

24 THURSDAY

Sunrise 5:52 am; Sunset 8:45 pm
Av High 83; Av Low 51

GATHERINGS Meridian Farmers Market, noon to 5 pm Thursdays, 18th Ave. and Willamette St. FREE.

HIV counseling and testing, 9 to 11:15 am Thursdays, 135 E. 6th Ave. \$15.

Home Builders Association of Lane Co. 2003 Tour of Homes, 6 to 9 pm today and tomorrow and from noon to 6 pm July 26 and 27. Information and schedules are available at the Eugene and Springfield Chambers of Commerce.

KIDSTUFF "Peewee Playground" for ages 3-5 features singing, stories, crafts, active games and more, 9 am to noon Mondays through Thursdays through Aug. 14, Eastgate Woodlands and Thurston Park, Spfd. Children must be toilet trained and with parent/caregiver. 736-4544. FREE.

"Silly Stories & Twisted Tales," 11:30 am today, tomorrow and July 26, Impact! Arts, 2520 Harris St. 431-1177. \$2 sugg. don.

"Actors in Action," 10:30 am Sheldon, 1 pm Bethel and 3:30 pm Downtown branch libraries. FREE.

"Camp Read-it!" for 4th, 5th and 6th graders, 1 to 3 pm, Springfield Library. FREE.

Baby storytime, 10:15 am, Downtown Library. FREE.

LECTURE "All About Coins and Coin Collecting," 1:30 pm, Willamalane Sr. Adult Activity Cntr., Spfd. FREE.



JAPANESE OBON AND TAIKO DRUMMING FESTIVAL, ALTON BAKER PARK. SEE SATURDAY.

LITERARY ARTS A celebration for *Best Essays NW*, work from *Oregon Quarterly Magazine* features appearances by Robin Cody, Lauren Kessler, Bobbie Willis and others, 7 pm, Barnes and Noble. FREE.

Jim Brown reads, 6 pm, Luna. FREE.

Reflective Readers discusses *Atonement* by Ian McEwan, 7 pm, Barnes and Noble. FREE.

MUSIC The Valley Boys, 6:30 pm, Petersen Park. FREE.

The Ovulators, 9 pm, Sam Bond's Garage. \$3.

The Jazz Mandolin Project, 8:30 pm, WOW Hall. \$12 adv., \$14 dos.

Accordions Anonymous, 6 pm, Coiner Park, Cottage Grove. FREE.

ON THE AIR "New Dimensions" features "Making Friends With Death," Jane Gignoux, 6:30 pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM.

OUTDOORS/RECREATION One-hour fast bike rides, noon Monday through Friday, Bike Friday. 687-0487. FREE.

"Discover Oregon's Overlooked Wilderness Gems" Oregon Wild Forest Coalition's Wilderness Week features hikes, celebrations and campouts today through July 27. For schedule go to www.oregonwild.org

Obsidians hike 6 miles, Gwynn Creek. See YMCA board for details. \$3-\$4 sugg. don.

Introduction to sea kayaking, 7:30 pm today and at 9 am July 26, Outdoor Program, EMU, UO. \$20.

GEARS rides 40 miles, Four Hills. Meet at 9 am, Alton Baker Park. FREE.

SPIRITUAL Eugene peace circle, noon Thursdays, Suite 306, 474 Willamette St. 684-3850. FREE.

Prayer for Peace circles, noon Monday through Friday, Unity of the Valley. FREE.

THEATER *Balm in Gilead*, 8 pm tonight, tomorrow, July 26, 31 and Aug. 1 and 2, Lord Leebrick Theatre. \$10.

25 FRIDAY

Sunrise 5:53 am; Sunset 8:44 pm
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ARTS/VISUAL An opening for *Art About Music*, work by Ellen Gabehart, Craig Lasha and Robert Prokop, and *The Tamkin Collection*, work by Maude I. Kerns, 6 pm, Maude Kerns Art Center. \$3 sugg. don.

BENEFITS Locks of Love hair drive, Fridays and Tuesdays through June, 20 W. 17th Ave. 870-0388. don.

"The Relay For Life" benefit for the American Cancer Society today and tomorrow features Bill Willie Bluz, Don Latarski, 1:30; Deb Cleveland, 3 pm; Red Pajamas, 4:30 pm; Wheel of Meat, 6 pm; The Valley Boys, 7 pm today, LCC track, main campus. don.

Wilderness Week continues. See Thursday, July 24.

SPIRITUAL Prayer for Peace circles continue. See Thursday, July 24.

THEATER *Hair*, 8 pm tonight and tomorrow, Actors Cabaret. \$15 res., \$10 gen., \$29.95 for dinner and show.

