

Gorge celebrates MLK Day Jan. 18 with virtual events

Gorge residents are invited to participate in a celebration of the life, work and dreams of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — virtually — on Monday, Jan. 18. The theme of this year's celebration, sponsored by Gorge Ecumenical Ministries (GEM), is a paraphrased quote by Dr. King: "We are tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one, affects all."

For a list of this year's virtual events, and to register to attend, visit gorgeem.org — click the "calendar" tab. All events are free and open to all.

Schedule is as follows:

- 9:30-10:30 a.m. — Plenary Speaker Angela Davis. Legendary civil rights and political activist, Angela Davis, will speak. This is in partnership with OSU Extension Open Campus program.
- 11 a.m. to noon

— "Change Like Never Before: from the Civil Rights Era to BLM." Join retired high school teacher Evelyn Charity in this follow up to Angela Davis's address. Explore the history of racism in our state and region and where we go from here.

- 1-2 p.m. — "Immigration Reform: Our Work in 2021." Local immigration lawyer MariRuth Petzing will lead a discussion about immigration policies and reform in 2021.
- 3-4 p.m. — "A Country Politically Divided: Where do we go from here?" Pamela Larsen, artist and teacher, will introduce us to the national group, "Braver Angels." It strives to bridge divides through constructive, non-polarizing discussions.
- 5-6 p.m. — "Real Testimonies: Broken Dreams." What is your dream? What are you willing

to fight for? Join Graciela Gómez and June Harper for this bilingual listening and discussion session. Hear real stories from members of our community and consider what role you can play in mending broken dreams.

- 7-8 p.m. — "Weaving the Beloved Community: An Evening of Music and Celebration." Simultaneous Spanish interpretation offered of Real Testimonies session and evening celebration; Somos Uno is committed to making this event accessible to all.

Event info, help

For information before the event, contact Ann Harris at 541-806-2525. For technology help during the event, contact Laura Robinson at 206-465-1379.

Jan. 13 Sense of Place lecture with Gorge biologist

Join Mt. Adams Institute for a virtual Sense of Place event, "Magical, Menacing, and Magnificent Wildlife: How to Ensure Their Future in the Gorge," Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. on Zoom featuring biologist Bill Weiler.

"The Columbia River is home to some incredible wildlife species; some are unknown to many, while others may be common, with surprisingly fascinating stories," said a press release. "This upcoming Sense of

Place lecture will dive into these creatures that share our home and why some are considered magnificent, while others are feared or even misunderstood. Wildlife biologist and longtime Gorge resident, Bill Weiler, will highlight some of our local fauna and share some hopeful scenarios about how we can keep wildlife thriving throughout the Gorge, especially if we all contribute."

Weiler worked as a wildlife biologist with both the Washington and Oregon

Departments of Fish & Wildlife. Weiler created the environmental education non-profit Columbia Gorge Ecology Institute in Hood River 25 years ago, and he currently works as the education coordinator for the Sandy River Watershed Council.

The event is free, with a \$10 suggested donation to support the program. For more information, go to mtadamsinstitute.org/senseofplace.

'Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series' offered by OSU Extension

"Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series" is a monthly zoom series that kicks off Jan. 12 and offers education for the experienced gardener led by OSU horticulture experts from across the state.

"Participants will take their gardening knowledge to the next level with timely topics from gardening in a changing climate to techniques to extend your season," said a press release.

The free classes will be held at 3 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, January through November; recordings will be available to watch at any time. The series is open to the public; OSU Extension Master Gardeners will receive continuing

education credit. Register at extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/growing-oregon-gardeners-level-series.

Currently scheduled

- Jan. 12: Understanding Seed Characteristics with Nicole Sanchez
- Feb. 9: Multifunctional Hedgerows with Pami Monnette
- March 9: What to Do About Herbicide Contaminated Compost and Soil Mix/How to Use Compost in Gardens and Landscapes with Weston Miller
- April 13: Dazzling Dahlias with Julie Huynh
- May 11: Water-wise Gardening with Erika Szonntag

- June 8: Unique Winter Vegetables to Grow with Lane Selman
- July 13: Fire-wise Landscaping with Amy Jo Detweiler
- Aug. 10: Season Extension Techniques with Heather Stoven and Nicole Sanchez
- Sept. 14: Gardening with Native Plants for Pollinators with Gail Langellotto
- Oct. 12: Adapting Your Garden and Landscape for Climate Change with Weston Miller
- Nov. 9: Using Life Cycle Analysis to Understand the Sustainability of Your Garden Products and Practices with Gail Langellotto

Paddock's Closes



Paddock's Appliances, a 50-year-old business and anchor on the Heights in Hood River, closed on Dec. 31, after 27 years in its current location on 12th Street. Rod and Lorna Paddock announced the closure on their website last month. The Paddocks have decided to retire and declined to be interviewed, but cited the impacts of large-store competition and the coronavirus on their 12th Street business. A 1998 Hood River News article noted that "the Paddock family has owned and operated a family business of one type or another continuously since 1940," with Rod's parents, Russ and Betty Paddock, taking over in 1970 from Rod's grandparents, Bill and Ruby Paddock. Paddock businesses operated under various names and provided a variety of products and services over the years, including wood stoves and RVs, in addition to appliances and mattresses, and the Paddock family also owned a car dealership on the Heights, in the building currently occupied by Marketa Guadelajara. In the 1980s, Rod and Lorna operated a video store, back in the Atari and Activision days, three blocks away at 1208 Belmont, the building now occupied by Columbia Gorge Veterinary. In 2004, the Paddocks received the Department of Defense National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve award for their long-time support of Reserve members in their employ.

