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# Folk Talk

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## Get Irish With Skweez the Weezle!

**Saturday, 15 March, 7:30 PM**

Skweez the Weezle is an acoustic band that has proudly carried on the Celtic music tradition since March 1999, from their base of operations in the Tri-Cities. Their current repertoire includes traditional and original tunes and songs from Scotland, Ireland, Cape Breton Island, Brittany, Wales, and the USA.

Founding member David Lanigan plays both Scottish Border pipes and smallpipes (bellows-blown bagpipes with three drones in a common stock.) Scottish Highland pipes, whistles (commonly called tin or penny whistles, although they are not currently made of tin or cost a penny!), and Irish Octave Mandolin (a four-course stringed instrument in the low end of the mandolin family).

Troy Hanford has also been with the band since the beginning. He plays

guitar (a McMartin or MacMartin, depending on whether he's playing an Irish or a Scottish tune) and sings lead vocals. Troy finds Celtic music challenging, but immensely rewarding.

Mike Day has been playing music most of his life. He started playing guitar at a very young age, but soon found that his true passion was for banging on the drums, much to his parents' chagrin. Mike joined Skweez the Weezle in 2005, playing bodhrán (an open-backed Irish frame drum played with the hand or a wooden tipper), djembe (Afro-Celtic hand drum), shaky egg, and singing background vocals.

Glenn Mortenson plays Irish bouzouki, mandolin, cittern, fiddle, and sings backing vocals. He came to the Tri-Cities from Seattle as a professional traveling musician and decided to stay. Glenn started out as a

drummer/percussionist/vocalist. He added several types of stringed instruments over the years, and now plays them exclusively.

For the past fifteen years, Skweez the Weezle has performed throughout the Northwest at festivals, concerts, Highland games, coffeehouses, wineries, bookstores, universities, weddings, receptions, and private parties. We can assure you that no weasels are harmed during their performances.

Skweez the Weezle will perform at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco. Tickets are \$11 general admission/\$9 seniors and students if purchased in advance at Bookworm stores and Octopus' Garden and are \$1 more at the door. 3RFS members receive a \$3 discount.

## Michael Carlos Returns to the Coffeehouse

**Friday, 14 March, 7:30 PM**

Not your usual singer/songwriter act, Michael Carlos writes music that ranges from full-throttle rock, to Latin-influenced music, to acoustic ballads with strings.

Michael grew up California's San Joaquin Valley and now works out of Wenatchee, Washington. As a Latino child adopted by Caucasian parents, Carlos was often mistaken as the son of migrant farm workers. His experiences living in San Joaquin Valley's cultural divide and the search for his

own identity has helped to shape his music, which critics have lauded for covering a "wide range of musical territory." Michael draws from a diverse array of styles, ranging from indie rock, alt-country, Latin, pop and blues. He sees his music as one way of bridging the cultural divide and connecting with his audiences, both Anglo and Hispanic.

As a child, Michael learned piano from his grandmother, who was a ragtime pianist. He later picked up the guitar, which he taught himself to play by listening to blues recordings.

He also plays harmonica and the accordion.

The Coffeehouse will start with an open mic session. Come early to sign up for a slot. As a special treat this time, we'll celebrate "Pi Day" with pie! See related article inside.

The coffeehouse is held at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1312 Kimball Ave., Richland (drive around to the lower parking lot in the back). Suggested donations are \$8 general admission or \$6 teens and seniors at the door.

## St. Patrick's Day Potluck

Sunday, March 16, 5:00 PM

As she has for the past 10 years or so, Micki Perry will again be hosting a Saint Patrick's Day potluck at her home at 1011 S. Dawes St., in Kennewick. This year it will actually be the day before St. Patty's Day on Sunday, March 16th, beginning at 5:00 PM.

Bring an Irish dish or something green to share and your favorite Irish songs to sing, instruments, and friends. RSVP and get directions by calling 509-783-9937.

## Bradford Loomis

Friday, 14 March, 5:00 PM

Bradford Loomis is a musician from Seattle playing roots and Americana music. Had he lived one hundred and fifty years ago, he may have been riding rail cars out west or sailing down the Mississippi on a paddle boat. Or maybe he would have claimed his stake in the flatlands of the Midwest. Perhaps he would have plied his hand on a ranch in Texas. Instead, he'll be performing at Richland's Emerald of Siam from 5:00-8:00 PM on Friday, March 14. Enjoy some great acoustic music and Thai food.

## Fern Hill Bluegrass

Saturday, 8 March, 6:00 PM

Oregon's Fern Hill Bluegrass Band plays traditional bluegrass and they will be performing at Dalrymple Farms (Cliff's), 1536 Sunnyside-Mabton Rd./16th St., in Sunnyside. The concert will run from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and there will be general jamming afterward, so bring your instruments! If you don't play, you're welcome to stay and listen. Cost is \$15. For more info, call 503-556-1252 or see fernhillbluegrass

## March 14 is TT Day

Not sure who started it, but did you know March 14 (3/14) is celebrated as Pi Day? Pi is a mathematical constant that is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter and is approximately equal to 3.14159. It has been represented by the Greek letter "π" since the mid-18th century, though it is also spelled out as "pi."

Pi sounds like pie so let's celebrate Pi Day at the March 14 Coffeehouse by eating pie. Bring your favorite pie to share and we will sell pieces of pie and the money raised will support Tumbleweed Music Festival. We can even sing the Pi Day song written by Zeke Hoskins of Bellingham.

