am: Andy Frasco & The UN. Silent Disco Lineup: 2 am - Sun Up: Virtue, G\_Rad, N.O.X., Krakinov, Rukus, Alcyon Massive. Tickets \$100 in advance, \$150 at the gate for the weekend. See eventbrite.com.

**THE GOOD LOOKERS** - "Come on down to Rascals Bar & Grill for one of the best burgers that money can buy and dance all night to The Good Lookers' acoustic sounds of country, blues, and classic rock!" 9 pm. \$5 at the door.

## SUNDAY, MAY 20

### ASHLAND

**FRANKIE HERNANDEZ** - "Come hear Frankie as he provides music, vibe and spiritual support for The Ashland Unity Group." Havurah Synagogue. 10:30 am.

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

**SOUTHERN OREGON REPERTORY SINGERS** - "Baroque Majesty" concert at the SOU Music Recital Hall. 3 pm. \$32 - \$38. Visit repsingers.org.

**SON RAVELLO** - Michael "Mysha" Caruso at Belle Fiore Winery. 5 to 7 pm.

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

**THE CORNER BOYS** - Sundays at Oberon's. 6 to 9 pm.

# LIVE MUSIC

**JIM QUINBY** - Music 6 to 8 pm, plus Little Thom's Open Mic with Dave Hampton at 8 to 11 pm at The Wild Goose.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN GUILD** - Standing Stone Brewing Company. 7 to 9 pm.

## MEDFORD

**ROCK THE BLUE VOTE** - A Post Primary Celebration at Grape Street Bar and Grill, featuring The Rogue Suspects, Girls Just Want To Have Fun (Shae Celine, Jennifer Davis de Puglia, Lisa Yriarte, Jade Chavis), Mark Gostnell, Jeff Kloetzel, and Bret Levick. 2 to 5 pm (doors open at 1:30 pm). \$30 advance, \$35 door (Students \$20 in advance). 21 and over. Visit [ORD2indivisible.org](http://ORD2indivisible.org).

## WILLIAMS

**APPLE JAM MUSIC FESTIVAL** - 12 pm: BROTHER. 1:30 pm: Collin and Co. 3:30 pm: Shawn Montgomery & The New Groove. 6 pm: The Brothers Reed. 8:30 pm: The Moves Collective. Silent Disco Lineup: 2 am - Sun Up: Minges, Brim & Dan, Von Rad, Rizlo, Mind Expansion Project, B.Breaks, TSlurr, Taken Off, Peek Levels, NOFUX. Tickets \$100 in advance, \$150 at the gate for the weekend. See [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

## MONDAY, MAY 21

### ASHLAND

**BOB DYLAN BIRTHDAY BASH** - The Wild Goose. 8 pm.

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

**PAUL SCHMELING TRIO** - Jazz. Mondays at Martino's Restaurant. 7 to 10 pm.

**CASCADE CLARINET CONSORT & SISKIYOU SAXOPHONE ORCHESTRA** - "Pictures at an Exhibition" at the SOU Music Recital Hall. 7:30 to 9:30 pm. \$10 Regular, \$5 Seniors, Free for full-time students.

**THE SULTANS** - The Wild Goose. 8 to 11 pm.

**OPEN MIC** - Oberon's Tavern. Sign up at 8:30 pm, music and more 9 to 11 pm. No cover.

### GRANTS PASS

**ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL** - Historic Rogue Theatre. 8 pm. \$38 general admission.

### 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.

**FRANK & DEANS / MONKEY** - Johnny B's. 8 to 11 pm.

## TUESDAY, MAY 22

### ASHLAND

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

**PHOENIX SIGALOVE AND FRIENDS** - The Wild Goose. 7 pm.

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

**PHOENIX SIGALOVE AND FRIENDS** - The Wild Goose. 8 to 11 pm. No cover.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

### ASHLAND

**BISHOP MAYFIELD** - Belle Fiore Winery. 5 to 7 pm.

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

**CONCERT BAND CLASSICS** - Southern Oregon Concert Band Spring Concert at the SOU Music Recital Hall. 7 to 8:30 pm. \$5 suggested donation. Visit [www.socband.org](http://www.socband.org).

**THE ELEPHANT** - Music at 7 pm at The Wild Goose. Free Pool in Wednesdays, 6 pm to midnight.

### JACKSONVILLE

**HOLLY GLEASON** - South Stage Cellars. 6 to 8 pm.

### MEDFORD

**D.R.I. / DEATHWISH / SUCKERPUNCH** - Johnny B's. 8 pm. \$15 advance, \$20 door. 21 and over.

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

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

**OPEN JAM NIGHT** - Wednesdays, hosted by T.J. Elton at Pier 21 Tavern. 8 to 11 pm.

### PHOENIX

**OPEN MIC** - Open Mic at The Phoenix Clubhouse. Free, all ages, all talents. 7 to 10 pm.

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# EVENTS

## Art

### ART IN BLOOM SPRINGTIME FESTIVAL 2018

Saturday, May 12, from 10 am - 5pm, and Sunday, May 13, from 11 am - 4 pm. "Art in Bloom is a spectacular springtime festival showcasing fine artists from the West Coast. A variety of artists and horticulturists have been selected to exhibit and sell their work including a fine selection of photography, jewelry, garden decor, paintings, and much more. Activities include a children's arts and entertainment area, live music and performances, and food and drink vendors. Bring the entire family to Downtown Medford to enjoy Art in Bloom 2018." Visit [www.art-in-bloom.com](http://www.art-in-bloom.com).

### WHERE ART AND NATURE MEET

Ceramic sculpture by Jenni Ward, inspired by where art and nature meet. This exhibition showcases six large installations of her sculptures, alongside photos of her outdoor installations. Grants Pass Museum of Art, 229 SW G Street, 541-479-3290, [www.gpmuseum.com](http://www.gpmuseum.com). Show runs April 6 - May 25.

## Classes

### HOT AIR BALLOON CREW TRAINING

Learn how to be a hot air balloon crew member! This RCC Community Education class will cover both classroom and practical exercises. After completing this class, you will be familiar with the elements necessary to be a crew person on a hot air balloon chase team during the 2018 Grants Pass Hot Air Balloon and Kite Festival. The cost is \$35. Two sessions are offered: Friday, May 11, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm, and Saturday, May 12, from 10 am - 1 pm. For more information, call 541-956-7303 or visit <http://go.roguecc.edu>.

### THE FUTURE OF SOIL

Tuesday, May 15. The Future of Soils - Part 5: Oregon Businesses and Regenerative Agriculture. Panel discussion will feature: Biologic Crop Solutions, Blue Fox Farm, Dr. Bronner's, Siskiyou Sustainable Cooperative, The Farm at SOU, and The Vine Restaurant. The Agricultural Professional Session is from 1 - 4 pm. The Community Session is from 6 - 8 pm. \$15 pre-registered, \$20 at the door. Register at [www.OurFamilyFarms.org](http://www.OurFamilyFarms.org). Medford Public Library, 205 S Central Ave.

### COMPOSTING METHODS

Tuesday, May 15, from 3 - 5 pm. This hands-on workshop will describe various methods of composting including using worms, burying vegetative matter, and using Bokashi buckets. Every participant will make a Bokashi bucket to take home. If you have a drill with a  drill bit, please bring it. Limit of 20 participants. Materials cost \$30 prepaid. Instructors: Kathleen Hering and Bill Gabriel, Master Gardeners. Register at [jacksoncountymga.org](http://jacksoncountymga.org). Class is at the OSU Extension Center, 569 Hanley Rd., Central Point.

### EARTH SKILLS GATHERING

May 16 - 21, 2018. The Sharpening Stone presents their 5th annual Earth Skills Gathering in Sunny Valley. "We invite you to come learn both ancient and new Earth living techniques that help bring us closer to living in harmony with nature. We will gather for six days deep in the mountains of Oregon, where the landscape inspires a deeper connection both with nature and with our community of like minded people. We bring together skilled instructors sharing their expertise, and passionate people with whom we create a unique culture, for memories that will last a lifetime." For more information and to register, visit [www.thesharpeningstone.com](http://www.thesharpeningstone.com).

### GARDEN IRRIGATION WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 19, from 10 am - 12 pm. This is the second of six in a garden workshop series offered by ACCESS Food Share Gardens that highlights important gardening skills needed (as vegetable gardens progress through the growing season). The one-hour session provides basic instruction on choosing, designing and setting up several types of irrigation systems and drip irrigation design. To register for this free event, go to <https://irrigation-workshop.eventbrite.com>. The Gold Hill Food Share Garden is located at Moose Lodge #178, 9713 Old Stage St. in Gold Hill. "The five organically-run Food Share Gardens are located in Medford, Central Point, Gold Hill and Rogue River. The gardens produce more than 25,000 pounds of fresh produce such as tomatoes, beans, onions and squash that are distributed to local food pantries, health centers, schools and an ACCESS mobile pantry."

