

At last year's Easter egg hunt in Riverside Park in Grants Pass, youngsters leap into action to quickly scoop up thousands of eggs, some of which contained tickets for special prizes — all thanks to many volunteers and sponsors. This year's hunt is Saturday at 10 a.m. sharp. Many other communities in the county have hunts as well.

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Get hopping: Easter egg hunts, parade, bunny visits set

Easter weekend is a busy time for churches and for many community organizations who put together egg hunts and related events.

Most importantly, get to egg hunts on time. Most of them last just a few minutes once the little hunters are let loose.

Here's what's jumpin' the bunny trail:

• **GRANTS PASS:** The main egg hunt for the community is set for Saturday at Riverside Park, beginning at 10 a.m. sharp, with more than 8,000 dyed eggs and plastic eggs up for grabs for children in three age groups: 3 and younger, 4 to 6 and 7 to 10.

This year, special prize eggs are available as well. Prizes are a bicycle and Easter baskets, which were donated for each age group.

The event is organized by the Realtors of Josephine and Douglas Counties Association, with sponsorship or assistance from Winco, Regional Multiple Listing Service, the Gospel Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Sizzler, Ticon, Mitchell Arts Photography and the National Guard Armory.

Call 541-476-8139.

• **GRANTS PASS:** The Pursuit Church of the Nazarene will hold a community Easter egg hunt Sunday

beginning at 12:15 p.m., following their Easter service.

More than 3,000 eggs stuffed with candy and prizes will be hidden for youngsters in two age brackets.

The church is at 922 W. Harbeck Road. Call 541-476-7100.

• **GRANTS PASS:** The Grants Pass Shopping Center will offer a chance for youngsters to meet the Easter Bunny so the folks can get a cute photo and the kids receive a free chocolate egg.

The Easter Bunny will take time out of his busy schedule Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. to hop into the Heroes Cafe in the center.

For more see grantspassshopping-center.com

• **CAVE JUNCTION:** The Illinois Valley Lions Club hosts a celebration in Cave Junction's Jubilee Park on Sunday with festivities including a visit from the Easter Bunny, a ride on the Lions train and food concessions beginning at noon.

The Easter egg hunt starts at 1 p.m. sharp. The hunt is divided by age groups with prizes for top winners.

The event is held rain or shine. Call 541-592-9814 for more.

• **ROGUE RIVER:** The Rogue River Kiwanis organize this hunt, to be held Saturday at 10 a.m. sharp, at Rogue River Middle School's Beck Field for children 10 and under only with a spe-

cial toddler area for hunters age 5 and under. Finders of special eggs win extra prizes.

There's also free hot chocolate, coffee and donuts for participants. Call 541-582-4401.

• **WIMER:** The Evans Valley Education & Community Center has scheduled an Easter egg hunt Saturday at 10 a.m. on the playground at the center, 8205 East Evans Creek Road (formerly Evans Valley Elementary School).

Games and refreshments. Every year, the Easter Bunny hops a fire truck to attend the event. Call 541-582-6006.

• **MERLIN:** The annual hunt begins Saturday at 10 a.m. in Merlin Community Park, with 5,000 plastic eggs, filled with candy and prizes for children in three age groups: 4 and younger, 5 to 9 and 10 and older.

The hunt is sponsored by Merlin Baptist Church, North Pacific Grange and the Young Marines.

Call 541-956-5220.

• **WOLF CREEK:** Wolf Creek does Easter in a big way with events all day Saturday.

First up is the pancake breakfast served up by the Wolf Creek Volunteer Firefighters Association at the Community Center from 8 a.m. until the food is gone.

Hop on over a couple blocks to the

route for the 38th annual Easter parade, which begins at noon with the theme "Spring has Sprung" this year.

Grand marshals are Merle and Susan Converse, long-time area residents.

Parade entrants typically include a bagpiper, flag bearers from the Civil Air Patrol, floats, classic cars, equestrians and tractors, law enforcement and posse, animal groups, plus the Easter Bunny typically enters aboard one of the fire trucks.

To participate in the parade, line up at 11 a.m. — in the lot by the Wolf Creek 76 Grill and Deli. For more, contact Victoria Pinter, 541-761-8501. Entry is free unless you'd like to be considered for a trophy, in which case it's \$5 to enter.

The parade ends at Wolf Creek Park where the annual Easter egg and treasure hunt begins when all have arrived.

The Annual Wolf Creek Community Egg Hunt features more than 7,000 plastic eggs, 3,000 real eggs and 1,000 treasures, which will be hidden in the park.

Hunters are divided into five age groups, including one for teens and adults. The hunt is organized by the Wolf Creek Hooligan Ladies Auxiliary. Call 541-761-8140 for more.

