

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Fundraisers

■ **Jan. 9 — Wasco County Medical Reserve Corps Blanket Drive**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at E. Third St., The Dalles. Donations go to The Warming Place. Warm socks, coats and gloves, travel sized soap and shampoo also accepted. Face masks, social distancing required. More at tanyaw@co.wasco.or.us or 541-506-2631.

Children and Teens

■ **Thru Jan. 31 — Hood River Valley Little League Registration**, ages 4-12 at www.hrvll.com. Grants available (limited time).
■ **Mondays — 4-H Chess Club**, 3:45-5 p.m. Grades 5-12; online, free. Register at 541-298-4004 or ham-mackd@oregonstate.edu.
■ **Tuesdays — Sea Scouts**, 7-8:30 p.m. downstairs at The Dalles UCC, 111 E. Fifth St. (marine branch of Boy Scouts). Open to all teens

ages 14-20. Bring mask. Info at 707-363-5353 or ssfree-dom399@gmail.com.

■ **Tuesdays & Thursdays — Online Homework Help for Students and Parents**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays; Hood River County Library staff available by Zoom at zoom.us/j/91001800954.

■ **Wednesdays — Online Teen Hangout**, 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Hood River County Library District. Email rachelt@hoodriverlibrary.org to join.

■ **Wednesdays — 4-H Girls Who Code**, 3:45-5 p.m. Free. For girls grades 6-12. Register 541-298-4004 or seapyl@oregonstate.edu.
■ **Thursdays — 4-H Coder Club**, 3:45-5 p.m. Free. Grades 5-12. Register at 541-298-4004 or ham-mackd@oregonstate.edu.

Exercise & Meditation

■ **Sundays — Online Heart Devotion Meditation**, 9-10 a.m. at www.sapphireheart.org/heartdevotion. For more info, call Emily at 503-358-1949.

Community Events

■ **Jan. 7 — Hood River Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors Virtual Meeting**, 4-6 p.m. Open to the public; log in information at 541-386-4588.

■ **Jan. 7 — NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of the Gorge**, 6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom; email susanbgabay@gmail.com or margiest@centurylink.net for link.

■ **Jan. 7 — Native Plants for Health and Wellness**, 6-7:30 p.m. online. Free; sponsored by Underwood Conservation District. Registration required at www.ucdwa.org.

■ **Jan. 9 — Book and Puzzle Sale**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mid-Columbia Senior Center, The Dalles; enter on the south door facing 10th.

■ **Jan. 12 — Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group**, 5:30-6:30 p.m. via Zoom; for a link, email belinda.ballah@co.hood-river.or.us. Open to anyone who lost a loved one to suicide.

■ **Jan. 13 — Sense of Place**, 7 p.m. at mtadamsinstitute.org/senseofplace.

Ongoing

■ **Monday thru Friday until Jan. 20 — Christmas Tree Disposal**, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday, at Hood River City Public Works Department.

■ **Wednesdays — The Dalles Rotary Club**, noon via Zoom. Address: us02web.zoom.us/j/693639881?pwd=U-FINdWw2QTZGTURm-RHVhY3VIZUQvQT09(us02web.zoom.us).

■ **Thursdays — The Dalles Kiwanis Club Online Meetings**. Log in between 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. at TheDallesKiwanisZoom.us. For more information go to www.thedalleskiwanis.org/ or The-Dalles-Kiwanis-Club on Facebook. **Jan. 7**, Club business meeting.

■ **Fridays — Bilingual Conversation Series**, noon to 1 p.m. via Zoom, us02web.zoom.us/j/88382995731. Sponsored by Hood River County Library District.

■ **Fridays and Saturdays — Hood River Valley Adult Center Thrift Shop**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Benefits Meals on Wheels.

Theresa Schugt awarded teachers scholarship

Mid-Columbia Oregon Retired Teachers, Unit 20, has selected Theresa Schugt as its 2020 scholarship recipient. Schugt is in the first CGCC group that is partnering with the OSU Department of Education. This allows her to take all her course work at CGCC and graduate from OSU with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She currently is student government vice president. Schugt graduated

from The Dalles-Wahatonga High School in 2006 and plans to focus on teaching special education. The retired teachers sponsoring this scholarship represent Sherman, Wasco and Hood River counties.



Theresa Schugt

Gorge receives rental assistance vouchers

THE DALLES — The Mid-Columbia Housing Authority and Columbia Gorge Housing Authorities have received 80 new "mainstream vouchers" and approximately \$560,000 in annual budget authority from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) for new Mainstream vouchers and funding, according to a press release from

Mid-Columbia Housing Authority.

Mainstream vouchers assist non-elderly persons with disabilities by paying fair market rent directly to landlords and encourages partnerships with health and human services agencies with demonstrated capacity to coordinate voluntary services and supports to enable individuals to live independently in the community.

The additional federal funding will assist with those impacted by the coronavirus.

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