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families in our community.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free books to children every month from birth to age five in participating communities. Through this program, every child under the age of five in Josephine County is qualified to receive a book by mail, at no cost to their families, every month until their fifth birthday.

Register your children for FREE thanks to funding from Rotary, AllCare Health, and Josephine County Library Foundation.

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After that, age-appropriate books will arrive monthly.

The first book every child receives is *The Little Engine That Could*, which is Dolly Parton's favorite book. The message of the book is timeless, encouraging children to never give up, do their best, and stay positive no matter what.

This program is FREE — your only obligation is to notify the library in case of an address change.

Sponsors for this program include AllCare Health, Grants Pass Rotary Club Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, the four Rotary Clubs in Josephine County, and Welch Investment Group, LLC.

Currently over 1,800 children in Josephine County are registered and receiving books monthly. In addition, over 450 children have already graduated

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Parents Learning in Community

With a presence in Grants Pass for over 30 years, Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) offers a range of services to pregnant women and their families. Thanks to a generous community of supporters, all services and programs are offered 100% free of charge. In our accredited medical center, anyone who thinks they might be pregnant can receive pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, consultation with a licensed nurse, and connections to a wealth of local resources.

Expecting moms and dads from all walks of life are also invited to join PCC's Pathways program, which offers two series of hands-on, interactive classes. The first series, "Pregnancy 101," explores topics including pregnancy health, childbirth, newborn care, breastfeeding, and postpartum care with presentations by doctors, nurses, counselors, and other healthcare professionals.

In the second series, "Empowered Parenthood," participants continue to encourage each other, problem-solve the challenges they may face as new parents, and explore topics such as infant brain development, family traditions, and healthy boundaries.



Pathways parents learn about life skills including goal setting, household management, meal planning, and budgeting, so they can make choices that help their families thrive even in the midst of the big life changes that come with bringing a new baby home. As a further support, they are also able to receive

maternity and baby care items such as diapers, wipes, clothing, and more from our Baby Boutique.

All new parents and parents of infants know how crucial it is to have a support network, a community of people to surround them and share the journey of parenthood. Although they come from many different backgrounds and life circumstances, Pathways leaders and participants walk this journey together in community. As one recent Pathways participant put it, "You guys just make it feel like home and make it feel like I'm around family."

Another mom reflected on how much she enjoyed "the other moms, the friendships made, the comradery" and "feeling comfortable and included."

If you or someone you know might be interested in joining an upcoming Pathways class, please call (541) 479-6264 or send an email to pathways@gppregnancy.com. As a community-supported, 501c3 non-profit, Pregnancy Care Center welcomes financial gifts as well as donations of baby and maternity clothes and supplies. Check out www.gppregnancy.com to learn more about what we do and how you can get involved!



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People are often surprised when I share with them I never wanted to be a mom. Over the last four years we've said "YES" to over 27 kids in Josephine County foster care system, which on average has 350-450 kids in care. It's amazing how the things that fuel your passion are once the things that wrecked your childhood. As a survivor of abuse I had a firsthand experience of positive community influence.

Everything about foster care is equal parts good and bad, joy and sorrow, beauty and brokenness. I wanted to shine a light on our journey and what saying "YES" to foster care really looked like in our community and Southern Oregon so I started Geronimo-Project.

Geronimo-Project allows you an inside view of what foster care can look like. From things on why you can't give a child a haircut unless approved by a caseworkers to larger topics of what reunification looks like. Not all foster journeys are the same so we provide networking opportunities for fosters. We also provide networking opportunities for community members to meet and connect with fosters to see how they can help.



4 year journey to adoption

There are minimal resources truly advocating for foster families rights and the children they serve in Oregon. Legally we truly have no rights or final say so to what's best for a child in care. While there are programs that are trying to retain foster parents, many homes in Oregon close due to exhaustion whether mental or physical. As a community member that's scary to hear. In the United States orphan care is a huge issue but we are privileged not to see orphanages on every corner.

Our hope with Geronimo-Project is to bring change to the foster care system in Oregon and support to foster parents and community programs while sharing our story of redemption and hope in a transparent forum. We want to educate the community in ways they can serve without opening their homes and we want those that say "YES" to foster care know they are seen, heard and appreciated.

You can visit Geronimo-Project to learn more about us, upcoming events like our May 30th Foster and Adoptive Parent Conference or speaking engagements at www.geronimo-project.com, on Instagram

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By Deborah Pratt

Music is innate in all of us. Similar to other activities... anyone can have lots of fun joining in with a baseball game with friends but some people love it so much they dedicate a lot of time to get really good at it.

Music making is a unique activity in that it utilizes many areas of the entire brain at one time. It helps keep the brain sharp as you get older, and when music making begins in early childhood, it even enhances the physical structure of the brain, especially the area that connects the right and left sides of the brain.

