



Parkhurst Memorial Library Bench



Photos by Terri Hansen

THIS IS AN AWESOME COMMUNITY PROJECT that just touches our hearts," said Terri Hansen of Parkhurst Place on West May Avenue. She writes about Parkhurst's new Veteran's Memorial and Community Library Bench, dedicated last month. Anyone interested in having a memorial plaque placed on the bench in memory of their honored Veteran may contact Hansen at 541-387-4600. At the dedication, longtime Parkhurst resident Olive Fletcher tells Sgt. Joaquin Waldroop, left, and Sgt. Robert Schuler of Oregon National Guard, 3-116 CAV DET 2 Fox Company from Hood River, about her husband, who was a pilot and was shot down over Japan. He survived and went on to achieve many other military awards. In the adjoining photo she holds a photo of her decorated military Grandson.

Stories shared at museum of art, artists, and creative process

"We at The Hood River Art Club would like to thank each of you involved in celebrating our 66th Anniversary Exhibit and Reception at the History Museum of Hood River County," writes club member Gail Kleish.

"The event was filled with great company, food and stories. Who doesn't love a good story?! We were so fortunate to have the wonderful coverage of the event in the Hood River News. The History Museum of Hood River County proved to be the perfect venue for an intimate showing of our current works as well as hosting our reception. Dottie Gilbertson went out of her way to make this anniversary celebration spectacular. Rosauers, Safeway and Springhouse Cellars provided delectable food and wine to top off

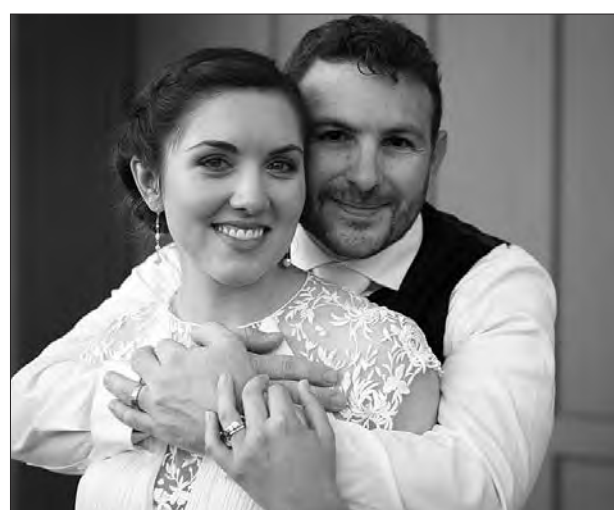
the reception.

"Our two speakers initiated warm discussions among members, current and honorary, as well as uplifting laughter from artists appreciating the creative quirks of Norman Tucker and Phil Tyler. Gayle Weisfield shared some wonderful and inspiring memories of her tutelage with Phil Tyler, both internationally renowned artists from this area. Marilyn Avolio, the granddaughter of Norman Tucker, shared stories of her grandfather; the man, artist and cultivator of the creative process.

How wonderful to have such a loving community to support and celebrate our 66th Anniversary and artwork. We feel celebrated and honored to have shared this occasion with you all."



Submitted photo
'HOOD RIVER JEWELERS,' by Joyce Uezen, was among the Art Club works displayed.



Emily Sager and Ben Meoz

Sager weds Meoz

Emily Sager and Ben Meoz, both of Seattle, were married June 21, 2015 at The Great Hall at Green Lake in Seattle.

The bride is the daughter of Dan Sager and Julie Belmore of Hood River, and is a 2005 Hood River Valley High School graduate. She graduated from the University of Washington in 2009 and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, in 2013. She works as an academic advisor at the University of Washington Bothell.

The groom is the son of Raul and Wendy Meoz of Las Vegas. He graduated from U.C. Santa Barbara and the University of Vermont, and is currently the administrator of apartment life at the University of Washington Seattle.

The wedding party included Hilary Sager, Joe Sager, Katherine Meoz, and Brian Hooks. The couple honeymooned in Florence, Italy, and will continue living in Seattle with their Siberian Husky, Chione.

WINGS holds 'Starry Starry Night' fundraiser Aug. 8 at Lakecliff B&B

WINGS Program provides housing, job training and support formerly homeless young men and women from the Gorge. WINGS' next fundraiser is called "Starry Starry Nights" and will be, Aug. 8 at Lakecliff Bed &

Breakfast at 5 p.m.

Proceeds will help sustain the program and pay for a much-needed new barn.

Mark Whitehead of Ahi's Ohana Catering will be serving amazing entrées, and local wines and beers will be

served at a no-host bar. Music will be provided by Three Speed Trio, The Columbiaries, and Willie and Nelson.

WINGS offers formerly homeless young men, ages 18-23 clean and sober hous-

ing, work, training, and continuing education, and all types of support to young men and women.

Buy tickets online at www.getwings.net or call 541-380-3820 for more information and tickets.

Host homes needed for exchange students

E. F. High School Exchange year is looking for homes for the 2015-16 school year at Hood River Valley High School for two young ladies.

Marina, from Japan, is 16 years old. She loves playing the violin and has played for more than 10 years. She also likes skiing.

"She is a very charming young lady who would like to experience the American cul-

ture," said E.F. International Exchange Coordinator Leslie Melby.

Kaja, from Germany, is also 16 years old. She loves playing sports — soccer and basketball — reading, listening to music, and loves children and the elderly.

If interested, please contact Melby at 541-490-5617 for more information.

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free of charge, with a hookup donated by PPL electric company.

"What happened was kind of a miracle," said Schend. Crews finished the stage in spring of 1986, with plenty of time to open up the park for summer festivities.

Schend said the program's attendance "really took off" with the completion of the stage. Since then, movies and music at Jackson Park has become a staple of family recreation in Hood River.

Attendance has been over 2,000 at some concerts, said Schend. He estimated 3,000 people would fit in the total expanse of Jackson Park if they were packed in.

Also wildly popular are the movie nights. Hood River Community Ed shows 12 to 15 flicks a year at the Movies in the Parks series, held Saturdays throughout the summer. The program has branched out to the Marine Park in Cascade Locks as well due to its popularity. (See sidebar, page A1.)



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea
SCREEN with inflatable base stands ready for the night's flick in this 2011 file photo. Hood River's Troy Tactay is at left.

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