## Community

### ANTIQUÉ SHOW & SALE

Saturday, May 19, 10 am - 5 pm, and Sunday, May 20, 10 am - 4 pm. Free Return & Free Parking. Admission is \$6. This sale benefits Bogs for Better Lives ([www.dogsforbetterlives.org](http://www.dogsforbetterlives.org)). For more information about the show, visit [www.tbcashows.info](http://www.tbcashows.info). Medford Armory, 1701 S Pacific Hwy.

### WHAT THE HEMP! TRADE SHOW & SEMINAR

Sat and Sun, May 19 and 20, 10 am - 5 pm (both days). "What the Hemp! Is southern Oregon's first industry trade show and seminar featuring hemp product vendors (No THC), farmers, and agricultural product distributors. What the Hemp? Also features an informed speakers panel that will discuss the

hemp industry and arms to help answer questions both for the consumer, farmers and businesses. This event is open to the public and offers free admission with a donation to local charities. Visit <http://wthehemp.com> for event details and vendor/exhibitor registration." Josephine County Fairgrounds, 1451 Fairgrounds Rd., Grants Pass.

### 21ST ANNUAL ROGUE VALLEY VETERANS POWWOW

Saturday, June 2, from 10 am - 9 pm and Sunday, June 3, from 10 am - 5 pm. "The Rogue Valley Veterans Powwow is to welcome home, honor and heal all Veterans." The public is welcome to attend this free event at the Baseball Field, V.A. SORCC (formerly the Veterans Domiciliary), 8495 Crater Lake Hwy., White City, Oregon. Saturday: Gourd Dancing at 10:30 am, Grand Entries at 1 pm and 6 pm. Sunday: Gourd Dancing at 10:30 am, Grand Entry at 1 pm, Ceremony closes at 5:30 pm. Free admission. On Facebook, follow Rogue Valley Veterans Powwow.

## Film

### 16TH ANNUAL WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 12, from 11 am - 10 pm. Held at the College of the Siskiyou in Weed, California, this year's Wild & Scenic Film Festival is better than ever, including two local entries and a special "Wild Child" matinee children's program. Selected screenings will include "Water Town", Maya Craig's documentary about the City of Weed's battle against Roseburg Lumber's attempt to sell the town's water to Crystal Geyser, and also "The Salmon Will Run", a film Nahko Bear produced on the Winnemem Wintu Tribe's 2016 Run4Salmon benefit to return native fish to the McCloud River. \$5 - \$15. See [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

### MENTAL HEALTH FILM FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 20, from 1 - 3 pm. In honor of National Mental Health Awareness Month, NAMI-SO presents their first ever Mental Health Awareness Film Festival. The event will be a series of short films, addressing mental illness topics that include: PTSD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Suicide, Schizophrenia and interaction with the Justice System. After each section of shorts, there will be a panel of experts for interactive discussion and Q&A. This event is appropriate for anyone over the age of 13 (due to some media violence). Varsity Theatre, 166 E Main st., Ashland. There will be a nominal fee for tickets. Visit <https://gathr.us/screening/22939>.

### PSYCHEDELIC DOCUMENTARY MINI FEST

Saturday, May 26, from 12 - 8 pm. "This is an educational event covering a wide spectrum of psychedelic science, culture, and practice." There is a \$20 fee for this film festival (or just \$10 if arriving after 4 pm). The event is from 12 noon - 8 pm in the Community Room at the Jackson Wellsprings, 2253 Hwy 99 North, Ashland.

## Food

### TALENT TOMATO PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 12, from 8 am - 5 pm. It's time for the Talent Historical Society's annual Talent Tomato Plant Sale. Especially suited for Rogue Valley Gardens, the Talent Tomato was discovered and developed by Talent tomato grower Clarence Holdridge right here in Talent in the early 1960's (where the Middle School Football Field is actually). Tomato plants will be sold in 4' pots for \$3 each and in gallon pots for \$7.50 each. Talent Historical Society, 105 N Market St., Talent.

### ASHLAND GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 12, from 9 am - 12 pm. Ashland Garden Club fundraiser. Location: Ashland Safeway parking lot. Proceeds fund Ashland Garden Club's SOU and RCC scholarships.

### SIPPIN' ON CIDER

Saturday, May 12, from 11 am - 5 pm. Celebrate Mother's Day at Apple Outlaw Orchard and Cidery (9530 Thompson Creek Rd., Applegate). This family-friendly event features a great lineup of ciders, plus delicious crepes from Full Moon Crepes. There will be lawn games. Also, all moms will receive a complimentary glass of cider!

### SPRING WINE STROLL 2018

Saturday, May 12, from 3 - 6 pm. Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber of Commerce present the Spring Wine Stroll of 2018 in downtown Grants Pass. Advance ticket price \$30 per person. If still available, the day of the event price is \$35. [www.grantspasschamber.org](http://www.grantspasschamber.org).

### STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 12, marks the 26th annual National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger food drive. The success of this event is completely dependent on people leaving non-perishable food donations in bags by their mailbox on Saturday, May 12, and their letter carrier will do the rest. "Items needed most are nonperishable proteins like tuna, peanut butter and canned chicken, as well as canned fruits and low sodium soups and vegetables. Toiletries are always welcome too as they are not covered by food stamps," says ACCESS Nutrition Director Phil Yates. Monetary donations can be made on the ACCESS website at [accesshelps.org](http://accesshelps.org).

### RETAIL FOOD SUMMIT

Wednesday, May 16, from 2:30 - 4:30 pm. "Grocery stores and restaurants that promote well-being by highlighting healthy choices in the store or on the menu can increase customer traffic and overall sales. Blues Zones Project is helping food retail organizations in Grants Pass transform their businesses so healthy choices become easier. Hear from industry leaders and discover how you can support this community-wide effort while benefiting your business." This event is free. Tickets at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Grants Pass Museum of Art, 229 SW G St., Grants Pass.

### BOWLS OF HOPE

Thursday, May 17, from 5 - 7 pm. The nonprofit organizations ACCESS and Options for Southern Oregon invite the public to "Bowls of Hope." This new fundraising event celebrates the community and local artists in a collaboration to help fight hunger and serve people of all ages who have mental health needs in Jackson County. Bowls of Hope features hand-painted ceramic bowls crafted by local students and artists. Attendees will select and take home a bowl. Local restaurants are donating soups, specialty breads and desserts to serve attendees. There will be a silent auction and live music! Tickets are \$25 per person in advance, \$30 at the door. Visit [www.accesshelps.org](http://www.accesshelps.org). Event will be at the Ramada Conference Center, 2250 Biddle Rd., Medford.

### DO GOOD WITH TACOS & BURRITOS

On Saturday, May 19, from 4 - 8 pm the Chipotle in Medford will be donation 50% of sales to Sanctuary One. "Getting yummy vegan food and supporting one of your favorite nonprofits - that's a win/win!" In order for your purchase to count towards Sanctuary One, you must either A- verbally tell your Chipotles cashier that your purchase is to support Sanctuary One, B- show a physical fundraiser flyer, C- show a digital flyer on a smartphone or other mobile device (<https://www.facebook.com/events/194342481175633/>). Chipotle Mexican Grill, 7 Rossanley Dr., Medford.

### GOOD FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 20, from 2 - 5 pm. The Medford Food Co-op hosts an afternoon of free food and beverage samples, family-friendly activities, a variety of raffles, and delicious culinary demonstrations! 945 South Riverside Ave., Medford.

### JACKSONVILLE WINE CRUISE

Sunday, May 20, from 12 - 6 pm. "Enjoy 5 wineries with 3 wines and a pairing at each. Trolleys run every 20 minutes. Guests also receive 10% off bottles of wine. Select your starting location. This is where you will park, receive your wristband(s), custom wine bag, and bus pass(es)." Get tickets at [jacksonvillewineries.org](http://jacksonvillewineries.org).

