

Arts & Entertainment

Celebration to mark grand opening of GP library

Josephine Community Libraries announced that it will conduct a grand opening celebration on Saturday, Jan. 24 at the main branch of the library at 200 N.W. C St. in Grants Pass.

A short program will begin at 11:30 am, leading to the official opening of the library at noon.

“The celebration is a high-water mark for local public library service,” explained Russell Long, library director for Josephine Community Libraries Inc. (JCLI). “People want a library, they are supporting it, and once again it’s open and real. They

should come see what they’ve created; it can only get better with continuing support.”

JCLI encourages the community, however, to come see and use its new library before the celebration. Circulation computers are now operational at the main branch, so people can apply for JCLI library cards and check out materials.

Operations Committee Chairman Bonnie Johnson credits Ron Dowell of FastServer LLC, who helped get the computers connected and running ahead of schedule. She also cited Polaris,

which contracted with JCLI to provide circulation software and database, for the expertly handled resumption of computer services.

“So many people helped get us to the point where we could check out books and other materials,” noted Johnson. “Ron Dowell set up the Internet and functioning computers like a miracle. Former library staff stepped up and registered borrowers and started check-outs with great skill.

“Our library system provider, Polaris, could not have been more helpful in our great push to get our libraries

opened for families before Christmas -- the best possible holiday present.”

The Grants Pass branch is open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays; and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, phone 476-0571 or visit josephinelibrary.org.

Libraries in Josephine County closed on May 17, 2007. In September ‘07, committed community members formed JCLI, a nongovernmental, nonprofit organization dedicated to reopening and operating the libraries in Josephine County.

Rogue Valley symphony tix available free for students

Rogue Valley Symphony Orchestra (RVSO) is offering free tickets for students to hear Russian pianist Alexander Ghindin perform Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 2 in c minor.

First prize winner of the Cleveland International Piano Competition in 2007, Ghindin will make his Rogue Valley debut in concerts on Jan. 24 and 25. The program will open with Verdi’s Overture to *La forza del destino*, followed by Symphony No. 2, “Mysterious Mountain”, by Hovhanness.

Vouchers are available for Josephine County students to attend the concert for free at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 25 at the Grants Pass High School Performing Arts Center, 830 N.E. Ninth Street.

Vouchers are distributed to schools and music teachers, and may also be obtained from the RVSO’s website at rvsymphony.org. (click on the Education Programs link).



Pianist Alexander Ghindin. (Photo provided)

Students must arrive with a completed voucher 45 minutes prior to the start of the concert. Each voucher is valid for one student who must be accompanied by an adult, who may also attend the concert for free. All seats are reserved. For more information phone the RVSO box office at (541) 552-6398, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Safe winter heating tips offered by fire marshal

With the official winter season just a few weeks old and with plenty more cold days on the way, acting Oregon State Fire Marshal Randy Simpson reminds Oregonians that any time is a good time to have chimneys, fireplaces and woodstoves inspected and cleaned.

From 2003 through 2007 in Oregon there were 1,227 fireplace or woodstove-caused fires resulting in four deaths and nine injuries. During this same period there have been 1,368 electrical-caused fires with many related to portable heaters, Simpson said.

“Keeping your family warm should never result in tragedy,” says Simpson.

Oregonians can keep themselves safe by following these additional safety tips:

- *Have chimneys, flues, fireplaces and woodstoves inspected and cleaned each year by a qualified chimney sweep. Ask him to check for creosote deposits, soot build-up and physical damage.
- *Always use a fireplace screen. Make sure the screen is made of sturdy metal or heat-tempered glass.
- *Keep a clutter-free environment. Store kindling, fire logs and wood at least 3 feet from any heat source.
- *Dispose of ashes in a metal container and place the container outdoors at least 3 feet from anything flammable. Ashes may retain heat for days after they appear out.
- *When using a portable heater make sure it has an automatic tip-over switch and a high temperature limit switch. The tip-over switch turns off the heater if it’s knocked over. The high temperature limit switch regulates the heat, preventing the heater from getting too hot.
- *Give heaters space. Put at least 36 inches of space

between the heater and combustibles such as furniture, curtains, papers and people.

