

Road show with Anne Feeney will 'sing out for single payer'

Labor singer/songwriter Anne Feeney has launched a three-state "Sing Out For Single Payer Health Care!" road show this month.

Feeney and other featured artists, including Jason Luckett, Pat Dodd, the Citizen's Band, David Rovics, and others, will perform at various locations in Oregon starting July 7 in Ashland. Most of the shows are free, with a donation suggested.

The road show is sponsored by California Nurses Association, Jobs with Justice, Labor Campaign For Single-Payer Health Care, Labor Task Force for Universal Health Care, Solidarity Education Fund, Unions for Single Payer HR 676, Universal Health Care For Oregon, and Physicians for a National Health Program.

Here is a list of performance dates, times, locations and contact info:

Tuesday, July 7, 6 p.m. Unitarian Center, Ashland. brain@mind.net

Wednesday, July 8, 7 p.m., Pioneer Park, Bend. 541-318-8169.

Thursday, July 9, 6 p.m., Florence Events Center, Florence. Stuart Henderson, shenderson88@hotmail.com.

Friday, July 10, 3 p.m., Oregon

Country Fair; Saturday, July 11, 3 p.m., Oregon Country Fair; Sunday, July 12, 2:15 p.m., Oregon Country Fair, Veneta. <http://oregoncountryfair.org>.

Monday, July 13, 7 p.m., Central Park Gazebo, Corvallis. Paul Hochfeld, phochfeld@msn.com.

Tuesday, July 14, 5 p.m., Mingus Park, Coos Bay. Rick Staggenborg, stagmd@hotmail.com.

Wednesday, July 15, 7 p.m., Cafe Mundo, Newport. 541-265-9747.

Thursday, July 16, 6 p.m., Green Salmon, Yachats. <http://www.thegreen-salmon.com>

Friday, July 17, 8:30 p.m., The Very Little Theater!, Eugene. Charlotte Maloney, charuhc@jcomcast.net.

Saturday, July 18, 7:30 p.m., SEIU Local 49 Auditorium, 3536 SE 26th Ave., Portland. Margaret Butler, margaret@jjwpx.org.

Sunday, July 19, 2:30 p.m., McMinville. <http://annefeeney.com/specialevents.html>.

Monday, July 20, 8 p.m., Astoria, (to be announced).

For more information, go to www.annefeeney.com.



Putting pressure on Wyden

Approximately 75 union members and leaders protested outside the downtown Portland office of Democratic U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden June 24 demanding that he back off his plan to tax workers' health insurance benefits and that he support a single payer health care system in the United States. Coordinated by Jobs with Justice, protestors also displayed a giant check totaling \$395,000 to illustrate campaign contributions Wyden has received from the medical, pharmacy and insurance industries since 2005. Wyden has introduced a reform bill in the Senate that doesn't even include a public health care option to compete against private insurers. A Wyden spokesperson told Oregon Public Broadcasting that it's too early to say what is workable in reforming the health care system, but that Wyden is open to discussion. Recent polls suggest that a majority of the American people believe the best solution to the health care crisis is to get the insurance companies out of the way by creating a single payer system. (Photo courtesy of Alaina Kauffman.)

NOLC to host Labor Day picnic

The Northwest Oregon Labor Council will once again sponsor a Labor Day Picnic at Oaks Park in Southeast Portland. Labor Day is Monday, Sept. 7.

The Labor Council will sell food scrip for 25 cents each. Three scrip will get you a hot dog and chips, two scrip a soda pop, and six scrip a beer.

A deluxe ride bracelet costs \$8.75 and is good from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The ride bracelet also includes admission to the roller skating rink.

Guest speakers are scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m.

To pre-order scrip, call the Labor Council at 503-235-9444.

'Labor Night' at ballpark scheduled for Aug. 27

The Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council will sponsor "Labor Night at the Portland Beavers" Thursday, Aug. 27. Tickets are \$12 for seats along the first base line. The first pitch will be thrown at 7 p.m. The opponent is the Tacoma Rainiers.

Unions are encouraged to purchase bulk tickets before Aug 25. Discount tickets will not be available at the box office. To order tickets, call Brian Pollard at 503-553-5441 or go to bpollard@pgepark.com.



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