### GROWERS MARKETS

Ashland Tuesday Market, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm at the Ashland Armory, 1420 E Main (March - Nov).  
Ashland Saturday Market, 8:30 am - 1 pm on Oak Street, Downtown (May - Oct).  
Cave Junction Friday Market, 4 pm - 7 pm at Jubilee Park, 307 S Junction Ave. (April - October).  
Grants Pass Saturday Market, 9 am - 1 pm at 4th & F Streets (March - Oct). [www.growersmarket.org](http://www.growersmarket.org).  
Medford Thursday Market, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm at Hawthorne Park, 501 E Main St (March - Nov).  
Medford Saturday Market, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm at Hawthorne Park (May - October). [Rvgrowersmarket.com](http://Rvgrowersmarket.com).  
Talent Artisans & Growers, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm across from Talent City Hall (corner of Main St and John St). June 1 - August 31, 2018. See [Talentartisansandgrowers.com](http://Talentartisansandgrowers.com).  
Williams Monday Market, 4 pm - 6:30 pm at the Sugarloaf Community Association, 206 Tetherow (May - November).

### COMMUNITY MEALS

Tuesdays, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm at Wesley Hall, First United Methodist Church, 175 N Main St, Ashland. Fridays, 5 pm at Pioneer Hall, 73 Winburn Way, Ashland. Also, on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month from 5 - 7 pm, the Phoenix Community Kitchen hosts dinner at the First Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, 121 W Second St. (Info: 541-535-1119).

## Kids & Family

### MEADOWLARK COMIC CON

Saturday, May 12, from 10 am - 5 pm. Meadowlark Comic Con presented by Colossus Girl Entertainment LLC is a pop culture and comic convention coming to Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, 2250 Biddle Road in Medford. "Meadowlark Comic Con is a full-scale pop culture and comic convention celebrating all kinds of fandoms from comics to anime to video games to movies and TV shows, and bringing an array of celebrity guests (including Mindy Sterling, known for her role as Frau Farbissina on Austin Powers) from different genres of entertainment to the Rogue Valley." For more information, visit [www.meadowlarkcomiccon.com](http://www.meadowlarkcomiccon.com).

### BEE WEEK AT THE FARM AT SOU

The Bee Girl organization is happy to announce their partnership with The Farm at SOU to bring bee education to students in Southern Oregon. May 14 - 18 is a week where Southern Oregon schools can visit The Farm at SOU and engage in an educational experience designed especially

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for third graders. Students will watch bees dance, listen to them buzz, taste honey, smell flowers, roll beeswax candles, observe pollination, take flower seeds home to plant, and learn about the important connections between themselves, bees, and our food. For more information, visit [www.beegirl.org/kidsandbees](http://www.beegirl.org/kidsandbees).

## KID'S FREE FISHING DERBY

Saturday, June 2, 2018, from 6 am - 3 pm. 19th Annual Kid's Free Fishing Derby at Diamond Lake, Oregon. Visit [www.diamondlake.net](http://www.diamondlake.net).

## KIDS BOWL FREE AT LAVA LANES

May 7 - June 27, 2018. Registered children receive certificates to bowl 2 free games a day all summer! No strings attached! Go to [www.kidsbowlfree.com/lavalanes](http://www.kidsbowlfree.com/lavalanes) to register each child. Receive the free bowling passes every week by email. Shoes not included. Lava Lanes, 2980 Crater Lake Hwy. in Medford.

## Meetings

### SOUTHERN OREGON TENANTS UNION

Sunday, May 13, from 1 - 3 pm. Join the Southern Oregon Tenants Union for their monthly meeting and learn how you can get involved. Please note that this is a meeting for tenants (no landlords, property managers or employees of these organizations may attend). Medford Education Association, 2495 S Pacific Hwy., Medford.

### THIRD THURSDAY TEA AND TALK

Thursday, May 17, from 4 - 5 pm. "Join us for a monthly Tea and Talk! It's just a casual monthly gathering at The Pollination Place. Stop in, pull up a chair, and enjoy a cup of tea. Sure, bring the kids! Let's talk about the important issue(s) of the day --- from pollinators to pesticides to politics --- and your ideas about what we can do." Co-hosts: Beyond Toxics & Center for Creative Change. The Pollination Place, 107 W. 1st St., Phoenix.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY APPLICATION ORIENTATION

Tuesday, May 22, from 6:30 - 8 pm. Rogue Valley Habitat for Humanity is hosting an application orientation for their housing program. This informational orientation is recommended for all program applicants. To view Habitat's qualification guide in advance of this meeting, visit [www.roguevalleyhabitat.org](http://www.roguevalleyhabitat.org) and click the "Housing Program" tab. This orientation will also mark the opening of another 30-day application window for the Jackson County Housing Program. Habitat for Humanity, 2233 S Pacific Hwy., Medford.

## Presentations

### 100 HIKES

Saturday, May 12, from 2 - 4 pm. "Author and hiking guru William L. Sullivan will take us on a slide show tour of new and changed trails he discovered while updating his "100 Hikes: guidebooks for Oregon. Although some trails closed in 2017 because of fire, Sullivan balances that news with descriptions of an equal number of new destinations from around the state. As always, Sullivan spices his talk with anecdotes about history, wildflowers, and geology along the way." Oregon Books & Games, 150 NE E St., Grants Pass.

### HIKING THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Saturday, May 12, 6 pm. Philip Kramer's "Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail: Northern California" completes, addresses section hikers in addition to "thru-hikers" by breaking the trail down into 2- to 9- night trips (perfect for week or weekend outings). Northwest Outdoor Store, 980 Biddle Rd., Medford.

### POETRY OF VINCE WIXON AND AMY MILLER

Monday, May 14, 7 pm. Amy Miller and local poet Vince Wixon will read from their new books. About Vine Wixon's new book, "Laying By," US Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera writes, "Time and desire, the personal private and the open and infinite are sketched here with a magnificent seeing - a keen wisdom balanced between landscape, family, childhood and the always oscillating present." Amy Miller's new poetry collection, "The Trouble with New England Girls," which explores themes of home, loss, wolves, and legends of what has vanished and what stays with us, won the 2017 Louis Award from Concrete Wolf Press. Amy works for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and is the poetry editor of the JPR listener's magazine, Jefferson Journal. Bloomsbury Books, 290 E Main St. in Ashland. Free and open to the public.

### GUILD LECTURE SERIES: ROMAN HISTORY

The Medford Library presents a three-part series of lectures on Roman history by Ean Roby as part of the Medford Library's Guild Lecture Series. Enjoy these fascinating talks on Wednesday, May 16, June 20, and July 18 from 12 noon - 1 pm in the Large Meeting Room of the Medford Library, 205 S Central Ave. For more information, visit [jcls.org](http://jcls.org).

### THE LOST VILLAGES OF LOST CREEK

Wednesday, May 16, from 2 - 3 pm. Curious about one of his favorite places, Author Dennis Ellingson and his wife, Kit, have researched and written about what now lies in the deep of Lost Creek Lake - the lost villages of McLeod and Laurelhurst. Central Point Library, 116 South Third Street.

### RHYTHMS OF A SUMMER DAY

Wednesday, May 16, from 4 - 5 pm. "The White City Library presents "Rhythms of a Summer Day," an illustrated lecture by regional historian, Larry Mullaly. At the turn of the last century, railroad transportation was at its apogee at the Ashland railroad terminus. This lecture will explore the interplay of railroad and civic culture on a single day at this busy location in July of 1904, weaving together the events that happened at the railroad depot and the annual Chautauqua celebration in Lithia Park. The interplay of events that day evokes the ideals and energies of a bygone era." White City Library, 3143 Ave. C in White City.

### WILD WOLVES AND US

Wednesday, May 16, from 4 - 5 pm. Holly Hertel weaves together wolf biology, the population comeback of wolves in America, and how wolf studies are conducted during her lecture "Wild Wolves and Us" at the Gold Hill Library, 202 Dardanelles St. "Inspired by Jane Goodall, but incredibly shy and lacking confidence, Hertel received a rare opportunity to study a wild wolf pack in 1979-81 for her Master's degree. As one of the first women to work with wolves - trapping, radio-tracking, and observing wolves at a forest landfill - she demonstrated that females could do anything males could do and gained the confidence to heal her own heart."

### WHAT IS CULTURAL APPROPRIATION?

Saturday, May 19, from 5 - 6:30 pm. Issues of cultural appropriation and identity are complicated. How do we make sense of this and what effect does it have on us as individuals and as Oregonians? This is the focus of "What is Cultural Appropriation?" a FREE Oregon Humanities conversation led by Surabhi Mahajan at the Williams Branch, Josephine County Library District, 20695 Williams Hwy.

### MELISSA'S MATCH: THE GREAT SOCIETY

Monday, May 21, 7 pm. "It's the early 1970's. Melissa and her friends begin their first year of college in the inner city of Chicago at a time when post-assassination riots, Great Society scholarship programs, and veterans returning from Vietnam create a sometimes explosive confluence of urban and rural, rich and poor, white and black, educated and uneducated coming of age in a violent unjust and hopeful time." Author Beth Alderman at Bloomsbury Books, 290 E Main St., Ashland. Free and open to the public.

