FLASHBACK-FREE FISHING



FLASHBACK: A fisherman hauls a monster Chinook salmon from the waters below the Dorena Reservoir dam during what photographer Oscar Cook believes to be the first Free Fishing Weekend held in Oregon in about 1990. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife sponsors the event, which includes events at several area waterways, the first full weekend each June. An avid fisherman, Cook said he's lobbying to have a deck below Dorena dam rebuilt to aid fishing access there; a deck previously located below the dam washed away several

Events planned for free fishing weekend

Free Fishing Weekend in Oregon is June of rivers are open, and don't forget about the coast for crabbing and clamming." the state to help families make the most of this

During Free Fishing Weekend, fishing licenses, tags and endorsements are not required anywhere in Oregon.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will make sure there are plenty of fish to catch. During the week leading up to Free Fishing Weekend ODFW will release more than 185,000 trout at 80 locations around the state. Many additional locations were stocked in the preceding weeks, and some of those fish should be available as well.

Free Fishing Weekend is a great opportunity for families to get out and enjoy a day or two of fishing," said Rick Hargrave, administrator of ODFW's Information & Education Division. "Lakes and ponds are fully stocked, a number

As in years past, ODFW is teaming up with the Oregon State Parks Department to inspire people to explore Oregon's parks and outdoors by waiving fees and offering such activities as fishing events, nature walks, and specialized outdoor-related workshops. Several state parks will be hosting ODFW Free Fishing Weekend fishing events and waiving park admission and camping fees on "State Parks Day" Saturday, June 4.

The following scheduled Free Fishing Weekend events will take place on Saturday, June 4, unless otherwise noted. At most of these events, fishing gear, bait and instruction will be provided at no charge to participants. Some events will have additional activities for

State Parks Day means free camping, day use

day, June 4 in celebration of State Parks Day. Oregonians to come out and explore a new

Camping is free the night of June 4 in trapark or visit an old favorite." ditional sites -- full hookup (sewer, electricity and water), electrical hookup (electricity and water), and tent sites. Parking is free both June 4 and June 5 at the 26 parks that charge a dayuse parking fee.

Campsite reservations may be made by calling 800-452-5687 before 5 p.m. June 3. Or, reserve online at www.oregonstateparks.org. While the campsite rental is free, an \$8 nonrefundable reservation fee still applies. Of the 52 state park campgrounds, 42 take reservations.

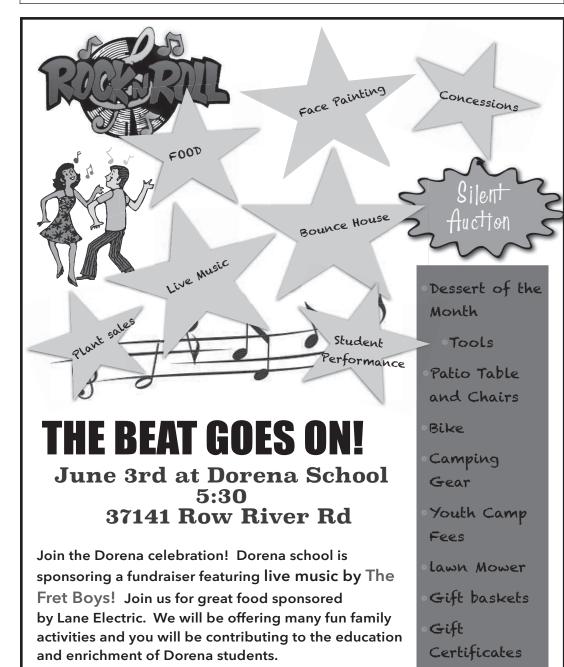
"State Parks Day is our way of thanking Oregonians for their commitment to our state

tate parks throughout Oregon invite the parks," said Oregon Parks and Recreation De-Dpublic to camp and play for free Saturpartment Director Lisa Sumption. "We invite

The Oregon State Legislature established Oregon State Parks Day in 1997 to focus public attention on Oregon's state park system. The event is always the first Saturday in June.

Parks throughout the state will host activities including guided hikes--Saturday, June 4 is also National Trails Day--plus open houses, tours, special barbecues and guest appearances by J.R. Beaver, Oregon State Parks mascot.

For a complete list of events, go to oregonstateparks.org and click on "Things to Do" or go to http://bit.ly/OPRDcalendar.



Project aims to crowd-fund for local performances

Music Money is a project of Another Way Enterprises

project recently devel-Aproject Totally oped by a Cottage-Grove based non-profit aims to help organize, schedule, finance, and promote cultural arts performances and related classes by way of crowd funding. A press release from Music Money, a project of Another Way Enterprises (AWE), said the effort works to promote activities that "strengthen and expand interaction among the diverse cultures in our town through music, dance, theater, as well as associated visual art forms."

Through Music Money, donations are solicited from community members for performances, classes and related events with the support of small donations or grants, with priority given to cultural arts. Music Money aims to work with other nonprofits and anyone wanting to promote diverse and frequent musical performances.

Performance selections are made by a local committee drawn from the Cottage Grove Music Association, (a high school based organization,) Another Way Enterprises, Music Money and other local nonprofits/residents. The group seeks to develop public-private cooperative relationships to promote the program and solicit donations.

"Through use of networking and social media we hope to involve the entire community in making it easy to support "The Arts" locally," according to the

The initial goals for the group in 2016 include involving highschool students in all aspects of the program (promotion and

music selection), raising seed money, scheduling and implementing a launch event to introduce the program to the public and scheduling and carrying out three performances or classes celebrating diverse cultures.

Those interested in contributing to Music Money may make checks payable to A.W.E., P. O. Box 853 in Cottage Grove, writing Music Money in the memo line of their check or locate the group on Facebook and donate via PayPal.









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