

WHAT'S HAPPENING



After watching a flesh-and-blood cowboy ripped and jolted around like a flimsy ragdoll in a demon-possessed washing machine, it's tempting to dismiss rodeo sport as an idiotic spectacle of might and luck. But it ain't. Cody Hudson, a promising young rider from Camas, Washington, once told me bull riding is a thinking man's game. Furthermore, Hudson argued, the physical challenge of covering 1,000 pounds of livid, surging beef is a test of cowboy grace more than muscle, ligament or bone. "The bull is bred for this," Hudson said. "It knows what it's doing, too. And it has no want for me on its back." The chute flies open and hell breaks loose for eight whole seconds, if the cowboy even lasts that long. "If his form is good and he does all the right things, the littlest guy can ride the biggest bulls," Hudson added. The **Eugene Pro Rodeo** kicks off Thursday, July 2, and continues through the weekend. Expect bucking broncos, barrel races, bull riding, mutton bustin' and country music, along with hats, chaps, fringe, nationalism, the smell of leather, line dancing and fireworks.

Eugene Pro Rodeo at the Oregon Horse Center, 90751 Prairie Rd., runs 4pm-midnight Thursday, July 2, to Saturday, and 1-6pm Sunday; for a detailed event schedule and ticket prices, see eugeneprorodeo.com. —*Ben Ricker*

THURSDAY

JULY 2
SUNRISE 5:34AM; SUNSET 8:59PM
AVG. HIGH 78; AVG. LOW 50

FARMERS MARKETS Lane County Farmers Market, 10am-2pm today & Thursday, July 9; 9am-3pm Saturday; 10am-3pm Tuesday, 8th & Oak. FREE.

FFLC Youth Farm Stand, 2-6pm today & Thursday, July 9, Sacred Heart Medical Center, 3333 RiverBend Dr., Spfd; 10am-2pm Saturday, Youth Farm, 705 Flamingo Ave., Spfd. FREE.

FILM Springfilm: *The Searchers*, 6:30pm, Wildish Theater, 630 Main St., Spfd. FREE.

FOOD/DRINK Thirsty Thursday, tasting & tap attacks, 5-8pm, Tap & Growler, 207 E. 5th Ave. FREE.

GATHERINGS Fair Board Meeting, 7:30am, Lane Convention Center, 796 W. 13th Ave., Meeting Rm 1. FREE.

Oregon State Capitol Tower & Building Tours, 10-3:30pm today, tomorrow & Monday through Thursday, July 9, Oregon State Cap Building, 900 Court St. NE., Salem. FREE.

Eugene Metro Business Networking International, 11:30am today & Thursday, June 11, LCC Downtown Center, 101 W. 10th Ave. \$12 lunch.

Downtown Public Speakers Toastmasters Club, drop-ins welcome noon-1:05pm today & Thursday, July 9, Les Lyle Conference Rm, fourth floor Wells Fargo Bldg., 99 E. Broadway Ave., 485-1182. FREE.

Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation: Free Lunch for Kids, ages 2-18, noon-1pm today, tomorrow & Monday through Thursday, July 9, see foodforlanecounty.org for a list of locations. FREE.

Exhibit Talks, 2pm today through Sunday & Tuesday through Thursday, July 9, Museum of Natural and Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave., natural-history.uoregon.edu. FREE with price of museum admission.

Learning Landscape Open Garden, master gardeners on hand to answer questions, 2-3pm, OSU Extension Office, 996 Jefferson St. FREE.

Open Figure Drawing, 4-6pm today & Thursday, July 9, MECCA, 449 Willamette St. Pay what you want.

VA Roseburg Healthcare System Town Hall, 4:30-6:30pm, Elks Lodge, 1701 Centennial Blvd., Spfd. FREE.

pARTy on the Plaza: Fefafe, West African dance and drums, 5:30-6:15pm, Hult Center Plaza. FREE.

Nar-Anon Meeting, beginners, 7pm, Wesley United Methodist Church, 1385 Oak Rd. FREE.

Santa Clara Community Organization General Meeting, 7pm, Messiah Lutheran Church, 3280 River Rd. FREE.

Informal Memorial for Noah DeWitt, 7:30pm, Charnel Mulligan Park. FREE.

Oregon Bach Festival: Bach, Bruchner & Brahms, 7:30pm, Hult Center. \$15-\$68.

Doc's Pad Drag Queen Bingo w/ Karess, 9pm today & Thursday, July 9, Doc's Pad, 710 Willamette St. FREE.

KIDS/FAMILIES Wonderful Ones Storytime, 1-year-olds w/care-givers, 10:15am & 11am today & Thursday, July 9, downtown library, 682-8316. FREE.

Preschool Storytime, 1pm, Springfield Library, 225 5th St., Spfd. FREE.

Stories of Surprising Heroes w/ Kelly Terwilliger, 3pm, Sheldon Branch Library, 1566 Coburg Rd. FREE.

LECTURES/CLASSES How People Can Find the Mental Services They Prefer in Lane County, 2pm, downtown library. FREE.

Oregon Bach Festival: Pre-Concert Lecture: Bach, Bruchner & Brahms, 6:30pm, Hult Center. FREE.

LITERARY ARTS Lunch w/ Julie Olson, author of *To Make a Difference*, noon, The Book Nest, 1461 Mohawk Blvd., Spfd. FREE.

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

"Arts Journal," current local arts, 9-10pm, Comcast channel 29.

OUTDOORS/RECREATION Pool Hall for seniors, 8:30am-4:30pm today, tomorrow & Monday through Thursday, July 2, Campbell Community Center, 155 High St. \$0.25.