Many scientific studies have confirmed this. In an article title, “Thank You for the Music,” (available online at <https://uq.edu.au/research/impact/stories/thank-you-for-the-music/>) one researcher is quoted as saying,

“Findings drawn from data from over 3100 parents indicate that shared music-making at the age of 2–3 years correlates positively with increased school readiness, pro-social skills, and literacy and numeracy outcomes at age 4–5. The results showed benefits over and above shared reading. We found informal music-making to be a powerful tool for early social, emotional and cognitive development.”

It’s easy to believe that music making has all these benefits when you consider how all encompassing music activities are. Dancing and moving to music involves development of large muscles and balance. Learning to play simple musical instruments helps small muscle development and coordination. Playing music games encourages social development. Learning to sing new songs promotes vocabulary and language development. Singing a lullaby to your child elicits emotional responses and bonding between you and your child.

Here are some practical ways to take advantage of this amazing power of music at home:

Make the transitions between daytime activities easier. Make up a song for bath time, clean-up time, bedtime, etc... Give your child the security of knowing what’s coming next and the comfort of the routine. Even if you are certain you can’t sing a single note in tune, this in no way negatively impacts your child. Instead it encourages them to believe that anyone can make music and you don’t need a fancy back-up band or a CD player to make it happen.

Rock with your child as you sing or listen to music. (They are not too old for this!) Rocking helps them feel the beat with their larger trunk muscles, it also stimulates the vestibular part of the brain which improves balance and coordination and of course gives them that sense of closeness and security we all need.

Start when your little one is a baby. Your child will feel your love and heart as you sing lullabies while massaging your baby after a bath. You’ll get giggles and smiles with fingerplays and singing games. Take naps together



listening to soothing music. Dance to music, holding your baby at first and then encouraging their own dancing when they get steady on their feet.

Make music as a family. Enjoy all these activities as a family and let music help you build strong family relationships. My most vivid memories of music in my childhood was during the holidays. Mom, Dad, Aunt, Uncle, brothers and sisters sang carols while baking cookies or preparing dinner or after dinner in the family room. What a family feeling that created! And we weren’t all that musical—one of my sisters always had trouble carrying a tune. But we all had fun and the love flowed. . .

My musical childhood may be why I decided to become an early childhood music teacher. When I found the Kindermusik program I was delighted that they develop the weekly class lessons based on the research and tailor all the activities to harness that amazing power of music for your child. Plus they are SO much fun. The days I teach Kindermusik are the best days of the week for me!

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5 - 7 years	Level 5	Tue 3:00-4:00 Thu 4:15-5:00
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Where to Go

Please call to **confirm** dates and time of events before you travel. "FREE" event submission is the 20th of the month prior to the publication. Email to: sofamily@rioussa.com

BULLETIN BOARD

Ashland Rotary Centennial Ice Rink. Covered outdoor rink open til Feb. 17th. Skate rentals available. 95 Winburn Way, Ashland. 541-488-9189.ashland.or.us/icerink.

MOMS Club morning playgroup! Times and locations vary, Wed. & Fri. momsclubofmedford@gmail.com for information.

Free Guided Tours- Research Library. Every Saturday, enrich your SOHS Research Library "largest archival repositories in the State of Oregon." 106 N. Central Avenue in Medford. Tours, :Sat. : 2pm-4pm. Library Hours: Tues.- Sat., 12pm-4pm. 541-773-6536.

Spring Soccer at Ashland YMCA. Preschool-1st grades registration is now open for March 30-May 16th. 541-482-9622.

1 SATURDAY

LEGO Club. 2-4pm. Josephine Comm. Library, Grants Pass. 1st Sat. 541-476-0571.

Free Expressions. 10:30am-noon. Fun art class. Ages 6 under with adult. Ashland Art Ctr. 357 E. Main St. Ashland. 541-482-2772. Free.

Kids DIY Workshop. 9am-noon. Craft projects, must be accompanied by adult Home Depot. Stores- Grants Pass 541-226-0114 in Phoenix 541-512-1458. Free.

Parent-Baby Massage Class. Learn to massage your baby. Family Massage Education Ctr. Ashland. 541-482-3567.

BMX Racing in Medford. Sat. & Wed. 541-821-5028, RogueValleybmx.com.

Storytime at Medford's Barnes & Noble. Come hear a story. Every Sat. at 11:00. 541-858-0203

River City BMX. 1380 Pansy Lane, Grants Pass. Racing every Tues. & Sat. year round. Call 541-441-2572

2 SUNDAY

\$3 Sunday at ScienceWorks 10-5pm. For all non members ages 2 up. 1st Sun. Ashland. 541-482-6767. Scienceworkmuseum.org.

LEGO Builders, Architects & Engineers. Ages 4 up, 1-3pm. Ashland Library, 1st Sun. 541-776-6995.

Story Time at Oregon Books. Grants Pass. 541-476-3132.

3 MONDAY

Preschool Playtime. 9-9:45am. Mon. & Thurs Free Grants Pass YMCA. 541-474-0001.