### KEEP YOUR MARBLES

"The brain has been called the most complex structure in the known universe, creating our experiences, storing memories, and gobbling up 20% of the body's energy." Dr. John Kalb, author of 'Keep Your Marbles,' will discuss the latest breakthroughs in creating and maintaining brain health. Thursday, May 17, 7 pm at Bloomsbury Books, 290 E Main St, in Ashland and Sunday, May 20, from 2 - 3:30 pm at the Ashland Branch Library, 410 Siskiyou Blvd. Events are free and open to the public.

### EXPLORING PSYCHEDELICS 2018

May 24 - 25, 2018. "This is a FREE event that is open to the public, with two days of lectures and presentations on the cultural, scientific, religious, and spiritual uses of psychedelics historically and in the contemporary world." Visit [www.exploring-psychedelics.org](http://www.exploring-psychedelics.org) for more details. Conference will meet in the Rogue River Room, Stevenson Union Building at SOU, Ashland.

## Sports & Outdoor

### URBAN FOREST CARNIVAL

Saturday, May 12, from 8 am - 5 pm. "Witness feats of strength and daring, professionals pushing the limits of human endurance, holding our future in their hands. See the best tree climbers on the west coast competing in three gravity-defying dimensions 100 feet in the air!" Hawthorne Park, 501 E Main St., Medford. Free family friendly event.

### GUIDED MUSHROOM FORAYS

Join the Northwest Nature Shop for a foray in the woods, these easy-moderate walks are great for families and individuals looking to connect with other nature-loving friends. Come learn about mushroom foraging, best practices for sustainable harvest of wild mushrooms, and the diversity of spring-fruiting fungi! Four dates to choose from: Saturday, May 12; Sunday, May 20; Saturday, May 26; and a kid-friendly Family Mushroom Foray on Saturday, June 2. Meet at the NW Nature Shop at 9 am, then carpool to our destination (approx 45 min) and then spend the day identifying all mushrooms but just collecting the edible ones. Bring a lunch, water, wear good walking shoes - we'll be walking approx 3 miles on uneven terrain. We will return to Ashland around 3 pm. Individual \$30, Family foray is \$50/family.

### 17TH ANNUAL BIKERS HAVE HEART YAHTZEE RUN

Saturday, May 12, from 9 am - 4 pm. "Fun ride playing Yahtzee along the way and you get to pick your route. Registration at D&S Harley from 9 - 11 am. Just \$20 per Yahtzee hand. All bikes and cars welcome. End party at D&S Harley from 1 - 4 pm is free and open to everyone. Live music, BBQ by Big Daddy's BBQ, silent auction, 50/50, prize wheel, games and more. Proceeds will benefit local kids battling life threatening illnesses, including a local 5 year old, Lillie, who is struggling with a serious form of diabetes. Come join the fun, support

a great cause and roll the dice and save a life." D&S Harley-Davidson, 3846 S Pacific Hwy., Medford. Please visit [www.dsharley.com](http://www.dsharley.com) for more information.

### MUD FACTOR 2018

Saturday, May 12, from 10 am - 1 pm. "Mud Factor is the premiere family "FUN" 5K Mud & Obstacle Run. No timing chip, no first or last place, just you and yours making muddy memories at your own pace!" Register at [www.MudFactor.com](http://www.MudFactor.com). Jackson County Expo, 1 Peninger Rd., Central Point.

### HONOR RIDE

Thursday, May 17, from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Join the RVTD Go Vets program for a family friendly, 4 mile bike ride to show your appreciation for Veterans in the Rogue Valley. There will be a social after the ride. Bike ride will be mostly along the Bear Creek Greenway at a leisurely pace, bike helmets are required. This is a Go By Bike Week official event. For more information, visit [rvtd.org/gobybike](http://rvtd.org/gobybike). Hawthorne Park, 501 E Main St., Medford.

### SASQUATCH 50K & RELAY RACE

Saturday, May 19, 7:28 am. 50k Trail run and 3-person relay in the southern Oregon mountains. Sam Brown Campground, Galice, Oregon. Visit [www.sasquatch50k.com](http://www.sasquatch50k.com).

### SPRING THAW MOUNTAIN BIKE FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20. "Ashland, Oregon's Spring Thaw Mountain Bike Festival will be in its 27th year for 2018! It is one of the biggest and longest standing mountain bike events in Oregon's rich history of racing." For more information, visit [ashlandspringthaw.com](http://ashlandspringthaw.com).

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Saturday, May 19, from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. "Come see your local SisQ Rollerz Wolf Pack take on the Storm City Roller Girls at the Wolf Den!" Doors open at 5:30 pm. Bout begins at 6 pm. Enjoy the Bake Sale, Silent Auction and food from Sultan's Delight as well as half time Fun and Prizes for the whole family! Tickets \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door (free for children under 10). The SisQ Rollerz Wolf Den, 649 Crater Lake Ave., Medford. Visit [www.sisqrollers.org](http://www.sisqrollers.org).

### TABLE ROCK UNPLUGGED

Sunday, May 20, from 10 am - 2 pm. "BYOU (bring your own ukulele) and join Tish McFadden, founder and leader of the Southern Oregon Ukulele Players (SOUP) and local musician Jeff Kloetzel, for a musical trip along the trail. A sing-along and jam session will be held at the top of the rock. All skill levels and ages are invited to make music in nature. Music booklets will be provided. Hikers will meet at the designated trailhead (Lower Table Rock) for a 2.5 - 4.5 mile round trip hike up 800 feet along a moderate grade trail. Dress for the weather and bring water. Hike is free to the public but registration is required. For information, contact the Medford District BLM at 541-618-2200. [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

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Friday, May 11, from 7 - 9 pm. Jason Andrews has "incorporated magic from his television appearances of "Masters of Illusion," "Brain Games," "The Daily Show," and "Fool Us" into a show that is great for all ages." Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$35 family 4 pack. Visit [www.randalltheatre.com](http://www.randalltheatre.com). Randall Theatre, 10 E 3rd St., Medford. 541-632-3258.

### I CAN GO

Sunday, May 13, 7:30 pm. Powerful storytelling brings drama to life with warmth and wit in Ashland New Plays Festival's dramatic reading of Meredith Friedman's I CAN GO, the final installment of her touching trilogy about the Hoffman family. A talkback with the playwright, director, and cast will follow the performance. Tickets are \$20 (online or at the door, if available). Main Stage Theatre at SOU in Ashland.

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May 18, from 7 - 9 pm. The Randall Theatre presents a staged reading of Ed Miller's musical. "This romantic, and often outrageously funny, show is inspired by characters in Shakespeare's three plays about Prince Hal." Watch a three-minute video synopsis of this show at [www.waitingstar.com](http://www.waitingstar.com). 7 to 9 pm. Free admission. Randall Theatre Medford, 10 E 3rd St. Visit [www.randalltheatre.com](http://www.randalltheatre.com).

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### A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

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## Wellness

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Wednesday, May 23, from 5 - 7 pm. Join a free interactive talk! The Wellness Wheel is a simple tool you can quickly use to celebrate what's going well and to discover where you may feel motivated to round things out. Light refreshments at 5 pm. Talk begins at 5:45 pm. Q&A at 6:30 pm. Kindly RSVP at [www.foundationalmed.com](http://www.foundationalmed.com). Event location: Foundation Medicine, 329 S Ivy St., Medford. 541-897-7383.

