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Upcoming fundraisers and charity benefits in Asheville area

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Special Olympics fundraiser planned

On Saturday, Fun Depot of Asheville will help raise money for Special Olympics Buncombe County. From 2-5 p.m. purchase two-hour play cards for $15 each and $5 from each purchase will be donated directly to Special Olympics Buncombe County.

Mention Special Olympics when you purchase your card to let the "Fun" folks at Fun Depot know that you are there to support Special Olympics Buncombe County. Fun Depot is at Exit 51 off Interstate 40 in East Asheville.

Auction to benefit free summer events

Eight paintings by Asheville artist Jonas Gerard are up for auction to benefit summer programming in Pack Square Park.

The paintings are on exhibit at the Gerard's studio, 240 Clingman Ave., which is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday. Telephone bids are being accepted for four of the paintings at 350-7711. The other four paintings are on eBay; auctions end at midnight Wednesday.

Learn more at www.jonasgerard.com and at www.packsquarepark.org or call 350-7711 or 252-2300. The results of the auction will be announced at a reception 6-8 p.m. May 7 at Gerard's studio.

Fishing contest will grant kids' wishes

Gap Hill Marina at Lake Keowee is sponsoring Fish with Family for Fun, a benefit fishing contest at 5:30 a.m. Saturday to pay for wish list gifts for orphaned or underprivileged children at the Brayhill Children's Home in Clyde.

The cost is $80 per boat; there's a $1,500 first prize. To learn more, call Fred King at 231-0528 or Ted Rhodes at 335-7062.

Walk to celebrate cancer survivors

Bark for Life, a walk led by dogs and human cancer survivors, will be 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday and will raise funds for the American Cancer Society. In addition to the walk, there will be demonstrations, food, games and raffles.

Registration is $20, or $25 the day of the event, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The walk begins on Main Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

To register, visit www.relayforlife.org/barkhenderson or contact Louise Steves at louisesteve@bellsouth.net.

Blue Ridge Pride prom set for Saturday

Blue Ridge Pride will host a prom fundraiser 9 p.m.-midnight Saturday at Seven Star Factory, 191 Lyman St., in the River Arts District. The event will feature live music, local DJs Soulja Byrd and LTP, dancing, light food, spirits and the presentation of prom king and queen, plus an after party at Scandals Night Club on Grove Street.

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