Preschool Open Gym at KidZone. 9:30-10:30am \$5 per child. Parents must remain with their child. Grants Pass. 541-955-2582.

4 TUESDAY

First Tuesdays Pub Talks. 7pm. Free monthly historical talks held upstairs at 4 Daughters Irish Pub,, 126 Main St. Medford. 541-773-8369.

Kids Cooking Classes. 3:30pm. \$10. Cynthia's Home Sweet Home restaurant, 1028 NW 6th St Grants Pass. 541-479-5953.

Sensational Storytime. Ages 2-4 from 11am-noon. Engage your wiggly on the move child with story, songs and sensory focused art activity. Registration is required and caregiver must attend. Josephine Comm. Library, Grants Pass. 541-956-2059x4739. Free.

Kids Movies at Phoenix Library. 2:45-4:30pm. Family friendly for the kids. Free. 510 W. 1st St. 541-535-7090.

Lego Builders, Architects & Engineers. Ages 5-12 from 3-4pm. Fun play with legos, Central

Point Library. 541-664-3228.

K-9 Reader Buddies, 3- 4 pm. Josephine Community Library, 200 N.W. C St., Grants Pass, 541-476-0571, Children in K-3rd grade read to dogs. Free.

River City BMX. 1380 Pansy Lane, Grants Pass. Racing every Tues. & Sat. year round. Call 541-441-2572.

5 WEDNESDAY

Natural History of the Oregon Trail. 3:30pm. Gold Hill Library. 541-855-1994. Bugsrus.org. Free.

Sensory Storytime at the Medford Library. 1:30pm. 541-774-8678.

BMX Racing in Medford. Sat. & Wed. 541-821-5028, RogueValleybmx.com

Children's Storytime & Craft at Josephine Comm. Library. 11:30am. 541-476-0571.

Preschool Open Gym at KidZone. 9:30-10:30am \$5 per child. Parents must remain with their child. Grants Pass. 541-955-2582.

6 THURSDAY

Story Club. 10:30am. Geared towards toddler/preschoolers . Story & crafts focused on community, friendship & more every other Thurs. . 131 SW G St. Grants Pass. Space is limited, RSVP to rainbowbabymamboutique@gmail.com.

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Drawing & Painting for Kids. Ages 6 up from 3:30-5pm. \$12 class includes materials. Pottery Canvas & Stone, Grants Pass. 541-295-8819.

Storytime at the Grants Pass YMCA. 10-11am. 474-0001.

After School Chess Club. Ages 6 up from 3:30-5pm. Central Point Library. 541-664-3228.

Baby Social Hour. 2-3pm. Non facilitated baby playtime, Ashland Library. 541-774-6995.

Mom to Mom Group. 9-11am Speakers, crafts & potluck. Childcare available. Eagle Point Comm. Bible Church. 503-538-0162.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11am-noon. Bring your babies and young toddlers for nursery rhymes, playtime and meeting new friends at Josephine Comm. Library. 200 NW C St. Grants Pass. 541-476-0571.

7 FRIDAY

YMCA Potluck Lunch. 12:30-1:30pm. A great way to meet new friends and then use the YMCA for FREE. Bring a side dish, drink, or dessert to share and the YMCA will provide the rest. Medford, 541-772-6295, rvmca.org

First Friday Art Walk. The Ashland Gallery Assoc. 541-488-8430 or 1-877-planart.

First Friday Art Walk. Downtown Grants Pass comes alive with art, music food and fun for the whole family. 6-9pm, 541-479-3290.

KidZone Parent's Night Out. Ages 5-13 from 5-10pm. Games, pizza, swimming and fun. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. 2160 NW Vine St. Grants Pass. 541-955-2582.

First Steps. 10:30-11:30am. A lap-sit storytime session for children ages two and under focusing on what new parents can do to help young children become aware of language and books. Josephine Comm. Library. Grants Pass. 541-476-0571.

8 SATURDAY

Chinese New Year Celebration- Year of the Rat. Parade at 10am, demos, arts, exhibits, children's activities. Downtown Jacksonville.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop. 2pm. Josephine Comm. Library, Grants Pass. 541-476-0571.

Teen Crafternoon. 1-3pm. Create cat & dog toys to donate to the Jackson Co. Animal Shelter. Ashland Library. 541-776-6995.

OSU Master Food Preservers: Entering Preserved Foods at the County Fair. 1-4pm demo & lecture. \$5. OSU Ext. Central Point. 541-776-7371.

A Family Valentine's Day Celebration. Ages 4 up from 2-3pm. Music, crafts, cookie decoration at Ashland Library. 541-776-6995.

Parent-Baby Massage Class. See Feb. 1st.

Free Expressions. See Feb. 1st.

Free Family & Friends Art Day at Rogue Gallery. Noon-2pm. All ages, come create, explore art together. All materials provided. No pre-reg. required. Children must be accompanied with adult. 2nd Sat. Free. 40 S. Bartlett St. Medford. 541-772-8118.