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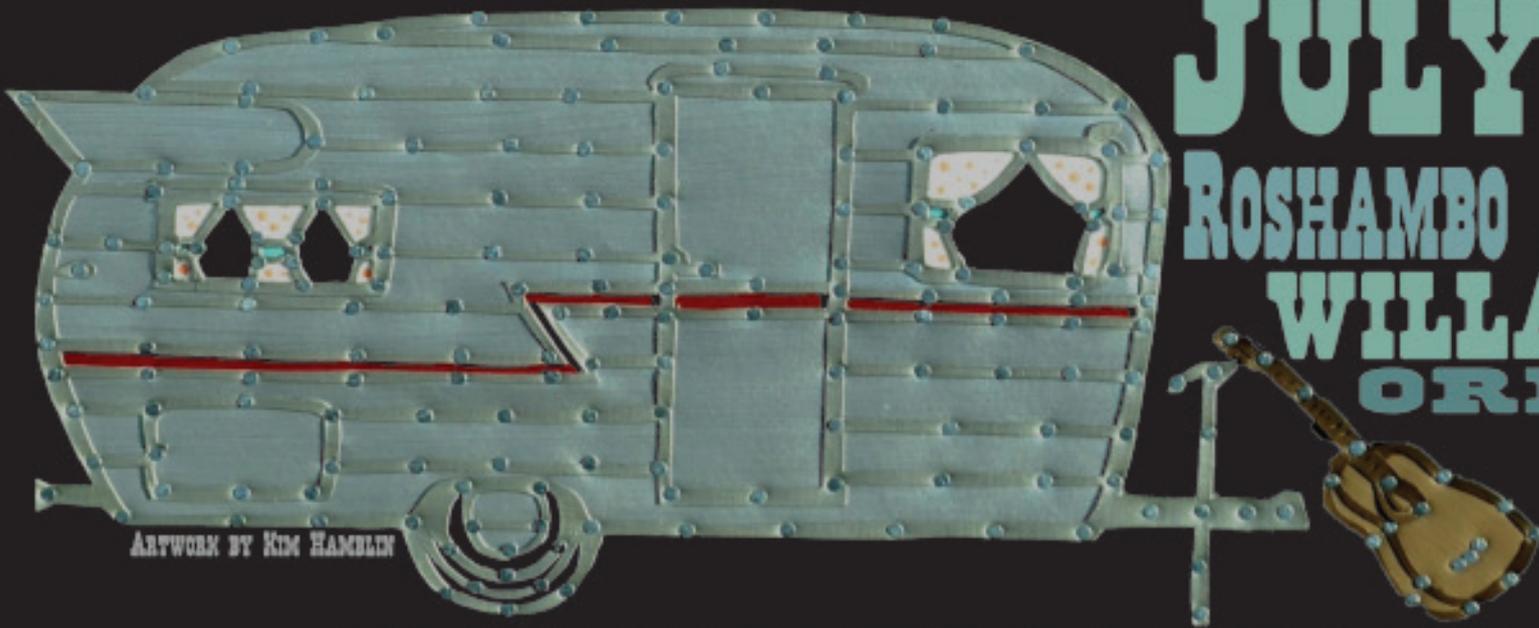
Wednesday, May 23, 5 pm. Linda Clarkson and Melissa Mlasko of Futurity First are offering a one-hour workshop on selecting the right time to take social security income in such a way that it offers couples the greatest maximum benefit. Workshop will be at the Medford Public Library, 205 S Central Ave. This workshop is available at no charge. To register, call 541-973-2100.

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### When it Comes to Survival, Go With Earth Gathering Skills

BY JORDAN MARIE MCCAWE



**BASKET WEAVING**  
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A 2016 disaster preparedness survey for the Earth Institute at Columbia University revealed that 65 percent of Americans aren't prepared for natural disasters, and 41 percent aren't confident their community has adequate plans in an unlikely event.

Essential resources or outdoor skill programs are not as hard to find as one may think. For its sixth year in a row, the Sharpening Stone will host an Earth Skills Gathering event to educate participants how to live off of the land. The event will take place May 16 through 21 in Rogue River.

Instructor Adam Larue describes the first Earth Skills Gathering as "magic. Since then, our event has grown each year, with a high rate of returning participants. Last year, we began offering an on-going youth wilderness program in Grants Pass and Williams. The program teaches

youth how to interact with nature in a way that is fun and educational."

Larue bought land in Sunny Valley in 2009 that the Sharpening Stone uses today for its nature programs. "I spent a lot of time cleaning up the land, fixing existing infrastructure, and creating more," he says. "After I attended Saskatoon Circle gathering in Washington, my focus became clear: I decided I would host The Sharpening Stone for the first time. Our instructor pool began as a group of friends who were all passionate about earth skills. Over the years our pool has grown to include many instructors who are renowned nationwide for their skills."

Among those instructors is Geoffrey Fisher, who has spent most of his life educating children as a teacher and outdoor instructor. After serving time under outdoor and primitive skills leadership mentors, he began teaching earth skills in 2011. Instructor Richard Pashu Esquibel's experience in outdoors skills is as vast as Fisher and Larue's, specializing in survival skills. All three instructors attended Tom Brown Jr.'s Tracker School.

This year's Earth Skills Gathering will include spoon carving, coal burning, soft fiber weaving, bird language, herbal medicine making, and several other outdoor skills. Participants will learn just about everything from porcupine quill work to bone tool making.

Larue adds, "Part of the magic of this type of gathering is that we don't publish an exact schedule until the first day of the event. We do provide a list of the classes that

have been taught in the past, which will closely resemble the classes available this year." The main focus will be on building participants' relationships with the outdoors. The goal is to not only learn new skills, but to connect to the earth on a level most participants haven't before.

"We have created a culture that finds it acceptable to destroy the very web of life that the future generations depend on, in the name of having extreme luxury for our own lifetime," he says. "I see this overindulgence as stealing the quality of life from the future generations in order to spoil our current children with luxury. We are every bit as dependent on nature being healthy and resilient as we have ever been, and if we destroy the web of life, we go down with it."

The Sharpening Stone website suggests participants to bring camping gear, eating utensils, a camp chair, first aid kit, and a notebook. Breakfast and dinner are included, and each meal includes organic, mostly plant-based products.

"I think humans have the potential to live in a way that makes the web of life grow stronger," says Larue. "The very act of feeding and clothing ourselves could be the same act that improves the overall strength and resilience of nature. There is a way, almost completely forgotten, that can build a sustainable future. That is why I have chosen this work. We are inspiring people to become caretakers instead of just takers." 🍀

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# SOUND

## Hip Hop Meets Bebop

### The Lique Give Jazz a Licking and Keep on Ticking

BY JOSH DAVIS



WHEN IT COMES TO STYLE, YOU CAN'T LICK THE LIQUE  
PHOTO CREDIT: ERICA YOUNG

The Lique have been tearing up the Vegas strip for the past two years, and the only problem they have—besides unruly fans—is getting people to pronounce their name correctly. Originally from Sacramento, emcee Rasar Amani headed for the bright lights of Las Vegas and found unlikely allies in four jazz students from UNLV. They have been working their asses off for the past couple years building a following in Vegas and on Sat., May 12; The Lique will be returning to the Talent Club.

“The lead single is called ‘The Lick,’” says Amani. “The band is pronounced ‘the leek.’ That’s the most commonly

asked question, ‘how do you pronounce it?’

The Lique sprung from guitarist Sean Carbone’s desire to mix jazz and hip-hop. At first, his pitch took Amani by surprise, but eventually realized this was the ideal situation for him to showcase his lyrics.

“He said, ‘I want to start an original, jazz-based, hip-hop band,’” says Amani. “I’m looking at him like he’s crazy. [But] I’m old school, that’s the cardinal rule; say what you think.”

The Lique’s first album *Democracy Manifest* was a combination of Rasar’s solo material and newer rhymes, combined with musical ideas the band had already been working on. Their latest album *Times Like These*, dropped Fri.,

May 4, is all material The Lique worked on together.

“This album is interesting because it’s not all about partying,” says Amani. “It’s real deep with the lyrics; you gotta go back and listen. It’s a good road trip album; the stuff on it is intended to be dissected. Our core fans are the ones that really get into the depths of it.”

And Amani says a lot of those core fans aren’t who you’d think.

“We are usually the band for people who are like, ‘I don’t like hip-hop, but I like you guys,’” he says. “Because

we play jazz and we have suits, we’re not hip-hop.”

Rasar has been immersed in hip-hop culture for most of his life, but jazz music has given him the opportunity to ‘grip it on that other level.’

“Definitely jazz is something we fall back on,” says Amani. “They all went into the jazz program at UNLV. I’m the oldest; I’ve been listening to hip-hop since they were little babies. But they are open to new stuff. It’s interesting to have that interaction; we teach each other. This was the first band that allowed me to use a lot of that. [And] this is the first time they’ve been able to play their own stuff.”

Now that The Lique have conquered Vegas, it’s time to make the rest of the country their ‘home away from home.’

“You know at this point it’s just been unfolding,” says Amani. “We’re getting acclimated to this new lifestyle on the road. The most we did before was like ten days, now that’s a short run. We want to do what we did in Vegas and Sacramento. We want to make everywhere our home; just plant some seeds.”

The Lique have finally recorded the album that they have all been wanting to create since the get go. But playing in front of a crowd is the foundation of what they do.

“We’re a live, performing band above all,” he says. “The most important thing is to keep the live show poppin’.”

