

WHAT'S HAPPENING

THURSDAY MARCH 1

SUNRISE 6:49AM; SUNSET 6:00PM
AVG. HIGH 53; AVG. LOW 36

ART/CRAFT Colored Pencil Class w/Denise Zanetta, drop-in art class, one-on-one instruction, 2-4pm today & Thursday, March 8, Emerald Art Ctr., 500 Main St., Spfd. \$15.

FARMERS MARKETS The Corner Market, fresh local produce, noon-6pm today, tomorrow & Thursday, March 8 & Saturday 10am-4pm, 295 River Rd., 541-513-4527. FREE.

FILM Equal Means Equal film-screening & audience discussion, 6-8pm, Bijou Arts Cinemas, 492 E. 13th Ave. \$6-\$8.

“Singin’ in the Rain,” film screening & discussion, 6:30pm, Wildish Theater, 630 Main St., Spfd. FREE.

GATHERINGS Overeaters Anonymous, 7-8am today, Tuesday & Thursday, March 8, First Christian Church, 1166 Oak St., oaeugene.org. FREE or don.

The Newcomers Club of Eugene/Spfd, ft. quilter Jan Barto, 10am, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 777 Coburg Rd. FREE.

Friends & Family Discussion Group, 10:30am-noon today & Thursday, March 8, Trauma Healing Project, 2222 Coburg Rd., Ste. 300. \$5.

Healing Through Discussion Support Group, 10:45am-12:15pm today & Thursday,

March 8, Trauma Healing Project, 2222 Coburg Rd., ste. 300. \$5.

Downtown Public Speakers Toastmasters Club, drop-ins welcome, noon-1:05pm today & Thursday, March 8, Les Lyle Conference rm., 4th fl. Wells Fargo Bldg., 99 E. Broadway Ave., 541-485-1182. FREE.

Hearing Voices & Extreme States Discussion/Support Group, 1 PM, FREE, at LILA, 20 E. 13th Ave. FREE.

NAMI Connection Support Group for people w/mental health issues, 1-2:30pm today & Thursday, March 8, 2411 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. FREE.

Mindfulness Group, 4-5pm today & Thursday, March 8, NAMI Resource Ctr., 2411 Martin Luther King Blvd., 541-520-3096. FREE.

Talk Time: Conversational English, 4pm, downtown library. FREE.

Men’s Meet Up, for survivors of sexual assault, self-identified men 18+, 4:30-6pm today & Thursday, March 8, SASS, 591 W. 19th Ave. FREE.

Citizens Climate Lobby, Lane County chapter meeting, 5:30-7pm, First United Methodist Church Library, 1376 Olive St. FREE.

Peace Corps Week: RPCV Meet & Greet, 5:30-8pm, Falling Sky Pizzeria, UO Campus. FREE.

Emerald Photographic Society Club Meeting, 6:45pm today & Thursday, March 8, Northwood

Christian Church, 2425 Harvest Ln., Spfd. FREE.

Atheist, Agnostics & Free Thinker AA, 12-Step Meeting, 7-8pm today & Thursday, March 8, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W. 13th Ave., 541-953-5119. FREE.

NAMI Lane County’s Family to Family Support Group, 7-8:30pm, Lane County Behavioral Health’s NAMI Resource Ctr., 2nd fl., 2411 MLK Jr. Blvd. FREE.

Speed Dating for All w/DJ’d After Party presented by Expressive Exploits, prize raffles for registering before 4pm & for bringing friends, look for us on Facebook at Speed Dates For All, 7:30pm today & Thursday, March 8, Cowfish, 62 W. Broadway, please call to register 458-215-1267, ask for Kyssandra. \$3.

ROAM Oregon Launch Party, 5-7pm, The Duck Store, 895 E. 13th Ave. FREE.

HEALTH Stress & Anxiety Relief Group Acupuncture, 10-11:30am today & Thursday, March 8, Trauma Healing Project, 2222 Coburg Rd., 541-687-9447. \$10.

Mindfulness, 11:15am-noon today & Thursday, March 8, Trauma Healing Project, 2222 Coburg Rd., ste. 300. \$5.

LECTURES/CLASSES Chair Yoga for the elderly, 10-11am today, Tuesday & Thursday, March 8, Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, 1465 Coburg Rd. Don.

Bone Builders & Bone Breakers, 2-3pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Ctr., 215 W. C St., Spfd. FREE.

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

DanceAbility Class, creative movement for youth 4pm, adults 5pm, today & Thursday, March 8, all abilities & disabilities, Hilyard Community Ctr., 2580 Hilyard St., 541-357-4982. don.

Global Perspectives on Freedom of Speech & Expression, UO international students & faculty panel, 5:30-7pm, Knight Law Ctr., rm. 110, UO Campus. FREE.

Mindful & Wellness @ Work, 5:30-6:30pm, Natural Grocers, 201 Coburg Rd. FREE.

Licensing a Food Business, 6pm, downtown library. FREE.

Women’s Cuban Style Conga Drumming Class, 6-7:30pm, 1590 Washington St. \$15.

Backpacking 101: Knot Tying, 6-7pm, Bob Keefer Ctr., 250 S. 32nd St., Spfd. FREE.

LITERARY ARTS Lane Community Writers Series reading: Erica Goss, Kim K. McCrea, & Keli Osborn; 5:30pm, LCC Downtown Ctr., rm. 421. FREE.