Boot Camp for New Dads. 9-noon. Free parenting workshop with coach in Medford & Grants Pass. Gpbootcampfornewdads.com.

Free Kid's Day at Crater Rock Museum. 10-2:30pm. Come learn and explore. Check out the Rock Yard at 25 cents per pound. Classes are every hour on the hour. students free with paid adult. \$5 adult/\$3 over 55 \$ located 2002 Scenic Ave. Central Point. 541-664-6081.

Musical Storytime & Puppet Play. Noon-1pm. Illinois Valley Library. 209 W. Palmer St. Cave Junction. 2nd. Sat. 541-476-0571. Free.

Storytime at Medford's Barnes & Nobles. See Feb. 1st.

River City BMX. See Feb. 1st.

9 SUNDAY

"Snow Soup" Pegasus Theatre Puppet Show. 1:30- 4PM. Free admission with donation of new or gently used book for the Pass the Book Program. Sponsored by the Story Telling Guild. Craterian, 23 S. Central Ave. Medford. 541-779-3000. Craterian.org.

Royal Storytime at Barnes & Noble. Noon-2pm. Medford.

Siskiyou Film Fest. 3-8pm. Grants Pass Performing Arts Ctr. Siskiyoufilmfest.org.

Story Time at Oregon Books. See Feb. 2nd.

10 MONDAY

Logos Public Charter School -Middle/High Information Meetings 3:30pm. Medford. Logoscharter.com/enrollment.

Playgroup at the Grants Pass YMCA. See Feb. 3rd.

11 TUESDAY

Logos Public Charter School -Elementary Information Meetings 3:30pm. Medford. Logoscharter.com/enrollment.

Protect Our Children. 4:30-7pm. Learn to spot signs, act effectively and take steps to protect children from abuse. Ashland YMCA. Cacjc.org. 541-734-5437.

Kids Cooking Classes. See Feb. 4th.

K-9 Reader Buddies. See Feb. 4th.

Tuesday Kids Movies at Phoenix Library. See Feb. 4th.

River City BMX. See Feb. 1st.

Lego Builders, Architects & Engineers. See Feb. 4th.

12 WEDNESDAY

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FEBRUARY

Young Master Gardeners "All the Dirt about Soil." 11:30-noon for ages up to 5, then from 3-4pm for ages 6 and older. Josephine Comm. Library, Grants Pass. 541-476-0571.

La Leche League of Grants Pass. 10am. Info on breastfeeding. Meets 2nd Wed. at River Valley Café (Corner of C & 7th) Grants Pass. 541-955-8838 or 541-472-0335, LLL of Grants Pass on facebook.

Children's Storytime & Craft at Josephine Comm. Library. 11:30am. 541-476-0571.

BMX Racing in Medford. Sat. & Wed. 541-821-5028, RogueValleybmx.com

13 THURSDAY

Drawing & Painting for Kids. See Feb. 6th.

Baby Rhyme Time at Josephine Comm. Library. See Feb. 6th.

Baby Social Hours. See Feb. 6th.

Storytime at the Grants Pass YMCA. 10-11am. 474-0001.

14 FRIDAY

Happy Valentine's Day!

Puppeteer Anna Minter: Kindness from the Heart. 10-11:30am. Interactive performance & face painting at Rogue River Library. 541-864-8850.

RVTD Tips for Transportation. Ages 14 up from 3-4:30pm. Pre-reg. required and get a pass for 6 rides. Santo Comm. Ctr. Medford. 541-774-2400.

Preschool Puppet Theatre. Ages 3-5 from 10:30-11:45am. Join puppets Brenda Bear and friends as they discover the wonders of our natural world. . Brief ecology lesson followed by the puppet show and play time. A snack and related craft will be available. New show each month. (Reservations only guaranteed til 10:30am) Please arrive early, space and parking are limited, no late seating and must be accompanied with adult.\$6 per child at the N.

Mountain Park Nature Center. Pre-Register online at least one day prior to the program www.ashland.or.us/register or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

KidZone Parent's Night Out. See Feb. 7th.

First Steps. See Feb. 7th.

15 SATURDAY

Building Healthy & Nontoxic Soil. 10am. Shooting Star Nursery, Central Point. 541-840-6453. Roguevallynursery.com.

Mammals of Southern Oregon. 1-2pm at Medford Parks 541-774-2400 then from 3-4pm. At Central Point Parks. 541-664-3321. Bugsrus.org.

Bareroot Basics- Fruit Tree Planting, Pruning & Training Class. 1pm. Give your trees their best start. Shooting Star Nursery, Central Point. 541-840-6453.

Project Feeder Watch. Ages 9 up from 9-10am. Help count & identify the birds that come to the feeders at N. Mountain Park, Ashland. 541-488-6606. Free.

Kids Night Out. Ages 3-12 from 4-9pm. Enjoy a night out while kids have supervised fun: swimming, crafts, obstacle course & more. \$27mem/\$42non. Ashland YMCA. 541-482-9622.