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# SOUND

## The Rat Pack Meets the Ramones Franks & Deans Play Your Grandparents Favorite Songs at 180 BPM

BY JOSH GROSS



CLASSY AS FUDGE. COURTESY OF FRANKS AND DEANS

Try as hard as your stepdad might with that Foghat tune, cover bands will always be the epitome of lame. Unless of course they are following in the tradition of the great American songbook, and not simply trying to match the greats note-for-note, but reinventing the songs to make them their own. There may be no greater example of that principle in action than Las Vegas' own, Franks & Deans, who stick to the swingin' hits of the lounge crooner era, but at the blitzkrieg pace of Blitzkrieg Bop. The Rat Pack meets the Ramones, all buzzsaw guitars and three-part harmony. Guitarist and co-vocalist Ryan Sampson took the time to answer a few questions for *The Messenger* to preview the show.

**RVM: Did the band come together with its core concept in mind, or did that happen on its own?**

RS: Rob came up with the concept years ago, while was playing in another punk band. Eventually, he formed the beginning phase of the band with our drummer, Pip. Soon, Hoss followed, and I moved down to Las Vegas to join the band a year later.

**RVM: What drew you to focusing on the Rat Pack?**

RS: The four of us all grew up on the songs from the era. We also grew up playing in various punk and ska bands. The mashup of these two elements just seemed perfect. We're playing songs that we love in the styles that we love.

**RVM: When the Beatles arrived in America, they were asked "what do you think of the comment that you're nothing but a bunch of British Elvis Presleys." So, what do you think of the comment that you're nothing but a bunch of Vegas Me First and the Gimme Gimmes?**

RS: It was inevitable. The Gimmes have held that top spot for over 20 years. To even be placed in the same category as those guys,

whether it be positive or negative, is very humbling. Those guys are responsible for some of our favorite records. Without their regular bands, we'd lose over half of our material.

**RVM: Punk covers are notorious for happening quick and dirty, but there are a lot of complex harmonies and changes in your versions. How much do you experiment before settling on an arrangement?**

RS: Sometimes a song will take forever to figure out, and sometimes it will happen in an instant. Hoss, Rob, and I are all choir boys, so it's fun to mess around with different arrangements. It's cool to mix those three part harmonies with a fast 4/4 beat. Everyone also has their own methods of writing. Rob is the mashup master, Hoss is the crooner, and I'm the Doo Wop guy. It's a neat dynamic.

**RVM: In your experience, how do the Rat Pack die-hards react to Franks & Deans?**

RS: For the most part, the Rat Pack fans love it. I think after they watch the first few songs, they understand that we're putting a new spin on the old standards. It also gives a lot of people a fun sense of nostalgia. On the other side of the coin, we have had people say that we're too fast, and too loud, but that's kind of the point. 🍷

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# Rogue Sounds

## 'Backwoods Blend' by The Distilled Spirit Rebellion Might Need to Age a Little Longer

BY JOSH GROSS



There's a generally held belief that critics are hateful misers, lurking in a dark room while stroking a cat like a supervillain, waiting for any opportunity to blindside innocent, unsuspecting artists on nuclear blast.

In my experience, they're more akin to cultural patriots; fans so passionately committed to the cause that they want nothing more to shout about from the rooftops, but who also can't help but be frustrated when a work

falls short of its idealized potential. One need only look to fanboy comic culture to see that taken too far, it can become toxic. But in moderation it can help spread the word, while also urging artists not to get too high on the circle-jerk of acolytes that offer no incentive to do their best work.

It's hard not to dip a toe into that rabbit hole listening to *Backwoods Blend*, the new album from Josephine County's own Distilled Spirit Rebellion.

The 13-track collection was released last month in online and physical formats, and features the most non-hyphenate take on country music in Southern Oregon. Banjos plink, acoustics strum, and pedal-steels boldly proclaim it's their party and they'll cry if they want to.

Track 3, "The Coo-Coo Bird," from the weird Americana songbook, is one of the album's best tunes, with a great minor key banjo line reminiscent of Slim Cessna.

Track 5, slips more into the '70s sound with a straight rock beat, flourishes of organ, and the lyrical profession that "I was a rebel then, but I'm an outlaw now."

Track 9, Darlin' Corey, a song driven by an old-time Earl Scruggs-style banjo line is a standout track for its general boisterousness.

The album concludes with "Closin' Down the Honky Tonks," another 70s-style tune that laments the tyranny of last call.

The collection is heavy on covers and traditionals, but has enough original material to stand on its own, and the pedal-steel work from Fred Epping is great.

But summing it all up is where we circle back to the meta-commentary about critics, because while the pieces are all there, it doesn't quite stick the landing, feeling just a little bit...off, mostly in the vocals from frontman Nazel Pickens. His voice is a perfect stylistic match, all gravel and twang, with hiccups and yodels in just the right places, and it isn't exactly out of key. But it just feels like it's happening in a different room. And while country certainly prides itself on its rough edges, it doesn't quite work here, which is disappointing, because so many of the other pieces are just right. Perhaps these distilled spirits just need to age a little longer in the barrel to reach maturation.

*Backwoods Blend* is available to stream on Spotify, for download on Bandcamp, and from the band as a CD. 🍷



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# CULTURE

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### The Southern Oregon Chess Tournament Welcomes Everyone to the Board

BY WILLIAM MACBRIDE



ED BATTISTELLA AND PETER GRANT SETTLE THE SCORE AT THE CHESS BOARD. PHOTO CREDIT: WILLIAM MACBRIDE

the Ashland Chess Club, which meets at Boulevard Coffee in Ashland on Friday afternoons.

“[Chess] gives you an opportunity to focus on something” he says. “You learn to take defeat and move on. You can develop strategy, develop humility, and stay focused.”

This emphasis on humbleness and concentration rather than bravado has clearly served Battistella well—his USCF rating stands at 2006, which puts him at expert level, the highest level before a player hits master status. (*Editor’s note:* USCF rating is: The United States Chess Federation maintains a database of all registered players, ranging from beginners at 100 points upwards to 2500 Yoda-like masters, meaning that 2006 clears the “expert” level and puts him on course for “National Master” status.)

This degree of chess accomplishment along with his attributes as an educator qualify Battistella to take the helm of the local chess scene with an eye to steering it toward greater popularity and acceptance. While there is definitely a competitive chess presence here in the Rogue Valley, Battistella clearly feels that the “scene” could benefit from encouragement, stimulus, and wider exposure.

“There are a lot of strong players around here

and a lot of players who are underrated because they don’t get to play that much,” he says. “So we’re trying to remedy that a little bit with these tournaments and give them a chance to boost their rating.”

This sentiment is echoed by Bill Scott, another player in the group, along with Peter Grant with whom he was playing a relaxed game. Comparing chess in this area with the larger San Francisco scene in which he has also participated, Scott noted that “There were more people but it wasn’t as tough. Here there are fewer players but they’re stronger.”

The player on the other side of the board, Peter Grant, who hails originally from Northern England, offered some insights from a more international perspective.

“It’s all about the way the pieces interact, it’s thematic,” he says. “If you like the artistic side of chess, some of these [themes] are really beautiful. It’s the Europeans who are really keen at that kind of thing. But in America it’s all about beating the other guy.”

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## Cult Classic Star Toasts Paradise

Adrienne King, *Friday the 13th* survivor, thrives in Southern Oregon

BY VANESSA A. NEWMAN



ADRIENNE KING TOASTING THE ROGUE VALLEY  
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“We all have our stories of how we found paradise,” says Adrienne King. It was 2005, one day after the 25th anniversary of the movie *Friday the 13th*, when she and her husband discovered Southern Oregon. Two months later, they moved here from Los Angeles. “It was magical and still is! Every moment of every day, we feel blessed.”

But King’s journey started long ago. First, as a child actress who then became known as a “first final girl” (lone survivor of original cult classic film *Friday the 13th*) then background dancer in *Saturday Night Fever*, then top female voiceover actress, and now an artist and Crystal Lake wine purveyor at Valley View Winery.

King got the acting bug early. She did her first commercial at six-months old and co-starred in *Inherit the Wind* at age eight. She still remembers the court scene that moved her to tears. In the middle of so much talent, she

was a willing sponge.

When she had downtime on sets, she would draw and paint. While sitting in the garden of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, she created her first signed work of art and handed it over confidently to an interested party. “Confidence can get you through the worst of times,” King comments.

Hers was tested in the 1980s when a stalker tormented her for two years and again when she panicked waiting to go on camera as Dr. Hoberman for the soap opera, “All My Children.”

“Acting was my world,” she recalls. “I was wondering if I’d ever be able to be on camera again.”