- *If the cord on a portable electric heater gets hot or is frayed or cracked, have the heater serviced.
- *Never use extension cords with portable electric heaters. It can overload the circuit and cause a fire.
- *Unplug unused heaters and before going to bed.
- *Be aware of electric baseboard or wall heaters. These heaters are thermostatically controlled and turn on without warning when temperatures drop. Keep combustibles at least 3 feet from

these heaters as well.

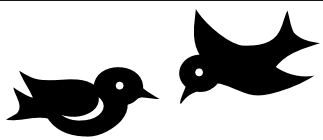
- *If using a propane-fueled heater, or other appliance make sure it is designed for indoor use. Follow all manufacturer’s instructions and make sure it is properly vented.
- *Do not use any barbecue indoors.
- *If you smell gas, do not operate any switches, appliances or thermostats. A spark from one of these could ignite the gas vapor. Get everyone outside and away from the building. Shut off the gas supply. Phone your propane supplier from a neighbor’s phone.
- *Only use kerosene heat-

ers outdoors, as they can emit poisonous fumes.

- *Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom.
- *Test smoke alarms monthly.
- *Vacuum regularly to remove dust and cobwebs.
- *Never disconnect or remove smoke alarm batteries for other uses.
- *Make a home escape plan and practice it with your family at least twice a year.

For more home fire safety tips, visit http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/FPW_2008.shtml.

Backyard bird watching with Harry



For bird watchers, one of the best and most fun events is a bird-watching field trip. Oregon has so many places to watch birds of every size and color. These driving trips can be overnight or day trips. Either way they can be fun for the whole family.

Cascade Birding Trail:

This is a self-guided auto tour highlighting nearly 200 prime birding destinations in the Cascades, and showcases the region’s spectacular scenery and wildlife.

The trail runs down both sides of the Cascade Mountains, connecting Mt. McLaughlin to the south, with Mt. Hood to the north. On this trail there are five smaller loops, each with its own features. This is a must for bird watchers. Some of these loops get a rating of “Wow.”

For fact sheets and maps: oregonbirdingtrails.org/cascades

Oregon Coast Trails:

This trail offers a vast variety of birding opportunities along the Pacific Northwest coast. Up to 250 different species may be spotted. This is a self-guided driving trail that highlights the premier locations for observing birds along the entire Oregon coast.

The trail is divided into three sections: North Coast, Central Coast, and South Coast. Check the weather forecast for the area you plan on driving. The other great part of this trip is the wildlife including whales, elk and seals.

Coastal Birding Events:

Aug. 10 to Oct. 25: Newport Summer/Fall Pelagic Trips (thebirdguide.com/pelagics/archive/03012008)

Aug. 29-31: Charleston Oregon Shorebird Festival (audubonportland.org/local-birding/festivals/shorebird)

Details at oregoncoastbirding.com

Klamath Basin Birding Trail:

Imagine millions of geese swirling as far as the eye can see over vast wetlands, with their silhouettes forming astonishing patterns against snowy mountain vistas. The Klamath Basin is renowned for its wide diversity and abundance of bird life due to its diverse habitats including marshes, open water, coniferous forest, Juniper woodlands, oak-chaparral, sagebrush-grasslands, grassy meadow, and rocky cliffs.

The Klamath Basin is a bird lover’s paradise with more than 250 species.

The Winter Wings Festival in February is a great place to learn about birds and see them up close.

Klamath Basin seasonal highlights:

Fall: August and September are peak months for viewing Pelicans, Egrets, Herons, and Grebes.

An estimated one to two million ducks and geese migrate through the Basin each October and November.

Winter: From November to February more than 500 Bald Eagles, the largest concentration in the lower 48 states, winter near Bear Valley.

