

I think I need some sunshine! I find myself yearning for gardening, bountiful bird watching and nice walks around the neighborhood on this winters day. Some people call that stir crazy or sun deprived. Too much snow and rain can do that to a person. One can only read, watch old movies and exercise indoors for so long and then we need to get out of the house.

Since it doesn't appear the spring will come for awhile (Yes, I do realize it is only January. "Sigh") here are some things to do locally that will get you out of the house this week:

1. Music:

 The Northwest Wind Symphony invites you to a **Winter Concert** on Saturday, January 21st at 7pm, at *Corbet Theater at Centralia College*. The concert is titled, **An Evening at the Opera**. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and free for students. The Northwest Wind Symphony is comprised of professional and semi-professional players from the northwest. Find out more about the concert at northwestwindsymphony.org.

2. Games:

It's another **4-H Bingo Night** this Saturday night, January 21st, from 6-9, at *Boistfort Elementary School* in Curtis. Proceeds will help support the Lewis County 4-H **Know Your Government delegates**. The cost for bingo is only 50 cents per game, \$20 for the night, or \$60 for a family pack. Call 360-740-1220 for more information.

3. Gardening:

Beat The Winter Blues, a gardening event, will be held on Saturday, January 28th, from 9am-3pm, at *St. timothy Episcopal Church*, located at 1826 SW Snively in Chehalis. Come chat with Master Gardeners, learn about seed saving and bonsai trees. There will be plenty of garden related items for sale. There will also be a bake sale, as well as a blood drive for Bloodworks Northwest. For more information, call 360-489-7189.

4. Food:

Thursday, January 26th: Potluck night here at Stillwaters Estates. Bring your favorite dish to share. Bring a plate, silverware and napkins provided. Dinner starts promptly at 6 p.m.



Saturday, January 28th: The local chapter of the Rocky Mt. ELK Foundation will be having their annual **Pancake Fundraiser** from 8am-10am at *Applebee's in Chehalis*. Tickets for the event are \$10 per person. Call 520-4445 for tickets or more information.



5. Theatre:

A selection of movies locally -

Midway Cinema - "Hidden Figures", "SING" (animated comedy) and "Rogue One" (Latest Star Wars) 181 NE Hampe Way, Chehalis

Olympic Club McMenamins - "Moana" - the latest Disney film. 112 N. Tower Avenue, Centralia.

Any other suggestions to offer? Click the comment box below and send your suggestions to me for publication. Thank you!

Quote of the Week:



(Full disclosure: This was my quote of the week about this time last year!)

Weather:

Clear (but still chilly) weather is possible on Monday and Tuesday according to weatherunderground.com. Highs in the 40s and lows in the 30s all next week with the possibility of some dry days. We will take sunshine where we can get it!