SOCIAL DANCE English & Scottish Country Dancing, 7pm today & Thursday, July 9, Vet's Ballroom, 1620 Willamette St. \$7, first time FREE.

Music & Dance Workshops w/ Taller de Son Jarocho, 7-9pm, American Legion Hall, 344 8th St., Spfd. FREE.

SPECTATOR SPORTS Eugene Pro Rodeo, 4pm-midnight today through Saturday, 1-6pm Sunday, Oregon Horse Center, 90751 Prairie Rd., 689-9700. \$12-\$48.

SPIRITUAL Tibetan Buddhist Master Lopon Osel Gyurme Teaching, 8-9pm, Saraha Nyingma Institute, 477 E. 40th Ave. FREE.

THEATER No Shame Workshop, short-form theatre and improv, 7:30pm, today and Thursday, July 9, New Zone Gallery, 164 W. Broadway. FREE.

VOLUNTEER Native Plant Nursery Volunteer Work Party, 8am-noon today, Saturday, Tuesday & Thursday, July 9; 9am-noon Monday, Native Plant Nursery in Buford Park, rsvp@volunteer@bufordpark.org. FREE.

Care for Owen Rose Garden, bring gloves & small hand-weeding tools, instruction provided, noon-3pm, end of N. Jefferson St., 682-5025.

FRIDAY

JULY 3
SUNRISE 5:34AM; SUNSET 8:59PM
AVG. HIGH 79; AVG. LOW 50

DANCE #instaballet, the audience tells dancers from Eugene Ballet Co. what to do, 5-8pm, Oregon Contemporary Theatre, 194 W. Broadway. FREE.

FARMERS MARKETS Marketplace@Sprout, year-round indoor & outdoor farmers market w/entertainment, 3-7pm, 418 A St., Spfd. info at sproutfoodhub.org.

FOOD/DRINK Wine Tasting & Music, 5-10pm, Noble Estate Urban, 520 Commercial St. FREE.

Wine Tasting, 6-9pm, Sweet Cheeks Winery, 27007 Briggs Hill Rd. FREE.

GATHERINGS Yawn Patrol Toastmasters, 6-7:45am, LCC Downtown Center, 110 W. 10th Ave.

Art & the Vineyard, 11am-9:30pm today, 11am-fireworks tomorrow & 11am-6:30pm Sunday, Alton Baker Park. \$1-\$16.

Nar-Anon Meeting, 12:30pm, Springfield Lutheran Church, 1542 I St., Spfd. FREE.

Oregon Bach Festival: Strange-land Family Youth Choral Academy Soloists, 1-2pm, Hult Center. FREE; Suzuki Conducts Bach, 7:30pm, Beall Hall, UO. \$15-\$52.

Food Not Bombs, vegan meal, 2-4pm, 8th & Oak. FREE.

First Friday ArtWalk led by Oregon Country Fair volunteers, 5:30-8pm, starts at New Zone Galler, 164 W. Broadway. FREE.

SASS Friday Night Mens Meet-up, for survivors of sexual assault, self-identified men 18+, 5:30-7pm, NAMI, 2411 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. FREE.

Bluegrass at the Library w/ Karass, 6pm, downtown library. FREE.

Exhibit Talks continue. See Thursday, July 2.

Oregon State Capitol Tower & Building Tours continue. See Thursday, July 2.

KIDS/FAMILIES Family Game Night, 6-8pm, Petersen Barn, 870 Berntzen Rd. FREE.

ON THE AIR "The Sunday Morning Hangover TV Show," 11pm, Comcast channel 29.

Marc Time's Record Attic, 11:30pm, Comcast channel 29.

OUTDOORS/RECREATION Walk 'n' Talkers, weekly self-led neighborhood walking group, 9-11am, meet at Campbell Community Center, 155 High St. FREE.

Bridge Group for Seniors, 12:30-3:30pm, Campbell Community Center, 155 High St. \$0.25.

Magic the Gathering, standard deck casual play, 6pm, Castle of Games, 660 Main, Spfd. \$1.

Magic the Gathering, 6pm, Delight, 811 E. Main St., Cottage Grove, info at delightcg@gmail.com. FREE.

Final Table Poker, 6pm & 9pm, Steve's Bar & Grill, 117 14th St., Spfd. FREE.

Pool Hall continues. See Thursday, July 2.

SOCIAL DANCE All Request International Folk Dancing, 2-3:30pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St., info at 603-0998. \$1.50.

Advanced dance class w/Taller de Son Jarocho, 4:30-6pm, Whiteaker Community Center, N. Jackson & Clark St. FREE.

Dances of Universal Peace, 7:30pm, Friends Meeting House, 2274 Onyx St. Don.

Salsa Dancing w/Jose Cruz, 8:30pm, Vet's Club Ballroom, 1626 Willamette St. \$7.

Church of '80s, 9pm, Blairally, 245 Blair Blvd. \$3.

SPECTATOR SPORTS Soccer: Lane United vs. Portland Timbers, 8pm, Willamalane Center, 250 S. 32nd St., Spfd. \$5-\$10.

Eugene Pro Rodeo continues. See Thursday, July 2.

THEATER *Little Shop of Horrors*, 7pm today & tomorrow, Red Cane Theatre, 1077 Chambers St. \$17-\$32.

No Shame Eugene Performance, Fifteen five-minute originals, 7:30pm, Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave. FREE.

VOLUNTEER Eugene Park Stewards Work Party, 1-4pm, Alton Baker Park Native Plant Nursery, 538 Day Island Rd. FREE.