

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Cue hectic music from seemingly nowhere, follow that up with mind-boggling introduction that leaves your head spinning, and voilà — **Welcome to Night Vale**. Cecil, the good-hearted yet gossip-addicted news reporter welcomes us to his radio show about the incredibly normal, yet completely screwy, town of Night Vale. This quaint city and its inhabitants are overrun by every conspiracy theory and apocalyptic plot twist imaginable. To them, however, these occurrences are nothing out of the ordinary — even a day when it rains animal corpses. Think *Black Mirror* meets cheeky NPR programming. Cecil Baldwin — the *real* Cecil, not the news reporter he plays in the popular podcast — says his broke and theatre-loving cohort created *Welcome to Night Vale* on a whim in 2012. The podcast gained a following at an alarming rate. By 2015, *Night Vale*'s scriptwriters Jeffrey Cranor and Joseph Fink wrote a novel based in the same surreal setting. The incredible success of both the podcast and the book inspired the crew to take the show on the road. "It's about storytelling," Baldwin says. "The audience gets to listen to music, and actors tell a story in the most simple way possible while it's happening right in front of them." The live show expands on the podcast's daily reports of the pleasantly doomed town. Baldwin's character portrayal is so immersive in Cecil's dutiful role that it's nearly impossible not to get sucked into his velvet and hypnotic narration.

Catch the elaborately simple storytelling of *Welcome to Night Vale* (the ghost stories edition) 8 pm Saturday, Feb. 18, at the McDonald Theatre, 1010 Willamette St.; \$26, all ages. — *Kelsey Anne Rankin*



THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16

SUNRISE 7:10AM; SUNSET 5:44PM
AVG. HIGH 51; AVG. LOW 35

GATHERINGS Refuge Recovery meeting, 7:30-8:30am today & Thursday, Feb. 23, Cascade Center for Spiritual Living, 741 Main St., Spfd. FREE.

Downtown Public Speakers Toastmasters Club, drop-ins welcome, noon-1:05pm today & Thursday, Feb. 23, Les Lyle Conference Rm., 4th floor Wells Fargo Bldg., 99 E. Broadway Ave., 485-1182. FREE.

NAMI Connection Support Group for people w/mental health issues, 1-2:30pm today & Thursday, Feb. 23, 2411 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. FREE.

Rush Hour Resistance, Progressive Coalition Rally, 5-6pm Monday through Friday, old Federal Building, 211 E. 7th. FREE.

A Celebration of (Friends of) Trees! Refreshments, live music by Monroe Street, 6-8:30pm, Ninkasi Administration Bldg., 155 Blair Blvd., RSVP at eugenetrees@friendsoftrees.org, 632-3683. FREE.

Emerald Photographic Society Club Meeting, 6:45pm today & Thursday Feb. 23, Northwood Christian Church, 2425 Harvest Ln., Spfd. FREE.

Home Grown Community Radio Forming KEPW-FM, 7pm, today & Thursday, Feb. 23, Growers Market, 454 Willamette St., 343-8548. FREE.

Eugene Symphony: Pictures at an Exhibition, 8pm, Hult Center. \$10 Youth & Student Tickets.

HEALTH Stress & Anxiety Relief Group Acupuncture, 10-11:30am today & Thursday, Feb. 23, Trauma Healing Project, 2222 Coburg Rd., 687-9447. \$10.

Chinese Acupuncture Healing Circle, by appt. only, 1:30-3:20pm today & Thursday, Feb. 23, Trauma Healing Project, 2222 Coburg Rd., Ste. 300, 687-9447. \$15.

Mindfulness Group, 4-5pm, NAMI Resource Center, 2411 Martin Luther King Blvd., 520-3096. FREE.

LECTURES/CLASSES Happy, Healthy Heart, Ages 18+, alternative therapies, 1:30-2:30pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Spfd. FREE.

Talks at the MNCH, 2pm today through Sunday, Tuesday through Thursday, Feb. 23, Museum of Natural & Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave., natural-history.uoregon.edu. FREE w/price of museum admission.

"Tips For Selecting A Care Facility For Yourself Or A Family Member," 2pm, Sheldon Oaks Retirement, 2525 Cal Young Rd. FREE.

DanceAbility Class, creative movement for youth 4pm, adults 5pm, today & Thursday,

Feb. 23, all abilities & disabilities, Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard St., 357-4982. don.

Is there an angel investor in your future? w/Frank Plaisted, 6pm, downtown library. FREE.

Info night: School Choice in Eugene School District 4J, 7pm, 4J Education Center, 200 N. Monroe St., 790-7570. FREE.

Brian Dykstra: "Oregon Native Plant Pollination Biology," 7pm, 150 Shelton-McMurphey Building. FREE.

KIDS/FAMILIES Wonderful Ones Storytime, 1-year-olds w/caregivers, 10:15am & 11am today & Thursday, Feb. 23, downtown library, 682-8316. FREE.