Valentine's Day Ball. 1-2:30pm & 2:30-4pm. Tea party, make a craft, goody bag, dancing, featuring Once Upon a Song singing Fairytale characters & more. The Phoenix Clubhouse, 310 N. Main St. Phoenix. Family friendly event. Free. But princess tips are welcome.

Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon. 7:30pm. Medford. Craterian.org. 541-779-3000.

Dance Variations. 7pm. A high energy, entertaining, contemporary dance concert. Grants Pass Performing Arts Ctr. Allthatjazzdancestudio.com.

Southern Oregon Home Show. Noon-6pm. Exhibits, demos, vendors for building remodeling, landscaping and more.\$5. Kids under 12 free. Jackson Co. Fairgrounds, Central Point. 541-774-8270.

Parents Night Out. Ages 5-12 from 5-9pm. Chaperoned aerial play, pizza, craft & movie.\$40. Le Cirque Ctr. Ashland. Socircus.org. 415-706-9535.

Please confirm events before you travel!

Sportsmen's Outdoor & Recreation Show. 10-8pm. Roseburg. Douglasfairgrounds.com

Bavarian Night on Mt. Ashland. 3-9pm. Fireworks, torch light parade, live music, raffle & more. Mtashland.com.

Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic. 11-1pm. Nail trims \$5. 3rd Sat. Jackson Co. Animal Shelter, 5595 S. Pacific Hwy. Phoenix. 541-774-6654.

Paper Tube Craft of the Month. Noon-1pm. Make penquins & more. Rogue River Library. 3rd Sat. 541-864-8850.

Parent-Baby Massage Class. See Feb. 1st.

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16 SUNDAY

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17 MONDAY

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18 TUESDAY

Capturing Carbon for the Climate. 5:30-7:30pm. Improve climate conditions right in your

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Baby Social Hours. See Feb. 6th.

21 FRIDAY

Geronimo Project-Open Dialogue. 6-8:30pm. Conversations of what foster care looks like, skills, networking. The Hive, Grants Pass.

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FEBRUARY

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YMCA Family Night. 6-8pm. Bring the family for a FREE night of swimming, rock climbing, gym games, and other activities. Medford, 541-772-6295, rvmca.org.

Parent's Night Out. Ages 4-12 from 5:30-9:30pm. Parents go out while kids enjoy supervised fun, dinner, bounce houses, craft & movie. \$21. Santo Comm. Ctr. Medford. 54-774-2400.

Mario the Maker Magician Live. 7-8pm. The Haul, 12 SW H St. Grants Pass. Mariothemagician.com/shows.

Medford's Third Friday. 5-8pm. Shop, dine, art & more downtown Medford.

KidZone Parent's Night Out. See Feb. 7th.

22 SATURDAY

Teen Movie Matinee. 1-3pm. Medford Library. 541-774-8689.

Father Daughter Dance. 6-8pm. Girls ages 12 and under with father or role model. DJ, refreshments, photo booth. \$5 per person. \$20 Max for family. Gold Hill IOOF Lodge, 483 4th Ave. Gold Hill.

Teddy Bear Indoor Picnic. Ages 3-10 with adult from 1-3pm. Bring your favorite Teddy Bear or dress up for music, games, crafts at Gold Hill Library. 541-855-1994.

Avanced Fruit Tree Pruning & Training. 1pm. \$15. Shooting Star Nursery, Central Point. 541-840-6453. Roguevalleynursery.com.

Children's Clothing Exchange. 10-1pm. Please donate gently used or new freshly washed items. Little Spouts Enrichment Center, 129 N. Oakdale Ave. Medford. 541-261-4653. Free event.

Sportsmen's & Outdoor Recreation Show. Noon-9pm. Exhibits, displays, demos, vendors for camping, fishing, kayaking, biking and more. \$8adult, \$1 ages 6-11, ages 5 under free. Jackson Co. Fairgrounds, Central Point.

Family Cardboard Boat Regatta. 2-5pm. Grants Pass YMCA. 541-474-0001.

Parent-Baby Massage Class. See Feb. 1st.

Free Expressions. See Feb. 1st.

Storytime at Medford's Barnes & Nobles. See Feb. 1st.

River City BMX. See Feb. 1st.

23 SUNDAY

Sportsmen's & Outdoor Recreation Show. 10-5pm today. See Feb. 22nd.

Story Time at Oregon Books. See Feb. 2nd.

24 MONDAY

Playgroup at the Grants Pass YMCA. See Feb. 3rd.

25 TUESDAY

Kids Cooking Classes. See Feb. 4th.

K-9 Reader Buddies. See Feb. 4th.

Tuesday Kids Movies at Phoenix Library. See Feb. 4th.

River City BMX. See Feb. 1st.

Lego Builders, Architects & Engineers. See Feb. 4th.

26 WEDNESDAY

Woodland Charter School Parent Information Session. 6-7pm. Grants Pass. Woolandcharterschool.org.