The Wolf Creek Library will be open beginning at noon for an open house

with refreshments and entertainment for kids and a book sale. The open house ends at 4:30 p.m.

Also, the historic Wolf Creek Inn will be open for short tours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The inn has been closed for remodeling.

• **GLENDALE:** Glendale's egg hunt is Saturday at 1 p.m. sharp at Glendale City Park, organized by the Cow Creek Valley Community Association, whose members will hide about 2,500 plastic eggs filled with candy.

Children in four age groups rush to gather eggs and those who find the special eggs in each age group to win a special prize.

Call 541-832-2556.

• **APPELGATE:** Troon Vineyard welcomes families on Sunday between noon and 4 p.m. for egg decorating and crafts, bounce house, face painting, petting zoo, and obstacle course and an egg hunt.

Tots up to age 6 hunt at 1 p.m. and ages 7-11 at 2 p.m.

Food and wine will be available for adults to purchase with \$5 kid-friendly sack lunches available. Admission is free.

Live music will be provided by Dan Daniella and Oregon Rain.

The vineyard is at 1475 Kubli Road. Call the tasting room at 541-846-9900 for details.

Detroit musician continues new acoustic series in GP



Detroit singer-songwriter Olivia Millerschin is on tour promoting her second album, "Look Both Ways." She'll be in Grants Pass on April 27.

By Kathleen Alaks
of the Daily Courier

She may not be a household name — yet.

But that doesn't mean Olivia Millerschin hasn't been trying.

The 21-year-old Detroit singer-songwriter has recorded two full albums and one EP, she played more than 200 shows last year, including Radio City Music Hall and Detroit's renowned Fox Theater, and she's won a handful of awards and was a quarter-finalist on "America's Got Talent."

Later this month, she and her band embark on a west coast tour that will take them to Arizona, New Mexico, California and Oregon, including to Grants Pass on April 27.

"We are like an easy listening, singer-songwriter jazz group," Millerschin said Monday in a phone interview. "It will be like a little piece of Detroit in Grants Pass."

Her show is set for 7 p.m. at the Grants Pass Museum of Art. Tickets are \$10 and seating is limited.

This will be the first show in a new series, Music at the Museum, with the museum hosting both local and touring musicians. So far, two concerts are scheduled in April and one show each, June through October.

"And that will be it for the year, though we may fill in a

Listen up

• **WHAT:** Olivia Millerschin & Co. in concert

• **WHEN:** 7 p.m. April 27

• **WHERE:** Grants Pass Museum of Art, 229 S.W. G St.

• **TICKETS:** \$10

• **INFORMATION:** Call 541-479-3290 or visit gpmuseum.org.

• **COMING UP:**

• April 28, B Wishes and all of her Bees

• June 23, Scott Michaelson

• July 21, Rupert Wates

• Aug. 25, Daniel Boiling

• Sept. 15, Kelly & Ellis

• Oct. 27, Danika and Jeb

few more with local musicians," said Hyla Lipson, the museum director. "I'm very excited about this series."

Millerschin was born into a musical family. Both her parents are good singers, her mother plays guitar and her grandmother studied opera.

"The house was always filled with music," she said. "And being surrounded by music made me want to make music myself."

She started with voice lessons at age 7 or 8. Then in her early teens she started writing her own songs, and picked up the guitar as accompaniment.

"I kind of taught myself," said Millerschin, who also plays keyboards and ukulele.

She was still in her early teens when she got her first gig, when her grandmother went to a local coffeehouse and asked them to let her sing a few songs. She ended up playing there regularly for about a year.

At first, Millerschin said she played cover songs, rather than her own material.

"I wasn't ready to share my own stuff," she said. But when she finally did, responses were positive.

She calls her music "hopeful, indie singer-songwriter folk jazz. I try to give the songs uplifting elements."

She recorded her first album "Yes. No. Maybe So" in 2010 and her second, "Look Both Ways,"

was released in September.

In between, she has been adding more and more musical experience. She's won a John Lennon Songwriting Award and had songs featured in national and indie movies and television shows, including "A Girl Like Her," and MTV's "Finding Carter."

She was a finalist in the Detroit Music Awards and in the West Coast's LA Music Critics Awards.

But Millerschin is modest about all her accomplishments and accolades.

"Personally, I'm most proud of having a band that I believe in," she said. "These guys are some of the best."

With so much on her plate — touring, recording and possibly writing songs for other artists — where does she see herself 10 years from now?

"I hope to just keep doing what I'm doing now, just on a bigger scale," she said. "But mostly, I just hope my music brightens somebody's day."

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