



It's a couple days past Christmas, and that jolly old whale of a man has already breached your chimney and gone, depositing a pod of presents but leaving you, now, with nothing much to anticipate in the way of holiday activities. Thank goodness, then, that the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department has announced this to be **Whale Watch Week**, running Dec. 27-31. At designated whale watching sites along the Oregon coast, you will find — no, not Gregory Peck as Ahab in *Moby Dick* — but trained volunteers from the Whale Watching Spoken Here program ready to answer your questions about cetaceans and their migration every day from 10 am to 1 pm. A map of sites is available at whalespoken.org, and camping spots can be reserved at oregonstateparks.org. Ahoy!

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 31
SUNRISE 7:47AM; SUNSET 4:44PM
AVG. HIGH 45; AVG. LOW 32

BENEFIT Oakshire Inspires for NW Dog Project, 11am-10pm, Oakshire Public House, 207 Madison St. Don.

FARMERS MARKETS The Corner Market, fresh local produce, noon-6pm, 295 River Rd., 513-4527.

Sweetwater Farm Stand, fresh farm produce, products & recipes, 4-6pm, 1243 Rainbow Dr.

FILM International Film Night, 7-10pm, Cush Cafe, 1235 Railroad Blvd. FREE.

GATHERINGS Midnight at Noon Celebration, dance, science demos, ball drop, noon, Science Factory, 2300 Leo Harris Pkwy. \$3-\$4.

Peace Vigil, 4:30pm, 7th & Pearl. FREE.

Co-Dependents Anonymous, women-only 12-step meeting, 6-7pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1465 Coburg Rd. FREE.

NAMI Connections Support Group for individuals w/mental illness, 6pm, NAMI Office, 76 Centennial Loop., Ste A, 209.

Co-Dependents Anonymous, men-only 12-step meeting, 7-8pm, McKenzie Willamette Hospital, 1460 G St., Spfd. FREE.

Trivia Night, 7pm, Sharkeys Pub & Grill, 4221 Main St., Spfd. FREE.

Trivia Night, 7pm, 16 Tons, 29th & Willamette St. FREE.

Trivia Night, 7-9pm, The Cooler, 20 Centennial Loop. FREE.

Bingo Night, 8pm, Rogue Public House, 844 Olive St. FREE.

Quizzo Pub Trivia w/Dr. Seven Phoenix, 9pm, Starlight Lounge, 830 Olive St. FREE.

Beer Pong, 9pm, B & B Lounge, 213 N. Front St., Creswell. FREE.

KIDS/FAMILIES Lapsit Storytime, ages birth-3 w/adult, 10am, Springfield Library, 225 5th St., Spfd. FREE.

Preschool Storytime, ages 3-6, 10am, Springfield Library, 225 5th St., Spfd. FREE.

Itsy Bitsy Yoga at Storytime, 10:15am & 11am, downtown library. FREE.

Toddlers' Storytime, 11am, Barnes & Noble, 1163 Valley River Dr. FREE.

Sensory Storytime, for children w/sensory integration needs w/caregivers, 1pm, downtown library, info at 682-8316. FREE.

Family Board Game Night, 6pm, Castle of Games, 660 Main, Spfd. FREE.

Whimsical Wednesday Storytime, 6:30pm, Barnes & Noble, 1163 Valley River Dr. FREE.

ON THE AIR "The Point," 9-9:30am, KPOV 88.9AM.

OUTDOORS/RECREATION Chess for Seniors, 9am-noon, Campbell Community Center, 155 High St. \$0.25.

Bike Riding for Seniors, weekly in-town rides, helmets required, 9:30am, from Campbell Center, 155 High St., reg. 682-5218. FREE.

Accessible Aquatics, swimming classes for individuals with disabilities, 10am, Amazon Pool, 2600 Hilyard St. \$7.

Foursome Bridge for Seniors, noon-3:30pm, Campbell Community Center, 155 High St. \$0.25.

Cribbage for Seniors, 12:30-3pm, Petersen Barn Community Center, 870 Berntzen Rd. \$0.25.

Bingo for Seniors, 1-4pm, Campbell Community Center, 155 High St. \$0.25.

Pinball Tournament, 21+, 8pm, Blairally Vintage Arcade, 245 Blair Blvd., info at 335-9742. FREE.

SOCIAL DANCE Scottish Country Dance w/Robert & Leone, all dances taught, 7-9pm, Santa Clara Grange, 295 Azalea, info at 935-6051. \$15/month.

New Year's Eve Ballroom Dance w/DJ Robert Phaigh, potluck, no pointy heels, no booze, sparkling cider toast at 10pm, lessons at 7pm, dance at 8pm, Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St. \$6.

SPIRITUAL Open Heart Meditation, 12:30-1pm, Unity of the Valley, 3912 Dillard Rd., 344-0458. FREE.

THEATER Poison Pen Players: *You Dirty Rat*, murder mystery dinner theater & dance party, 7pm, Eugene Hilton, 66 E. 6th Ave., 999-8641. \$75.

Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love*, classic opera, 7:30pm, Hult Center, 1 Eugene Center. \$31-\$79.

CORVALLIS AND SURROUNDING AREAS

SATURDAY, DEC. 27: Corvallis Farmers Market, 9am-1pm, 1st & Jackson. FREE.

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ATTENTION OPPORTUNITIES

STiLE (Skill Training for an Independent Living Experience), a division of KindTree —Autism Rocks, announces group sessions for their Winter Term beginning Jan. 5, 2015. Registration is open now at wkly.ws/1v8.

The Eugene Symphony will hold auditions for the Eugene Symphony Chorus on Jan. 15, 2015 in The Studio, located on the lower level of the Hult Center for the Performing Arts. Send résumés highlighting performance experience to Eugene Symphony General Manager Ness Zolan (ness.zolan@eugenesymphony.org) by no later than Jan. 12, 2015.

The Maude Kerns Art Center offers winter art classes for youth and adults beginning in January. To register, call the Art Center at 345-1571 and leave a message or email education@mkartcenter.org. Visit the Center's website at mkartcenter.org for the complete Winter Class Schedule.

Registration is now open for winter 2014 events and classes at Ophelia's Place. All activities are for girls ages 10-18 unless otherwise noted. To register, call 284-4333 or email info@opheliaplace.net.

Registration for Eugene Recreation's co-ed "do-it-yourself" volleyball league is Jan. 6-9. For more information or registration materials, contact the City of Eugene Athletics staff at 682-5409 or visit wkly.ws/1v7.

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