

Plenty of fun to be had despite the rain

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Don't let April showers dampen your weekend fun.

ART NIGHT. Head downtown for tonight's First Friday Live, Grants Pass' monthly celebration of fine arts, musical arts and culinary arts. Most receptions, held at various galleries and businesses, are open between 5-9 p.m. Fire spinning, at Fifth and H streets, starts a little after 8 p.m.

New this month, St. Luke's Episcopal Church — a little off the beaten path at Fourth and D Street — has an exhibit of art by current and former congregants.

ROCK ON. Catch a concert of indie rock tonight at the Eaden Ballroom in downtown Grants Pass. Music starts at 6:30 p.m., with Southern Oregon's Ghost Kings, Brandon Prinzing & The Old Revival from Bend and a solo artist. Admission to the all-ages show is \$5.

PIECE OF PI. Learn about the small inexpensive computer called Raspberry Pi and how it's used to teach basic computer science in schools and developing countries. Ashland High School teacher Dana Rensi will be giving a free talk is at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Siskiyou Field Institute in Selma.

FINAL CURTAIN. Don't miss your last chances to see "Newsies," the musical story of turn-of-the-century newsboys fighting for their rights, put on by the One Eleven Theatre Company.

Final performances are 7 p.m. today and Saturday, with a show-closing matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Grants Pass High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$8-\$12.

TRY DIY. Give your child some hands-on experience at Saturday's free do-it-yourself workshop for kids at the Grants Pass Home Depot store. It starts at 9 a.m.

This month's project is building and decorating a birdhouse. Kids also get to take home a certificate of completion, a workshop apron and a commemorative pin. Everything is free.

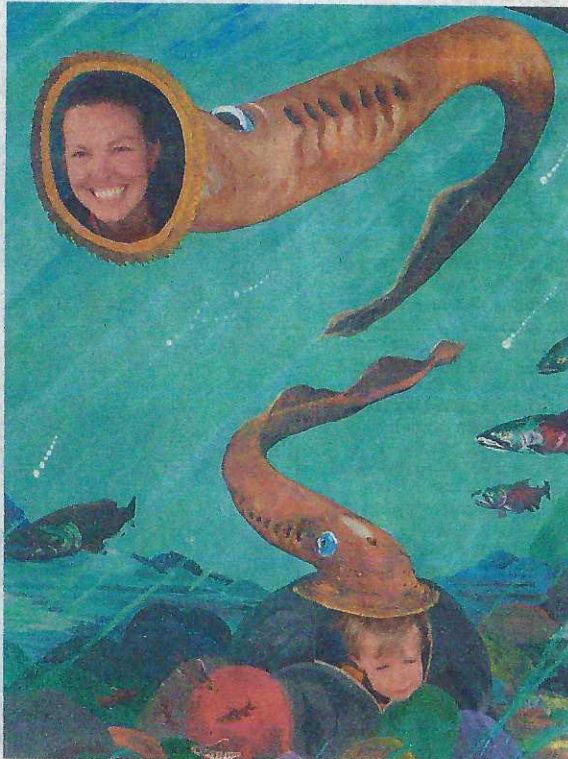
ALL DRESSED UP. Freshen up your wardrobe at Saturday's Spring Clothing Fair, which has gently used women's and men's clothes and accessories for sale, most items for just \$1.

It's open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Evergreen Bank's Bear Hotel on Northeast Spalding Avenue. Proceeds benefit the Women's Crisis Support Team.

TEST THE WATERS. Learn how to be water-safe in pools, rivers, lakes and the ocean at Saturday's water safety seminar at the Grants Pass YMCA. The free 10 a.m. class is open to all ages.

The class is also being offered April 11, 18 and 25, each day at 6 p.m.

GET A PET. Give a dog its day at Saturday's dog adoption event in support of the



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Shari Witmore and her son, Silas, poke their heads through a panel painted to look like a Rogue River habitat for a photograph during Rogue Fish Migration Day. This year's festival is Saturday at North Middle School.

Josephine County Animal Shelter.

It's open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Petco in Grants Pass. All dogs are spayed or neutered, microchipped and up to date on vaccinations.

HAPPY TRAILS. Expand your exploration of local hiking trails, as Williams author Evelyn Roether presents her updated hiking guide to 20 lower Applegate trails, during a book signing Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oregon Books & Games.

The spiral-bound guide also includes anecdotes on biological diversity, botanical interests, fire ecology, land management and other curiosities pertaining to the trails.

SOMETHING FISHY. Get your fish on at Saturday's second annual Rogue Fish Migration Day at North Middle School.

The family friendly event, open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., features hands-on activities for learning about the importance of fish, clean water and stewardship.

The day also includes a costumed kids dash (noon), a 5k run (3 p.m.), a live fish tank, and a nature walk.

All activities are free, except the run, which is \$15-\$20.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT. Join a conversation about hunger in our communities, Saturday at the Rogue River Library.

The free noon program will look at root causes of hunger and how hunger affects both individuals and communities.

BOWL GAMES. Support the Rogue Valley Humane Society and knock down some pins at Saturday's Bowling for Bowzer fundraiser.

It's from 1-4 p.m. at Cave-man Bowl on Rogue River Highway. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes three games and shoes. Sign up at the bowling alley.

SIMPLE SUPPER. Sit down to a soup and bread dinner Sunday and help local families that are going hungry.

The Soup for the Soul benefit is open 5-8 p.m. at Wild River Pub, 533 N.E. F St. The cost is \$20, and includes a handmade bowl to take home.

A LITTLE WILD. If you missed the Siskiyou Film Fest in February, take advantage of a chance to see a few of those same films at a film fest mini-series on Sunday.

Ten short films will be shown at the Williams Grange, starting at 5 p.m., with a fundraising dinner served at intermission. Admission is by donation to KW Wild, though no one will be turned away.

THE RIGHT NOTES. Wrap up the weekend with a trip down a 1970s and '80s memory lane with singer-songwriter Karla Bonoff.

Better known for the music she's written for others — notably Linda Ronstadt, Bonnie Raitt, and Wynonna Judd — Bonoff is in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Rogue Theatre.

Tickets are \$38-\$58.