Her drawing and painting became her new world and, in 1984, King was accepted into the Royal Academy of Arts in London, which became her second home. “They love my paintings, and I have a huge fan base there.”

(King also uses her fine art paintings to inspire her Crystal Lake wine labels.)

Then, after returning to the States, she met her husband Richard Hassanein, founder of United Film Distribution and president of Todd-AO Studios, a post sound production company. They lived in Los Angeles and King began doing voiceovers and looping (putting her voice in other characters’ mouths post production and recording sounds).

Lips on the back of her hand like we used to do in the 6th grade, making smacking and sucking noises, is exact-

ly how “kissing” is done in Hollywood (or, at least how it is recorded for sound). King has looped for seven seasons of “Melrose Place” and on films like *What’s Eating Gilbert Grape* with Johnny Depp, and *Man without a Face* with Mel Gibson.

But it is often her role in 1981’s *Friday the 13th* that holds the most ardent fans. “Alice is such a touchstone,” she says. The character was the quirky, non-traditional, character who surprised everyone by fighting back—and King, somewhat like the character, fought back from her diagnosed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder by reuniting with her fans.

She recently had the ultimate full circle experience after attending a *Friday the 13th* weekend at the original camp (No-Be-Bo-Sc), and raised over \$100,000 for the Boy Scouts. Her advice to young people is: “Forget about finding yourself! Create yourself! And then believe in yourself!”

And (to bring it full circle for this article) that credo is blended into Survivor’s Syrah, from the Crystal Lake label; more than a wine varietal that she created in partnership with the Wisnovsky family from Valley View Winery eight years ago, it is a statement about being your own heroine. “We’re all survivors of something,” says King. “It’s about finding your way back to being whole again.”

In 2017, King received the Trailblazer Award from Idaho Horror Film Festival. Now, she attends events supported by fans thirty-eight and a half years later.

“I own every year with pride,” she says. 🍷



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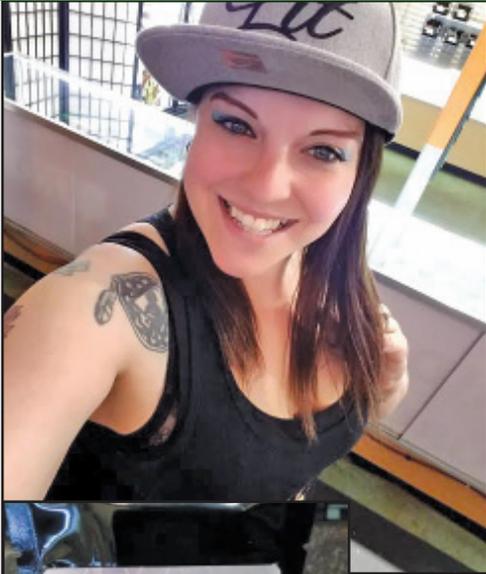
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## FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Born under the sign of Taurus, Edmund Wilson was a renowned twentieth-century author and critic who wrote more than 30 books. He also served as editor for Vanity Fair and The New Republic, and influenced the work of at least seven major American novelists. When he was growing up, he spent most of his free time reading books: 16 hours a day during summer vacations. His parents, worried about his obsessive passion, bought him a baseball uniform, hoping to encourage him to diversify his interests. His response was to wear the uniform while reading books 16 hours a day. I trust you will be equally dedicated to your own holy cause or noble pursuit in the coming weeks, Taurus. You have cosmic clearance to be single-minded about doing what you love.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** It's possible you could pass for normal in the next three weeks; you might be able to fool a lot of people into thinking you're an average, ordinary contributor to the dull routine. But it will be far healthier for your relationship with yourself if you don't do such a thing. It will also be a gift to your less daring associates, who in my opinion would benefit from having to engage with your creative agitation and fertile chaos. So my advice is to reveal yourself as an imperfect work-in-progress who's experimenting with novel approaches to the game of life. Recognize your rough and raw features as potential building blocks for future achievements.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** "Paradise is scattered over the whole earth," wrote the scientific poet Novalis, "and that is why it has become so unrecognizable." Luckily for you, Cancerian, quite a few fragments of paradise are gathering in your vicinity. It'll be like a big happy reunion of tiny miracles all coalescing to create a substantial dose of sublimity. Will you be ready to deal with this much radiance? Will you be receptive to so much relaxing freedom? I hope and pray you won't make a cowardly retreat into the trendy cynicism that so many people mistake for intelligence. (Because in that case, paradise might remain invisible.) Here's my judicious advice: Be insistent on pleasure! Be voracious for joy! Be focused on the quest for beautiful truths!

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** These days, your friends and allies and loved ones want even more from you than they usually do. They crave more of your attention, more of your approval, more of your feedback. And that's not all. Your friends and allies and loved ones also hope you will give more love to yourself. They will be excited and they will feel blessed if you express an even bigger, brighter version of your big, bright soul. They will draw inspiration from your efforts to push harder and stronger to fulfill your purpose here on Planet Earth.

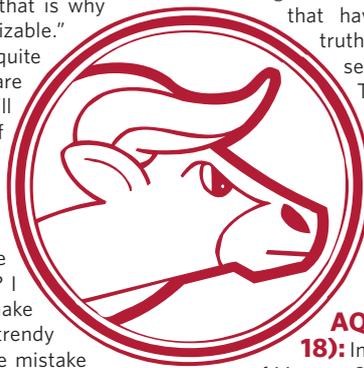
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** One of the advantages you get from reading my horoscopes is that I offer confidential information about the gods' caprices and leanings. For example, I can tell you that Saturn -- also known as Father Time -- is now willing to allot you a more luxurious relationship with time than usual, on one condition: that you don't squander the gift on trivial pursuits. So I encourage you to be discerning and disciplined about nourishing your soul's craving for interesting freedom. If you demonstrate to Saturn how constructively you can use his blessing, he'll be inclined to provide more dispensations in the future.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Vincent van Gogh's painting *The Starry Night* hangs on a wall in New York's Museum of Modern Art. He created it in 1889 while living in a French asylum. Around that same time, 129 years ago, a shepherd in Wyoming created a sourdough starter that is still fresh today. A cook named Lucille Clarke Dumbrill regularly pulls this frothy mass of yeast out of her refrigerator and uses it to make pancakes. In the coming weeks, Libra, I'd love to see you be equally resourceful in drawing on an old resource. The past will have offerings that could benefit your future.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Love everyone twice as much and twice as purely as you ever have before. Your mental health requires it! Your future dreams demand it! And please especially intensify your love for people you allegedly already love but sometimes don't treat as well as you could because you take them for granted. Keep this Bible verse in mind, as well: "Don't neglect to show kindness to strangers; for, in this way, some, without knowing it, have had angels as their guests."

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** After meditating on your astrological aspects for an hour, I dozed off. As I napped, I had a dream in which an androgynous angel came to me and said, "Please inform your Sagittarius readers that they should be callipygian in the next two weeks." Taken back, my dreaming self said to the angel, "You mean 'callipygian' as in 'having beautiful buttocks'?" "Yes, sir," the angel replied. "Bootylicious. Bumtastic. Rumpalicious." I was puzzled. "You mean like in a metaphorical way?" I asked. "You mean Sagittarians should somehow cultivate the symbolic equivalent of having beautiful buttocks?" "Yes," the angel said. "Sagittarians should be elegantly well-grounded. Flaunt their exquisite foundation. Get to the bottom of things with flair. Be sexy badasses as they focus on the basics." "OK!" I said.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Now is a favorable time to discuss in elegant detail the semi-secret things that are rarely or never talked about. It's also a perfect moment to bring deep feelings and brave tenderness into situations that have been suffering from half-truths and pretense. Be aggressively sensitive, my dear Capricorn. Take a bold stand in behalf of compassionate candor. And as you go about these holy tasks, be entertaining as well as profound. The cosmos has authorized you to be a winsome agent of change.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** In his 1931 painting *The Persistence of Memory*, Salvador Dali shows three clocks that seem to be partially liquefied, as if in the process of melting. His biographer Meredith Etherington-Smith speculated that he was inspired to create this surrealistic scene when he saw a slab of warm Camembert cheese melting on a dinner table. I foresee the possibility of a comparable development in your life, Aquarius. Be alert for creative inspiration that strikes you in the midst of seemingly mundane circumstances.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** "My whole life is messed up with people falling in love with me," said Piscean poet Edna St. Vincent Millay. She spoke the truth. She inspired a lot of adoration, and it stirred up more chaos than she was capable of managing. Luckily, you will have fewer problems with the attention coming your way, Pisces. I bet you'll be skilled at gathering the benefits and you'll be unflummoxed by the pitfalls. But you'll still have to work hard at these tasks. Here's some help. Tip #1: Stay in close touch with how you really feel about the people who express their interest in you. Tip #2: Don't accept gifts with strings attached. Tip #3: Just because you're honored or flattered that someone finds you attractive doesn't mean you should unquestioningly blend your energies with them.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** The Torah is a primary sacred text of the Jewish religion. It consists of exactly 304,805 letters. When specially trained scribes make handwritten copies for ritual purposes, they must not make a single error in their transcription. The work may take as long as 18 months. Your attention to detail in the coming weeks doesn't have to be quite so painstaking, Aries, but I hope you'll make a strenuous effort to be as diligent as you can possibly be. 🙏