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Right-wing protesters rally outside Oregon Capitol

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SALEM — Right-wing demonstrators and supporters of President Donald Trump rallied outside the Oregon State Capitol on Wednesday as part of a nationwide protest of the 2020 Election results.

Protesters also took the opportunity to decry Gov. Kate Brown's COVID-19 emergency orders.

While the crowd of hundreds had largely dispersed after 2:30 p.m., video taken by the Salem Reporter earlier in the day showed violent clashes with counter-protesters that led Salem Police to declare an unlawful assembly.

The police department later Tweeted that no force

was needed to separate the groups. One person was arrested for harassment and disorderly conduct.

Many protesters held America, Gadsden and Trump flags, and some openly carried firearms. They chanted, "Freedom!" and hurled insults at Brown, calling her a tyrant.

One man standing at the Capitol Mall with a speaker said it was "1776 all over again."

"This is America," the man called out to cheers of support from fellow protesters. "Communism will never, never be America."

No official activity was scheduled inside the Oregon Capitol on Wednesday.

Oregon electors had already cast the state's seven electoral votes for Biden and Harris on Dec. 8 during an in-person ceremony that was streamed live.

The Oregon Capitol has been closed to the public since March 18, after the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

Police sealed off the building Wednesday after Capitol authorities, anticipating problems, decided Tuesday night to close the building to the few workers who remain.

Metal shutters covered the glass doors at the east and west entrances. They already were in place on the iconic revolving doors at the north entrance. About two dozen troopers were stationed at the south entrance, which faces Willamette University.

Wednesday's protest was not the first instance of potential trouble at the Capitol, which was built in 1938.

Anti-lockdown, pro-Trump supporters briefly occupied a vestibule on the northwest side of the building on Dec. 21.

Contributions to benefit women, girls

Live Your Dream Award changes lives

■ By **Kathleen O'Connor**
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I am a member of Soroptimist International of Mt. Adams. If you ask me why, the quote from a young woman our club recognized sums it up for me:

"Receiving the Live Your Dream Award was the first time I ever really felt like maybe I was worth believing in," said Bailey McManus, 2016 Live Your Dream Award Recipient, Soroptimist International of Mt. Adams. "Not only did the money benefit my family enormously, but I will cherish forever the validation in my dreams. It was the spark of hope I needed that I could truly pursue my purpose in life."

We work hard and accomplish many things during our club year to provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. This focus is important and rewarding to me and with help from our

members, clubs, supporters, and donors, we are making dreams come true for women and girls.

One of the ways we do this is through our Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women. Our club has committed over the last several years to provide two annual awards of at least \$1,500 each to women in our communities. The benefits have been profound for these women. McManus, quoted above, qualified to receive an additional \$5,000 award from our Northwestern Region awards committee. I know that our support — financial and personal — is real, and that it gives beyond the year of the award, for McManus and all our recipients.

COVID-19 has changed how our organization is able to raise funds to support our programs supporting women and girls. That is why

I am asking you to consider supporting Soroptimist International of Mt. Adams. Your gift to Soroptimist International of Mt. Adams is eligible for deduction. Your gift will help us provide women and girls with opportunities they need, and would not otherwise have, to reach their goals.

Our world has changed, but our cause and focus have not changed. The need is greater than ever, and the chance to make an impact even greater still.

Go to our website at soroptimist-international.mybigcommerce.com and click the donation button to donate \$25 or more, or mail a check to Soroptimist International of Mt. Adams, P.O. Box 152, White Salmon WA 98672. Know that your support goes toward real progress and success for women striving to build better futures for themselves and their families.

Correction

An incorrect word was used in a comment by Hood River City Manager Rachael Fuller in the Jan. 6 article on the Oregon Court of Appeals' latest ruling regarding Morrison Park zoning. Fuller's statement should have read, "The City Charter requires a vote to dispose of parks for any purpose other than promoting or enhancing recreational enjoyment by the general public."



Lions Pickup

The Dalles Lions Club gathered Christmas Trees for disposal Saturday. Pictured are, left to right, Mike Kilkenny and Ethan Wray. The club was supported by The Dalles Disposal, who donated equipment for the drive, and whose drivers volunteered for the pickup.

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