

Visit Hood River to open visitor center in partnership with history museum

HOOD RIVER — Visit Hood River opened a visitor center and office within common area space at the History Museum of Hood River County, located at 300 E. Port Marina Drive, Hood River, on May 1. The visitor center reopening is a significant leap forward for Visit Hood River, following a year of contraction and reorganization required with the cessation of travel and tourism as a result of the pandemic, according to a press release. The economic devastation realized by many local businesses took a toll on Visit Hood River, resulting in closure of the previous office and visitor center after Labor Day 2020.

“The COVID pandemic has been challenging for

the nation, our community stakeholders and our organization,” said Katie Kadlub, Visit Hood River executive director. “As Visit Hood River has envisioned our role in Hood River’s recovery, we could not be more optimistic about this opportunity to serve both the community and visitors from our new office and visitor center at the History Museum of Hood River County. We are grateful for this win-win partnership with the Heritage Council, which brings increased visibility, engagement and service to our mutual stakeholders.”

“The History Museum of Hood River County is delighted to welcome Visit Hood River to share common space at the

museum because our mutual commitment to serve and educate our community and visitors,” said Debby Chenoweth, co-chair of the Hood River County Heritage Council. “In co-locating, our organizations are able to reduce overhead and expenses, allowing us to more efficiently deliver programs and services.”

The Hood River County Heritage Council is a 501c3 nonprofit who operates the Hood River County History Museum. The History Museum is a public resource and houses the historic artifacts, documents, and photographs of Hood River County and provides exhibits and historic programs and events for both residents and tourists.



History Museum of Hood River County is currently featuring Oregon Voices, a visiting exhibition from the Oregon Historical Society. Photo courtesy of Anna Goodwin, executive director, History Museum of Hood River County.

The Hood River County Chamber of Commerce dba Visit Hood River is a nonprofit business

association serving tourism and business stakeholders. Visit Hood River supports economic and tourism

development in Hood River, Cascade Locks, Mosier, Odell, Parkdale, Pine Grove and Mt. Hood.



Top row: Kathy Nishimoto and Monica Carson; second row: Judge John A. Wolf, Carol Goter and Tori Ratcliff; bottom row: Brigitte Barnes. Contributed photo



Volunteer Association of the Mosier Fire Department donate two Automatic External Defibrillators on April 12, one to Kathy Long, meal site coordinator for Mosier Senior Center, and another to Breanna's Mosier Market owner Brenna Campbell in downtown Mosier. Contributed photo

Mosier Fire Volunteers donate two lifesaving units to community

The Volunteer Association of the Mosier Fire Department donated two Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) to the Mosier community on April 12. One will be located at the Mosier Senior Center and the other at Brenna's Mosier Market.

AEDs are critical to surviving a heart attack and research has shown that the earlier the defibrillation the better the outcome, said a press release. These devices, valued at \$900 each, are also designed to require no training — the voice directions

tell anyone at the scene what to do.

“We are thrilled to have this in the center of town,” said Brenna Campbell, owner of the market. “There is a lot of traffic here in the summer and we are starting to see more e-bikes with older riders.”

Kathy Long, meal site coordinator for the senior center, said that the devices brought peace of mind.

“All of our residents are over 55 and most are in their 70s and 80s,” she said.

Mosier Fire Board Member Phil Evans thanked the

volunteers and commented on how the organization has grown.

“There are 22 volunteers now and the training has really stepped up in the past few years,” he said.

“A big part of our mission is prevention,” said Captain Tom Oswald. He also encouraged anyone in the community to contact Chief Mike Renault to set up a CPR class.

Both the Mosier Market and the senior center staff said they were inspired to train their staff in CPR.

Columbia Gorge CASA welcomes new volunteers

HOOD RIVER — Columbia Gorge CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) has installed its newest child advocates: Tori Ratliff, Kathy Nishimoto, and Monica Carson, Hood River; Carol Goter, Mosier; and Brigitte Barnes, Stevenson.

After completing more than 30 hours of professional training, via Zoom, the group was sworn into duty (also via Zoom) by the Honorable John A. Wolf, on April 13. Wolf welcomed the newest advocates and subsequently described some of his experiences with specific CASAs. He also listed many of the attributes he feels CASAs bring to the court and pertinent information concerning a child that CASAs bring to the court's attention.

Appointed and empowered directly by the courts, CASA volunteers advocate for a child's best interest by providing critical information to judges about the

child's needs and well-being to help the judge make the most well-informed decision. The CASA model was created more than 40 years ago and CASA programs have established themselves and their volunteers as trusted partners with the courts and child welfare professionals.

On any given day, there are nearly 443,000 children in foster care in the United States, served by more than 93,000 CASA volunteers. On average, nationally, children remain in state care for nearly two years and 6 percent of children in foster care have languished there for five or more years.

Among these children, around 200 are available for adoption and waiting for adoptive families in Oregon, according to AdoptUSKids.

Columbia Gorge CASA serves children in Hood River, Wasco and Sherman

counties with a mission to advocate for the needs and well-being of children in foster care through professionally trained and supported community volunteers.

New advocate training sessions will begin in the fall. If you are interested in learning more about the CASA program, contact Michelle Mayfield or Traci Witkowski, training coordinators, at 541-386-3468 or www.gorgecasa.org.

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- Large green parrot
- Nosegay holder
- Former science magazine
- Chicago's st.
- Troop truant
- Tokyo menace
- Skater Lipinski
- Chimp abode
- Laundry holder
- Amazon, for one
- Long-faced
- Before
- California's Fort —
- Motion detector
- Lad's sister
- Willard's pet
- "The Best" singer
- Bolt
- Banjo kin
- Romantic deity

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- Electrical unit
- Annoy
- Truckers' radios
- Rockies, e.g.
- Havana houses
- The Aloha State
- April 15 org.
- Do as told
- In a slow-witted manner
- Boat's bottom
- Society column word
- Malaria symptom
- This, in Barcelona
- Private eye — Spade
- Guru's practice
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- Med. plan
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- Popular takeout
- About 2.2 pounds
- Pipe fitting
- Fine white stone
- Big tubs
- Fully aware
- More achy
- Bring cheer
- Smoke detector output
- Flurry
- Gobble down
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- Volcanic activity
- Road map no.
- Neptune's kingdom
- Bearded flower
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- Light tan
- Clog
- Toyland visitors
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- Test, as ore
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- Account entry
- Maude of TV
- "I" trouble
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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- Cubed
- Aires
- Tiny
- Steep gulch
- Trust account
- German turndown
- Kept out of sight
- Pullet
- Outspoken
- Free to roam
- Inelegant solution
- Let out a skirt
- Pharaoh's amulet
- Customer
- Accustom
- Fall upon
- Furniture buy
- Car dealer's option
- Trouser part
- Rx giver
- Mild oath

DOWN

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- Do a favor for
- Monaco neighbor
- Seal cousin
- Went with
- Mock fanfare (hyph.)
- Certain
- Garr of "Tootsie"
- Prolific auth.
- Son
- Negative prefix
- Move very slowly
- Restore to health
- Famed prep school
- Lawn cover?
- Forbid
- London district
- Awards
- "Ugh!"
- Springlike
- Plexiglas
- Shellac resin
- Earthen jar
- Elevator man
- Witnesses
- Elcar or Wynter
- Root around
- Peer of the realm
- Hairy insect
- Wild T-shirt (hyph.)
- Mekong native
- Trash hauler
- Pasternak heroine
- Autry of oaters
- "Mack the Knife" singer
- Encompass
- Water, in Madrid
- Plaines
- Rural addr.
- Digital watch readout
- Winged mammal

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