“How to Destroy Your Novel in 10 Easy Steps: Why good writing goes bad” Presented by Valerie Brooks at Mid-Valley Chapter of the Willamette Writ-

ers, 6:30pm, Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette St. \$5.

KIDS/FAMILIES Family Music Time, 10:15am today & Thursday, March 8, downtown library, 541-682-8316. FREE.

Walkers storytime, for babies up on their feet w/their caregivers, 10:15am & 11am today & Thursday, March 8, downtown library. FREE.

Babies-Toddlers Storytime, 4pm today & Thursday, March 8, 11am Wednesdays, Goose Resale 1075 Chambers, 541-343-1300. FREE.

Family STEAM, enjoy hands-on fun & learning together w/science, technology, etc., 4pm today & Thursday, March 8, Bethel Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd. FREE.

Nature Kids, make handcrafted nature journals, 4pm, downtown library. FREE.

Table Tennis for kids, 4-4:56:15pm today, Tuesday & Thursday, March 8, Boys & Girls Club, 1545 W. 22nd St., eugenettclub.com or 541-515-2861. FREE w/membership.

Ridgeline Montessori pre-lottery information session, 6:30pm, Ridgeline Montessori Public Charter School, 4500 W. Amazon Drive. FREE.

ON THE AIR “The Point,” current local issues, arts, stories, 9-9:30am, today, tomorrow & Monday through Thursday, March 8, KPOV 88.9FM.

“Arts Journal,” current local arts, 9-10pm today & Thursday, March 8. Comcast channel 29.

Thursday Night Jazz w/David Gizara, 10pm today & Thursday, March 8, KLCC 89.7FM.

OUTDOORS/RECREATION Pool Hall for seniors, 8:30am-4:30pm today, tomorrow & Monday through Thursday,

March 8, Campbell Community Ctr., 155 High St. \$0.25.

Lunchtime Running Group, 3-4 miles, 12:15-12:45pm today & Thursday, March 8, Tap & Growler, 207 E. 5th Ave. FREE.

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

First Thursday in the Native Plant Garden, 1-4pm, Hendricks Park, Summit Ave. & Skyline Blvd. FREE.

Centennial chess club, 5-8pm today, Friday, Saturday & Thursday, March 8, Centennial Market, 651 W. Centennial Blvd., Spfd. RSVP 541-912-9061. FREE.

Cribbage Tournament, 5:30-7:30pm today & Thursday, March 8, Max’s Tavern, 550 E. 13th Ave. \$2.

Tai Chi, 5:30-6:30pm today & Thursday, March 8, Willamalane Adult Activity Ctr., 215 W. C St., Spfd. FREE drop in.

Board Game Night, 6-11pm today, Tuesday & Thursday, March 8, Funagain Games, 1280 Willamette St. FREE.

Categorically Correct Trivia w/Elliott Martinez, 6:30-8pm today & Thursday, March 8, Oregon Wine LAB. FREE.

Adult intro to ki-aikido, 7pm Today, Monday & Thursday, March 8, OKS, 1071 W. 7th. FREE.

Cards Against Humanity w/Charley, 7pm today & Thursday, Brew & Cue, 2222 State Hwy. 99 N., 541-461-7778. FREE.

WDYK Trivia w/Alan, 7pm today & Thursday, March 8, Gateway Grill, 3198 Gateway St., Spfd., 541-653-8876. FREE.

WDYK Trivia w/Stephanie, 7pm today & Thursday, El Tapatio, 725 E. Gibbs Ave., Cottage Grove, 541-767-0457. FREE.



It seems like people either love superhero movies or hate them. People either spend hours talking about the lore, what’s canonical or not and the inner workings of the characters or they just simply couldn’t care less. I would like to think I fall somewhere in the middle of those groups, as someone who just *likes* superhero movies.

I like the action and find some of the characters captivating, but I am not usually met with the urge to entrench myself into the storylines past the two hours I’m sitting in the theater.

I think a lot of this has to do with not seeing myself represented on screen. As a black woman, there’s just not a lot out there as far as popular superhero movies go. I didn’t watch a lot of *X-Men*, so I guess there was Storm, and, let’s be real: Halle Berry’s *Catwoman* was laughable. This was not the case with Marvel’s newest addition, ***Black Panther***.

Black Panther takes place in Wakanda, a fictional country in Africa. Though on the outside Wakanda disguises itself as a small farming nation, it’s filled with the world’s most advanced technology fueled by vibranium, a strong and powerful metal, brought to the country by a crashed meteorite centuries ago.

The Black Panther, played by Chadwick Boseman, rules over Wakanda as king, wearing a black suit made out of vibranium when needing to complete missions to protect his home country.

Featuring a nearly all-black main cast, the film has shaken up on screen representation. Its costume design features authentic plays off of real tribes in Africa. It talks politics and discusses the intricacies of colonialism and isolationism. But ***Black Panther*** isn’t necessarily a “black movie” — at least, definitely not in the absurd, beat-you-over-the-head way Tyler Perry’s *Madea* movies are “black movies.”

At its base, ***Black Panther*** is just a really great film. But it’s more than a movie: It’s a cultural phenomenon.

Black Panther is playing at Regal Valley River Center Stadium 15 and Cinemark 17. — **Meerah Powell**