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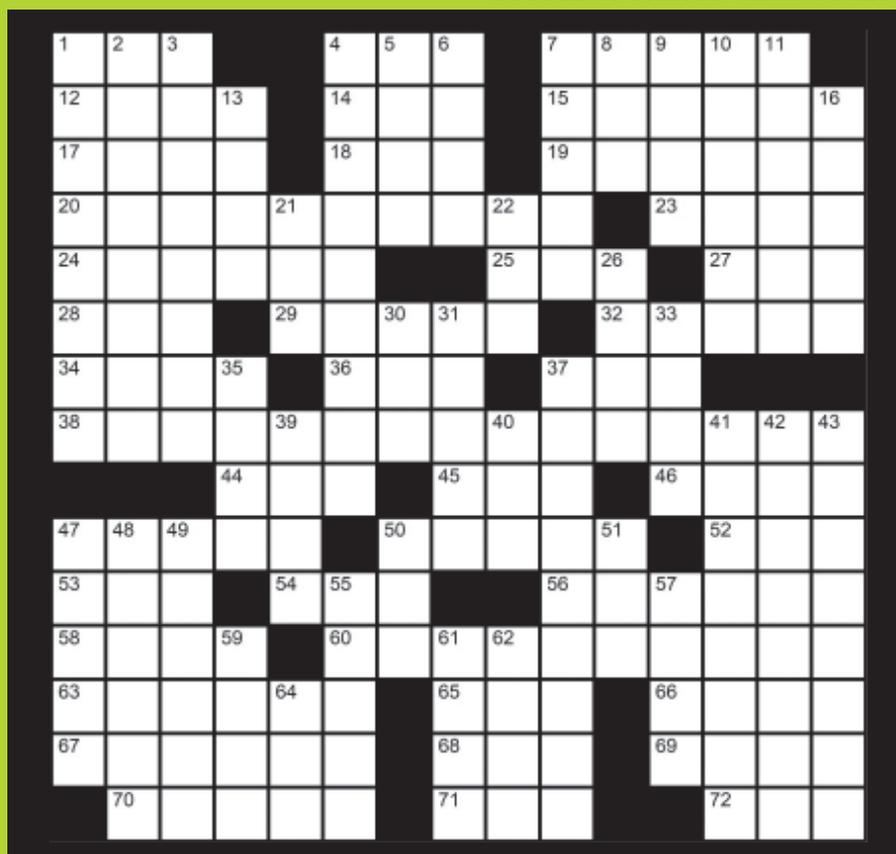
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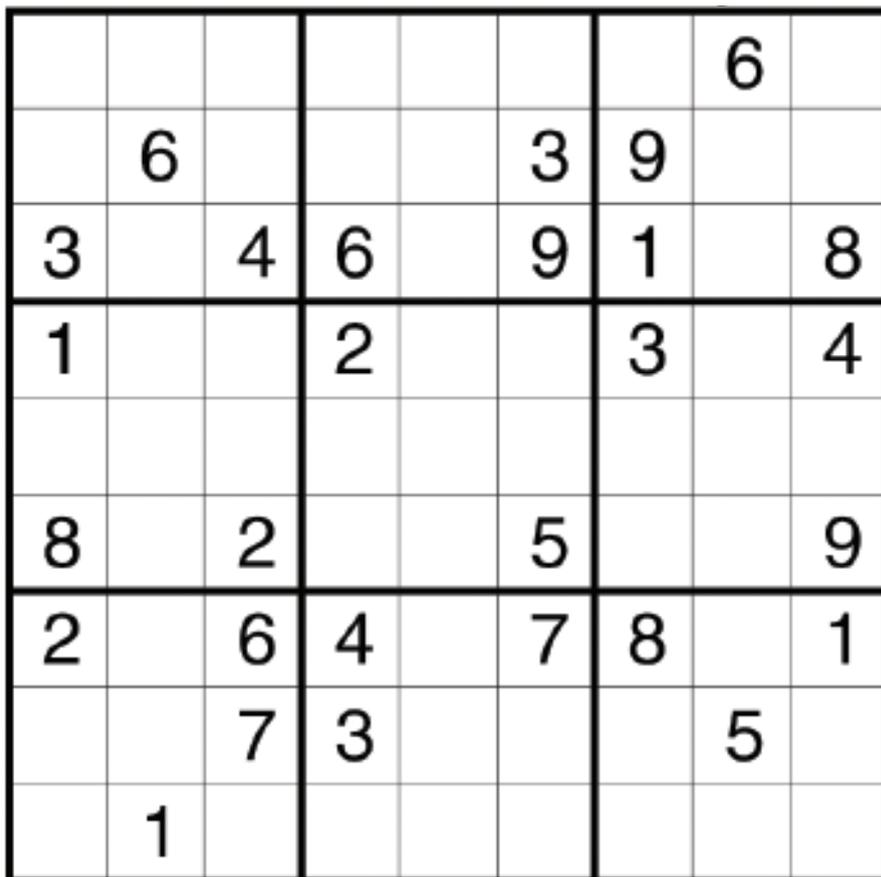
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- 4 Org. that licenses drivers
- 7 Pipe material
- 12 Yankees nickname of the 2000s-2010s
- 14 "Pioneer Woman" cookbook writer Drummond
- 15 Sycophant
- 17 A long time out?
- 18 Employ
- 19 Multicolored cat
- 20 "The Sound of Music" character behaving badly?
- 23 Have \_\_\_ to pick
- 24 Principles of faith
- 25 Consumer protection agcy.
- 27 Number that's neither prime nor composite
- 28 Gator tail?
- 29 Boring
- 32 Was human?
- 34 Mathematical sets of points
- 36 Cut (off)
- 37 Springfield resident Disco \_\_\_
- 38 Why yarn is the wrong material to make an abacus?
- 44 Hosp. triage areas
- 45 Body part to "lend"
- 46 Movie 1 for 007
- 47 Pre-clause pause
- 50 Storage level
- 52 Corvallis campus
- 53 "The Name of the Rose" novelist Umberto
- 54 Prohibit
- 56 Tried and true
- 58 Famed Roman fiddler, supposedly
- 60 Be cranially self-aware?
- 63 10-time Gold Glove winner Roberto
- 65 Itinerary word
- 66 Speck of dust
- 67 First of the Medicis to rule Florence
- 68 Address in a browser bar
- 69 Plaintiff
- 70 Grand \_\_\_ National Park, Wyoming

- 71 Cartoon voice legend Blanc
- 72 Bronco scores, for short

### Down

- 1 Lip
- 2 Attached, as a T-shirt decal
- 3 First Olympic gymnast to receive a perfect 10
- 4 Some rock or jazz concert highlights
- 5 Flat-topped mountain
- 6 Change direction suddenly
- 7 One way to travel from the airport
- 8 Actor Stephen of "V for Vendetta"
- 9 "La \_\_\_ Bonita" (Madonna song)
- 10 "F, r Elise" key
- 11 Wisconsin city on Lake Michigan
- 13 Barry once played by the late Harry Anderson
- 16 Observed
- 21 Numeral suffix
- 22 Deep Blue creator
- 26 Pre-release software version
- 30 Garden tool with a handle
- 31 Unexpected loss
- 33 Actor Paul of "Fun Mom Dinner"
- 35 Menu option
- 37 Certain shopping area
- 39 Boring
- 40 D.C. baseball player, for short
- 41 Expelled
- 42 Ousted from office
- 43 Quarter \_\_\_ (burger orders)
- 47 "Wyatt \_\_\_'s Problem Areas" (HBO show)
- 48 Spotted cat
- 49 Gloomy
- 50 Newscaster Curry
- 51 Hue's partner
- 55 Ohio rubber hub
- 57 Units of electrical resistance
- 59 Leave off the list
- 61 Egg, biologically
- 62 It may come down to this
- 64 "I love," in Latin

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