Children's Storytime & Craft at Josephine Comm. Library. 11:30am. 541-476-0571.

BMX Racing in Medford. Sat. & Wed. 541-821-5028, RogueValleybmx.com

27 THURSDAY

The Adams Family. 7:30pm. A wacky, comical musical for the whole family presented by Ashland High School Performing Arts at Ashland High School Theater, 201 S. Mountain Ave. Ashland. Showtix4u.com, 866-967-8167.



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Drawing & Painting for Kids. See Feb. 6th.

Baby Rhyme Time at Josephine Comm. Library. See Feb. 6th.

Baby Social Hours. See Feb. 6th.

28 FRIDAY

The Adams Family. See Feb. 27th.

Le Cirque Centre's Empyrean Aerialists present: The Tales in our Bones. 7pm. Exquisitely crafted aerial retellings of folk and fairytales. 280 E. Hersey St. #15, Ashland. Socircus.org.

Together for the Children Professional Conference. 8-5pm. Early childhood education, home visiting hear from experts on how to support & nurture young children and their families. One or two day in downtown Medford. socoraeyc.org.

Swim & A Movie. 6pm. Enjoy a swim while watching a family friendly movie at Rogue Aquatics indoor pool. \$15 family. 6022 Crater Lake Ave. Central Point. 541-830-5551.

KidZone Parent's Night Out. See Feb. 7th.

29 SATURDAY

Girls Rock! Girls ages 9-13 with a parent/adult from 9-3pm. Fun, food, friends. Build a boat, create a video, lunch & more. Grants Pass High School. Girlsrockgrantspass.org. Free event.

Together for the Children Professional Conference. See Feb. 28th.

Project Feeder Watch. Ages 9 up from 9-10am. Help count & identify the birds that come to the feeders at N. Mountain Park, Ashland. 541-488-6606. Free.

Pruning & Growing for Bounty. 10am. Shooting Star Nursery, Central Point. 541-840-6453. Roguevalleynursery.com.

Free Viewing of "No Small Matter". 4:30-6:30pm. Oregon Assoc. for the Education of Young Children present National documentary of importance or early care & education. Medford. To register: soc-oraeyc-nosmallmatter-event.eventbrite.com.







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Home & Garden Show. 10am-6pm. Roseburg. Douglasfairgrounds.com.

The Adams Family. See Feb. 27th.

Parent-Baby Massage Class. See Feb. 1st.

Storytime at Medford's Barnes & Nobles. See Feb. 1st.

MARCH

1 SUNDAY

The Adams Family. See Feb. 27th. Today at 2pm.

Home & Garden Show. 10am-4pm. Roseburg. Douglasfairgrounds.com.

\$3 Sunday at ScienceWorks 10-5pm. For all non members ages 2 up. 1st Sun. Ashland. 541-482-6767. Scienceworkmuseum.org.

Story Time at Oregon Books. See Feb. 2nd.

2 MONDAY

Playgroup at the Grants Pass YMCA. See Feb. 3rd.

3 TUESDAY

Underwater Bubble Show. 7pm. Medford. Craterian.org. 541-779-3000.

First Tuesdays Pub Talks. 7pm. Free monthly historical talks held upstairs at 4 Daughters Irish Pub., 126 Main St. Medford. 541-773-8369.

Kids Cooking Classes. See Feb. 4th.

K-9 Reader Buddies. See Feb. 4th.

Tuesday Kids Movies at Phoenix Library. See Feb. 4th.

River City BMX. See Feb. 1st.

Lego Builders, Architects & Engineers. See Feb. 4th.

4 WEDNESDAY

Play Days at Ashland YMCA. Grades K-5 from 8am-3pm. School is Out, The Y Is In! Swimming, games, crafts, STEM & more!. \$35mem/\$50comm. 541-482-9622.

Mexican Fiesta. Ages 6-14 from 9am-noon. Hands on, learn how to make homemade

tamales, guacamole, salsa. \$50mem/\$60non. Ashland YMCA. 541-482-9622.

Children's Storytime & Craft at Josephine Comm. Library. 11:30am. 541-476-0571.

BMX Racing in Medford. Sat. & Wed. 541-821-5028, RogueValleybmx.com

5 THURSDAY

Play Days at Ashland YMCA. See. March 4th.

Owls & Owl Pellets. 3pm. Safe & educational at Morrow Heights, 176 Wards Cr. Rd. Rogue River. 541-582-8200. Bugsrus.org. Free.

Story Club. See Feb. 6th.

The Adams Family. See Feb. 27th.

Drawing & Painting for Kids. See Feb. 6th.

Coffee Talk for Parents-Bridging Communities. 9-11am. Support & resources that help you better advocate for your child. 1st Thurs. Black Rock Coffee, 151 Rossanley Dr. Medford. Bcoregon.org.

Baby Rhyme Time at Josephine Comm. Library. See Feb. 6th.