Balm in Gilead continues. See Thursday, July 24.

26 SATURDAY

Sunrise 5:54 am; Sunset 8:43 pm
Av High 83; Av Low 52

ARTS/VISUAL A summer studio sale and show of ceramics by Faye Nakamura, 10 am to 4 pm, 2695 University St. FREE.

VICTORIA WILLIAMS PLAYS THE WOW HALL. SEE THURSDAY, JULY 31.



BALM IN GILEAD PLAYS AT LORD LEEBRICK THEATRE. SEE THURSDAY, JULY 24.



FESTIVAL Toledo Summer Festival features fireworks, logging show, carnival, dances and a parade, today through July 27, Memorial Fields, Toledo. For information go to www.visittoledooregon.com

GATHERINGS Blackberry Jam Pow Wow features music, a fishing derby, a parade, an exhibition of arctic winter games, contests, a pow wow, exhibition dancing, drumming, storytelling, Indian crafts and food, as well as pow wow grand entries, today through July 27, Lowell. For information call 687-3489. FREE.

"The Singletarians" meeting, 7:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Eugene. \$2 don.

Lane Co. 2003 Tour of Homes continues. See Thursday, July 24.

KIDSTUFF Playgroup for moms and newborns to 2-year-olds, 10 am, Bambini. FREE.

"Flying Machines" features hands-on building and flying of crazy creations, noon to 4 pm today and tomorrow, The Science Factory. Free with admission to *Science Sleuths* exhibit.

"Explore Bugs!", 10:30 am, Bethel Library. FREE.

"Silly Stories & Twisted Tales" continues. See Thursday, July 24.

LITERARY ARTS A benefit for the Eugene Poetry Slam Team's August travel to the National Competition in Chicago features a poetry slam with the slammers trying out their new licks, 9:30, John Henry's. \$3-\$10 ss.

MUSIC Satin Love Orchestra, 6:30 pm, Island Park, Spfd. FREE.

Culture, 9 pm, The Annex. \$16 adv., \$18 dos.

Mood Area 52, Scrambled Eggs, 9:30 pm, Sam Bond's Garage. \$5.

West Coast Rhythm Kings, 9 pm, Vet's Club Ballroom. \$6 adv., \$8 dos.

Jaya Lakshmi, Deva Privo, Gypsy Moon, 8:30 pm, Agate Hall, UO. \$12.

OUTDOORS/RECREATION One-hour fast bike rides continue. See Thursday, July 24.

BENEFIT "The Relay For Life" benefit for the American Cancer Society features Ben Powell, 8:30 am; Island Jammin', 9:30 am; The Cheeseburgers at 10:50 am, LCC track, main campus. don.

COMEDY ComedySportz, 8 pm, The ComedySportz Theatre, 10th Ave. and Oak St. 517-9996. \$8, \$7 with a can of food for FOOD for Lane Co.

FESTIVALS Japanese Obon and Taiko Drumming Festival features Japanese dancing, Taiko drumming, audience participation, crafts, food, children's activities and more, 5 to 9 pm, Alton Baker Park. FREE.

Toledo Summer Festival continues. See Friday.

GATHERINGS A "War on Boredom" closing multimedia event for My House features a multi-media event with music, film, art, zin readings, slide shows, crafts, poetry, food, four square and more, 3 to 11 pm, Washington/Jefferson Park. FREE.

Saturday Market features more than 150 local artisans, international food court and live music, 10 am to 5 pm Saturdays, Park Blocks. Richard Crandall plays at 10 am; Invincible Vincent at 11; Eugene Slam Team at noon; Tony Kaltenberg at 1 pm; Laura Kemp with Roy Brewer at 2 and the Olem Alves Band plays at 3:30 pm. FREE.

Eugene swap meet and auto display, 8 am to 3 pm, Lane Co. Fairgrounds. \$3.

Cascadia Forest Goods warehouse sale features figured maple, chinkapin, walnut, decking, siding, paneling, fencing and more from sustainably managed forests and recycled wood, 9 am to 3 pm Saturdays, 4446 Franklin Blvd., Glenwood. 485-4477. FREE.

Southtowne Shoppes Farmers Market, Saturdays 9 am to 3 pm, and Tuesdays 11 am to 3 pm, 28th Ave. and Oak St. FREE.

Farmers Market features produce, plants and flowers from more than 40 local growers, 9 am to 4 pm Saturdays and from 10 am to 3 pm Tuesdays, 8th Ave. and Oak St. FREE.

"Stray Cat Showcase" adoption event features adorable felines of all