Spring: March to May brings shorebirds and waterfowl migrating north to Alaska and Canada. Thousands return to nest in the Klamath marshes.

Summer: Brood-rearing by 200,000 ducks, geese, herons, egrets, and grebes can be seen from May to August.

Klamath Basin events:

February: Winter Wings Festival

May: Klamath Falls Migratory Bird Festival

September: Wings of the Warners Festival

Details at klamathbirdingtrails.com.

Remember the “Bird Watchers Breakfast” Saturdays around 8:30 at Michelle’s (except the first Saturday of the month when we meet at I.V. Senior Center). Join us for great “bird” conversation.

Information from Oregon Birding Trails.com and Harry Johnson (birdwatching@frontiernet.net)

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- Flat-bottomed boat
 - Ice melter
 - Sparking white wine (Sp)
 - Black bird
 - Happy dog’s do this
 - Way, way off
 - Bad-mannered
 - Hotel luggage carrier
 - Salaries
 - Charged particle
 - Foot the bill
 - Eskimo dog
 - Arid
 - Cool
 - Wight, for one
 - ___ juice (milk)
 - Tibetan priest
 - Express in words
 - Robert E. ___
 - Lure
 - Cashew, e.g.
 - Pool stick
 - Comedian
 - Hung in galleries
 - Luxuriousness
 - ___ vera
 - Yoga class need
 - Not any
 - Agitate
 - Hearty brew
 - Star ___
 - Barbie ___
- Down**
- Strikebreaker
 - Bistro
 - Elliptical
 - Hawkish
 - Offshoot
 - Ground forces
 - Sever
 - Street or mirror (2 words)
 - Big gulp
 - Crown
 - Matures
 - Place something
 - Male child
 - Plays for pay
 - ___ Master’s Voice
 - ___ Today
 - Cunning
 - Female deer
 - Prosciutto
 - Mischievous fairy
 - Touch
 - Gathered
 - Upwind
 - Luminous
 - Egyptian boy king
 - Zilch
 - Stream
 - Deep sleep
 - Opaque gem
 - Silent
 - Skin disorder
 - Hodgepodge
 - Throw, as dice
 - Ship part
 - ___’wester
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesay, Jan. 14

- Open mic, anything goes, talent night, 7 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art’s Red Garter

Thursday, Jan. 15

- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Friday, Jan. 16

- Zach Freiwald, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor’s Country Store
- Original folk music by Ross Welcome & Sam Kurz, 7-10 p.m. at McGrew’s in O’Brien
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art’s Red Garter
- Dance Night, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Saturday, Jan. 17

- Dance Night, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art’s Red Garter

Sunday, Jan. 18

- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art’s Red Garter

Monday, Jan. 19

- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Tuesday, Jan. 20

- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Save the Date:

Sunday, Jan. 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Brothers Keeper Food Bank Concert featuring EAST FORK at I.V. Grange Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 6-9 p.m. Rock Band Tournament II at IVHS sign up: Bobbie Loyd 592-6039 Darlene Anderson 597-4486

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How to Play Sudoku

- Each of the numbers from 1 to 9 should only be placed once in each column.
- Each number from 1 to 9 can be placed only once in each row.
- The numbers 1 to 9 can appear only once in each 3 x 3 grid

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THURSDAY, JAN. 15
Chicken noodle soup, popcorn chicken, pepperoni or veggie pizza, turkey salad sandwich, chicken salad wrap, chef or garden salad.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16
Nachos, hamburger, soft chicken taco, totally turkey sandwich, classic wrap, Cobb or garden salad.

MONDAY, JAN. 19
Martin Luther King Day
No Classes

TUESDAY, JAN. 20
Totally teriyaki dippers, chicken nuggets, sausage or cheese pizza, super duper sub, crispy chicken wrap, chef or garden salad.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21
Spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken burger, hamburger, tuna torpedo sandwich, it’s Italian wrap, popcorn chicken garden salad.