Baby Social Hours. See Feb. 6th.

Storytime at the Grants Pass YMCA. 10-11am. 474-0001.

6 FRIDAY

YMCA Potluck Lunch. 12:30-1:30pm. A great way to meet new friends and then use the YMCA for FREE. Bring a side dish, drink, or dessert to share and the YMCA will provide the rest. Medford, 541-772-6295, rymca.org.

Monster X Tour. Central Point. Attheexpo.com.

Play Days at Ashland YMCA. See. March 4th

Ninja Challenge. Ages 7-12 from 9am-noon. Work on balance, strength & agility. \$15mem/\$21non. Ashland YMCA, 541-482-9622.

Oregon Chocolate Festival. Ashland Hills Hotel. Oregonchocolatefestival.com.

Back to Wizard School Open House at Treehouse Books. Treehouseashland.com.

The Adams Family. See Feb. 27th.

KidZone Parent's Night Out. See Feb. 7th.

First Steps. See Feb. 7th.

7 SATURDAY

Creating a Food Forest Class. 10am. Integrate your edibles into your landscape. Shooting Star Nursery, Central Point. 541-840-6453.

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Operation Style Game-STEM. 1-2pm at Medford Parks 541-774-2400 then from 3-4pm at Central Point Parks 541-664-3321, bugsrus.org.

Monster X Tour. Central Point. Attheexpo.com.

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Dr. Suess Celebration. Treehouse Books in Ashland. Treehouseashland.com.

The Adams Family. See Feb. 27th.

Parent-Baby Massage Class. See Feb. 1st.

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Storytime at Medford's Barnes & Nobles. See Feb. 1st.

River City BMX. See Feb. 1st.

8 SUNDAY

Oregon Chocolate Festival. See. March 6th.

Charlie's Chocolate 5K Fun Run/Walk & Kids Dash. 9am. All participants receive a chocolate bar, Costume encouraged, prizes for best costume. Emigrant Lake, Ashland. Charlieschocolaterun.com.

Royal Story Time at Barnes & Noble. Noon. Medford.

The Adams Family. See Feb. 27th. Today at 2pm.

Story Time at Oregon Books. See Feb. 2nd.



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MARCH

9 MONDAY

Logos Public Charter School –Middle/High Information Meetings 3:30pm. Medford. Logoscharter.com/enrollment.

Woodland Charter School Parent Information Session. 4-5pm. Grants Pass. Woolandcharterschool.org.

Playgroup at the Grants Pass YMCA. See Feb. 3rd.

10 TUESDAY

Logos Public Charter School –Elementary Information Meetings 3:30pm. Medford. Logoscharter.com/enrollment.

Kids Cooking Classes. See Feb. 4th.

Sensory Storytime at the Medford Library. 1:30pm. 541-774-8678.

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Shrine Circus. 4 & 7:30pm. Josephine County Fairgrounds, Grants Pass.

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Spring Cleanup in the Perennials Garden Class. 10am. Learn what to do in your garden in early spring: pruning, mulching & more at Shooting Star Nursery, Central Point. 541-840-6453. Roguevalleynursery.com

The Children of Eden- presented by Teen Musical Theater of Oregon. 7:30pm. Medford. Craterian.org. 541-779-3000.

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Oregon Cheese Festival. 11-5pm. Rogue Creamery, Central Point. Oregoncheesefestival.com.

Ballet Folklorico Rito Allegra . 7pm. 22 Gala RAÍCES Special Guests - Tejupilco Fine Arts School Colorful dances from Michoacán, Nayarit, Chihuahua and Veracruz Presale: \$10 General /12 under free w/adult. Central Medford High School, 815 S. Oakdale, Medford. Ballet-Folklorico-Ritmo-Alegre on facebook.

Daddy/Daughter Dance ‘Cinderella Ball’. 6-8pm. Entertainment, contest, dancing, photo \$40/couple. Grants Pass YMCA. 541-474-0001.

Free Family & Friends Art Day at Rogue Gallery. Noon-2pm. All ages, come create, explore art together. All materials provided. No pre-reg. required. Children must be accompanied with adult. 2nd Sat. Free. 40 S. Bartlett St. Medford. 541-772-8118.

Boot Camp for New Dads. 9-noon. Free parenting workshop with coach in Medford & Grants Pass. Gpbootcampfornewdads.com.

Free Kid’s Day at Crater Rock Museum. 10-2:30pm. Come learn and explore. Check out the Rock Yard at 25 cents per pound. Classes are every hour on the hour. students free with paid adult. \$5 adult/\$3 over 55 \$ located 2002 Scenic Ave. Central Point. 541-664-6081.

Musical Storytime & Puppet Play. Noon-1pm. Illinois Valley Library. 209 W. Palmer St. Cave Junction. 2nd. Sat. 541-476-0571.Free.

Parent-Baby Massage Class. See Feb. 1st.

