

MARCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 1**—Community Swing Dance
7 p.m. to 9 p.m., United Methodist Church, Goldendale
- 2**—Lyle Lions First Saturday Breakfast
7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Lyle Lions Community Center
- 2-3**—America's Largest Antique and Collectible Show
Portland Expo Center
- 6-10**—Portland Metro Spring RV Show of Shows
Portland Expo Center
- 8-9**—Tri-Cities Antique Show
TRAC Center, Pasco
- 8-9**—Central Washington Home and Garden Show
Yakima Valley SunDome
- 8-9**—Monster Truck Show
TRAC Center, Pasco
- 12**—KPU D Commission Meeting
2 p.m., Goldendale office
- 15**—Community Swing Dance
7 p.m. to 9 p.m., United Methodist Church, Goldendale
- 15-17**—Portland Roadster Show
Gun and Knife Show
Portland Expo Center
- 16**—St. Patty's Day River Trail Run/Walk,
3K, 5K, 10K
The Dalles, (541) 340-0926
- 16**—Challenge of Champions
Roughstock Showdown
TRAC Center, Pasco
- 17**—7th Annual Pirate Carnival
2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Klickitat School
gymnasium, (509) 365-2173
- 23**—Gorge Out! at Bingen School Inn
5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Bingen
- 23**—Central and Eastern Klickitat
Conservation District's Annual
Plant Sale
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Goldendale Farm Store
- 26**—KPU D Commission Meeting
2 p.m., Goldendale office
- 30**—Wheatfield Half Marathon
8K, 3K Run/Walk
The Dalles, (541) 298-1119

Don't Forget Your Electrical Permit

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, about 18,200 home fires a year are caused by electrical wiring, resulting in 120 deaths, 520 injuries and \$450 million in property damage.

The Washington Department of Labor and Industries reminds you to protect your family and your property by securing an electrical permit.

Washington state electrical safety laws require a permit and inspection for all new and additional electrical work. An electrical permit and professional inspection ensures your work meets safety code.

Follow these tips to stay safe:

- Do electrical work only if you are qualified. If you do not have a good understanding of electrical wiring, hire a licensed electrical contractor.
- If you do your own electrical work, you must buy the permit and call for an inspection. If you hire a licensed electrical contractor, your contractor must buy the permit and will get the inspection.
- Never overload outlets, extension cords or electrical circuits. If your circuit breaker trips, it is either overloaded or a circuit has malfunctioned and should be inspected by a qualified person.
- Keep your permit and inspection approval in a safe place for future reference. You may need it when trying to sell or refinance your home or to get insurance.

Remember: The best way to safeguard your home is with an electrical permit and inspection. Lives depend on it! ■

For more information, to buy an electrical permit or request an electrical inspection, contact the Department of Labor and Industries at www.ElectricalProgram.lni.wa.gov or call: Vancouver (360) 896-2300; Kennewick (509) 735-0100; Yakima (509) 454-3700.



Aargh! Pirate Carnival Coming March 17

Pirates are expected to swarm Klickitat on March 17 for the annual Pirate Carnival. The Parent Teacher Organization-sponsored event begins at 2 p.m. The action includes free and affordable fun and games for family members of all ages. You don't need to dress in your pirate gear, but those who don't will stand out as "land lubbers."

In addition to games, there will be plenty to eat and a silent auction, with proceeds supporting PTO activities that benefit Klickitat students. The PTO invites all ages to come and see what Captain Black Swallow and the crew has brewing for this year.

For more information, contact Debbie Pyle at (509) 365-2173. ■