Make Balloon Rockets, 4pm, downtown library. FREE.

ON THE AIR "The Point," current local issues, arts, stories, 9-9:30am, today, tomorrow & Monday through Thursday, Feb. 23, KPOV 88.9FM.

"Arts Journal," current local arts, 9-10pm today & Thursday, Feb. 23. Comcast channel 29.

OUTDOORS/RECREATION

Pool Hall for seniors, 8:30am-4:30pm today, tomorrow & Monday through Thursday, Feb. 23, Campbell Community Center, 155 High St. \$0.25.

GEARs Bicycle Club, McKenzie View & Sunderman, 9:30am, Alton Baker Park, eugenegears.org/wp-content/uploads/February-2017.pdf. FREE.

Tai Chi: Level 1, Ages 50+, 11am, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Tai Chi: Level 2, Ages 50+, noon, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, FREE intro.

Lunchtime Running Group, 3-4 miles, 12:15-12:45pm today & Thursday, Feb. 23, Tap & Growler, 207 E. 5th Ave. FREE.

Duplicate Bridge, 1pm today, Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday, Feb. 23; 9:30am Monday; 6:30pm Wednesday, Emerald Bridge Club, 1782 Centennial Blvd., Spfd. \$8.

SilverSneakers@ Classic, Ages 50+, 1:30pm, Bob Keefer Center, 250 S. 32nd St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Zumba Gold, Ages 50+, 1:30pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Pi-Yo Live, combined Pilates & yoga, 5pm, Ridgeview Elementary School, 526 66th St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Cribbage Tournament, 5:30-7:30pm today & Thursday, Feb. 23, Max's Tavern, 550 E. 13th Ave. \$2.

Nia Fusion Fitness, 5:30pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Tai Chi: Evening, 5:30pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 115 W. C St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Board Game Night, 6-11pm today, Tuesday & Thursday, Feb. 23, Funagain Games, 1280 Willamette St. FREE.

Pi-Yo Live, combined Pilates & yoga, 6pm, Bob Keefer Center, 25 S. 32nd St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Femme-identifying & Women's Bike Maintenance, 6-8pm, UO Bike Program, UO Erb Memorial Union. \$10.

Yoga for Weight Management, 6:30pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Spfd. FREE intro.

Quizzo Pub Trivia w/Dr. Seven Phoenix, 9pm, Level Up, 1290 Oak St. FREE.

WDYK Trivia w/Rick, 9pm today & Thursday, Feb. 23, Side Bar, 1680 Coburg Rd. FREE.

SOCIAL DANCE English & Scottish Country Dancing, 7pm today & Thursday, Feb. 23, Vet's Club, 1620 Willamette St. \$7, first time FREE.

Music & Dance Workshops w/ Taller de Son Jarocho, 7-9pm today & Thursday, Feb. 23, American Legion Hall, 344 8th St., Spfd. FREE.

Fall Dance Sampler Series, Tango, 7:30pm, In Shape Athletic Club, 2681 Willamette St. \$10.

SPIRITUAL Zen Meditation Group, 7-8am today & Thursday, Feb. 23, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 439 W. 2nd Ave. FREE.

Insight Meditation, 6:30-8pm today & Thursday, Feb. 23, Eugene Yoga Annex, 3575 Donald St. Don.

Intro to Zen Practice, 7-8:45pm, Zen W., 981 Fillmore St., zenwesteugene@gmail.com. FREE.

TEENS Japanese Manga & Cartoon Drawing Club! 4-5pm, Ophelia's Place, 1577 Pearl St. Ste. 100. sug. don. \$10-\$25 for the term.

THEATER *Arcadia*, 7pm today through Saturday, South Eugene High School, 400 E. 19th Ave. \$7-\$10.

"Constant Revolution," 7:30pm, today through Sunday & Thursday, Feb. 23, Blue Door Theatre, LCC campus, Building 6. \$5-\$10.

Peter & the Starcatcher, 8pm today through Saturday, matinees 2:30pm Saturday & Sunday, Cottage Theater, 700 Village Dr., Cottage Grove. \$15-\$25.

No Shame Workshop: Short-form theatre & improv! 7:30pm, Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave. FREE.

VOLUNTEER Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah Native Plant Volunteer Work Party, 9am-noon today, Tuesday & Thursday, Feb. 23, Native Plant Nursery, Buford Park, volunteer@bufordpark.com, 344-8350. FREE.

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

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 17
SUNRISE 7:08AM; SUNSET 5:45PM
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FARMERS MARKETS Spfd. Farmers Market outdoors w/entertainment, 3-7pm, Spfd. City Hall, 225 5th St., Spfd. FREE.

FOOD/DRINKS Wine & Music, 4-10pm, Noble Estate Urban, 560 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. FREE.

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