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15 SUNDAY

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Dummy Downhill at Mt. Ashland. 10am-2pm dummy check in. 10m-1pm, dummies on display, 1pm. Dummies will be launched. Mtashland.com.

Grapevine Pruning. 5:30-7:30pm. Learn the basics. \$15. OSU Ext. 569 Hanley Rd. Central Point. 541-776-7371.

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MARCH

Baby Social Hours. See Feb. 6th.

20 FRIDAY

The Children of Eden- presented by Teen Musical Theater of Oregon. 7:30pm. Medford. Craterian.org. 541-779-3000.

YMCA Family Night. 6-8pm. Bring the family for a FREE night of swimming, rock climbing, gym games, and other activities. Medford, 541-772-6295, rvmca.org.

Geronimo Project-Open Dialogue. 6-8:30pm. Conversations of what foster care looks like, skills, networking. The Hive, Grants Pass. Geronimo-project.com.

Medford's Third Friday. 5-8pm. Shop, dine, art & more downtown Medford.

KidZone Parent's Night Out. See Feb. 7th.

21 SATURDAY

The Children of Eden- presented by Teen Musical Theater of Oregon. 3pm. Medford. Craterian.org. 541-779-3000.

Parents Night Out. Ages 5-12 from 5-9pm. Chaperoned aerial play, pizza, craft & movie. \$40. Le Cirque Ctr. Ashland. Socircus.org. 415-706-9535.

Southern Oregon Flea Market. 9am-3pm. Josephine Co. Fairgrounds, Grants Pass. \$1 entry.

Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic. 11-1pm. Nail trims \$5. 3rd Sat. Jackson Co. Animal Shelter, 5595 S. Pacific Hwy. Phoenix. 541-774-6654.

Paper Tube Craft of the Month. Noon-1pm. Make penquins & more. Rogue River Library. 3rd Sat. 541-864-8850.

22 SUNDAY

Story Time at Oregon Books. See Feb. 2nd.

23 MONDAY

Play Days at Ashland YMCA. See. March 4th

OCPA Spring Break Theatre Camps. 9-3pm thru March 27. Ages 6-12 & 13-10. Medford. 541-776-9118, oregonconservatory.org.

Playgroup at the Grants Pass YMCA. See Feb. 3rd.

24 TUESDAY

Play Days at Ashland YMCA. See. March 4th

Worms and Composting. 11-noon. Bring the kids to Medford Library. 541-774-8689. Bugsrus.org. Free.

Kids Cooking Classes. See Feb. 4th.

K-9 Reader Buddies. See Feb. 4th.

Tuesday Kids Movies at Phoenix Library. See Feb. 4th.

River City BMX. See Feb. 1st

25 WEDNESDAY

Play Days at Ashland YMCA. See. March 4th

YMCA Nutrition Workshop. 6-7pm. Learn how to make better food choices for yourself and your family and then use the YMCA for FREE. The topic is "Nutrition for Mental Health and Increased Energy" and a healthy snack is provided. Medford, 541-772-6295, rvmca.org.

BMX Racing in Medford. Sat. & Wed. 541-821-5028, RogueValleybmx.com

26 THURSDAY

Play Days at Ashland YMCA. See. March 4th

Drawing & Painting for Kids. See Feb. 6th.

Baby Rhyme Time at Josephine Comm. Library. See Feb. 6th.

27 FRIDAY

"Shrek" the Musical. 7pm. On stage at Grants Pass Performing Arts Ctr. Oneeventheatrecompany.com.

Play Days at Ashland YMCA. See. March 4th

Mother-Son Superhero Dance. 5:30-8:30pm. Dancing, dinner, photo prizes for best superhero duo. Pre reg. required. Santo Comm. Ctr. Medford. \$24person. 541-774-2400.

Swim & A Movie. 6pm. Enjoy a swim while watching a family friendly movie at Rogue Aquatics indoor pool. \$15 family. 6022 Crater Lake Ave. Central Point. 541-830-5551.

KidZone Parent's Night Out. See Feb. 7th.

28 SATURDAY

Pear Blossom Festival Jr. Royalty Coronation. 10am. N. Medford High School Auditorium. Must be 5 year old to enter. All participants ride in the parade. For info: 541-840-7209.

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Storytime at Medford's Barnes & Nobles. See Feb. 1st.

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- Have your chimney/flue professionally cleaned and/or inspected annually. If you are new to a home with a chimney, this is a must. Some fire departments—such as ours—loan flue brushes to residents who are do-it-yourselfers.
- Burn dry firewood. Green (or unseasoned) wood leads to creosote buildup in the flue and contributes to air pollution. Creosote is the residue that burns during a flue fire.
- Always be aware of fire conditions in your woodstove or fireplace.
- When cleaning ashes from your stove or fireplace, remove ashes in a metal bucket, and store the bucket away from combustibles, until cold.

If you suspect a flue fire is occurring, call 911 immediately. Signs of a flue fire are:

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- Dense smoke (or flames) from chimney;
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