A Song For Us Nerds.  
3/14 1:59 is our minute

Just before two on March Fourteen is a favorite minute of mine. It means "Pi" to me, because it's three point one four one five nine. Apple, cherry, pumpkin, pecan, let's down a slice to a remarkable man. We're not stupid, we love Euclid, nerds of the world, eat pie!

Pi day, Pi Day, whether it's Monday or Friday.  
Euclid says "It's my day,"  
nerds of the world, eat pie!

The day before the Ides of March when Caesar got the knife, Cassius and Brutus made a plot to take his life, (They said) "He's too ambitious, that Julius Caesar," then they split a deep dish pizza. They didn't have a quorum, they stabbed him in the Forum, nerds of the world, eat pie!

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Folks will tell you "Pi R Square," but as for me, I've found cakes are square, but everywhere, pie are always round.

Never turn down Grandma's pie, she feels that is a slam at her.

Her pie means more than the ratio of the circumference to the diameter.

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You don't need a computer to raise a mathematical rumpus. Euclid did the things he did with a straight edge and a compass. His tools were simple, his powers were mental, that's why pi's so transcendental. The circle's unbroken: Euclid has spoken. Nerds of the world, eat pie!

Pi day, Pi Day, whether it's Monday or Friday.  
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nerds of the world, eat pie!

If you're a nerd, it's thy day, nerds of the world, eat pie!

Another "pi" thought from Alan Gibbs, our intrepid web site manager. Mathematicians grew tired of degrees, so invented the radian. That's the angle created by wrapping a radius around part of a circumference. Since it takes pi diameters to go all the way around, and since the radius is half as long, it takes 2 pi radii to go around. It follows that every pie contains 2 pi radians or one pie = two pi. So keep in mind while eating pie you are getting twice as many calories as you think!

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**Deadline for the April newsletter is March 15th.**

## Out of Town

### March

**15** Walla Walla Contra Dance  
7:30 PM, Sat., Unity Church of Peace, 810 C Street at the Walla Walla Regional Airport

## Tumbleweed 2014

29-31 August, 2014

Plans have begun for the 2014 Tumbleweed Festival. The theme for the 2014 festival (and songwriting contest) is "Kindred Spirits" and the planning committee is now welcoming proposals and suggestions for a festival logo.

Planning meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month at festival chair Gene Carbaugh's home at 803 Birch, Richland. The next meeting will be March 18, 7PM. Call Gene at 946-0504 if you have questions.

## Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong

Saturday, 8 March, 7:00 PM

Join our monthly sea song sing-fest every month, beginning around 7 PM at Round Table Pizza in Richland on George Washington Way. Everyone is welcome at no cost (except for the food and beverages.)

## First Friday Folkie Free-For-All

Friday, 7 March, 7:00 PM

Each month we gather at Micki Perry's house to play and sing together. You can bring an instrument if you play one, a voice if you have one, and perhaps a snack to share. Micki lives at 1011 S. Dawes St., in Kennewick. For more information call 528-2215.

## Local Folk Events

### March

<b>7</b> First Friday Folkie Free For All	7:30 PM - Fri, Micki Perry's Kennewick
<b>8</b> 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong	7:00 PM - Sat, Round Table Pizza, Richland
<b>10</b> 3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM - Mon, Micki Perry's Kennewick
<b>14</b> Michael Carlos Coffeehouse	7:30 PM - Fri, All Saints', Richland
<b>15</b> Skweez the Weezle Concert	7:30 PM - Sat, CUUC Pasco
<b>16</b> St. Patrick's Day Potluck	5:00 PM - Sat, Micki Perry's Kennewick
<b>18</b> Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 PM - Tues, Gene Carbaugh's Richland
<b>22</b> 3RFS Contra Dance	7:30 PM - Sat, Shufflers' Shanty Kennewick

### April

<b>4</b> First Friday Folkie Free For All	7:30 PM - Fri, Micki Perry's Kennewick
<b>11</b> Steve Wacker Coffeehouse	7:30 PM - Fri, All Saints', Richland
<b>12</b> 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong	7:00 PM - Sat, Round Table Pizza, Richland
<b>14</b> 3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM - Mon, Gene Carbaugh's Richland
<b>19</b> Bridges Home Concert	7:30 PM - Sat, CUUC Pasco
<b>22</b> Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 PM - Tues, Gene Carbaugh's Richland
<b>25</b> 3RFS Contra Dance	7:30 PM - Sat, Shufflers' Shanty Kennewick

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland  
CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco  
Gene Carbaugh's, 803 Birch Ave., Richland  
Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick  
Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland  
Shufflers' Shanty = 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick  
**For information, call 509 528-2215**

## March Contra Dance

Saturday, 22 March, 7:30 PM

Celebrate the warm days of spring with a hot evening of Three Rivers contra dance. We are pleased to welcome the calling of Sue Baker from Hood River, and the string band music of Twin Creeks. The band, from Ellensburg and Goldendale, features Tim Southworth on banjo (and perhaps fiddle), Laurie Southworth

on guitar, Dale Brubaker on fiddle, and Marte Fallshore on bass.

The dance will be at the Shufflers' Shanty from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM. Beginners are more than welcome, no partner is necessary, and all dances are taught. Bring friends and family and snacks to share for a great evening of music, dancing and fun. Shufflers' Shanty is at 717 Irving St., Kennewick. Cost at the door is \$8 general admission or \$6 seniors and teens. Kids under 12 are free. \$1 off for 3RFS members. Hope to see you all there!