



Elk of The Year

Elks Awards

Hood River Elks Lodge No. 1507 recently gave out three awards: Elk of the Year to Bob Losli, Volunteer of the Year to Trudi Seadorf, and Citizen of the year to Maui Meyer.

Photos by Gordon D. Leigh

HR, CL offer Library Express services

The Hood River and Cascade Locks branches are open for Library Express Services. Patrons are invited into the buildings for 30 minutes. They can pick up holds, browse for books, or use a public computer. No appointment needed! There are occupancy limits in the Children's Library in Hood River and the Cascade Locks and Parkdale branches. Patrons will be asked to wait. The Parkdale Library will start Library Express Services on Tuesday, June 1. Curbside Services are available by request at all three branches.

Starting June 1, the Hood River Library will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays, Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Cascade Locks and Parkdale Branches will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To help keep the library open and everyone safe, the Library District Leadership Team has established a few basic rules based on guidance from the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Library Association. They will update these as conditions change. All visitors to the library ages 5 and up are required to wear a face covering. This decision is based upon the Oregon Health Authority guidance issued

May 18, since they will not be screening for vaccination status. If patrons cannot wear a mask, please call the library to make special arrangements for book pickup outside the library. All seating has been put away to help keep patrons' visits to 30 minutes. There will be no meeting rooms available at this time. The restrooms are closed at the Cascade Locks and Parkdale branches.

Library staff encourage patrons to continue to use their online resources and services. Residents in the service area can sign up for a library card through the website at www.hoodriverlibrary.org to access e-books and audiobooks, stream movies and kid's

educational programming, and to access online databases and more through the digital library.

The library is offering a variety of online programming and services. To learn about programs, services, and updates, patrons can follow the library on social media (Facebook and Instagram), check the library website, and sign up for the e-newsletter.

For more information, visit www.hoodriverlibrary.org or call 541-386-2535.

LYLE NEWS

'Free Park' days coming in June

By Mildred E. Lykens

The Lyle Community Council has been actively searching for ways of improving our community, featuring a safe and convenient way to reach the sand bar west of town. After many meetings and discussions with various "powers that be," Vern Harpole summed up the LCC's involvement: "The LCC met with state and federal highway agency officials to express concerns and interest in solutions to the congestion at the Old Highway 8 and State Highway 14 intersection. The highway agency officials left contact information but wanted comments and concerns from Lyle residents, photographs and data that document the claims of congestion and accidents. The LCC representatives have met with Klickitat Board of Commissioners and received their endorsement of its resolution to pursue safe and legal crossing to the sandbar. Also the LCC will develop an educational presentation over the next couple months to outline the

proposal for improving the boat ramp at Lyle Point, sidewalks, curbs, lights, and drainage improvement on Highway 14 from the Klickitat River to Eighth Street, as well as getting a pedestrian bridge across the Klickitat River from Lyle Point's old Depoe Road."

The LCC plans to meet with state representatives, senators and the Klickitat County Economic Development Council to illustrate this new vision for Lyle. They also plan to have educational meetings, surveys and host social events to gather input from local area residents on ideas and support for all these projects.

I hope you are as excited about the Lyle Lions Club First Saturday Breakfast returning! It is opening its doors on Saturday, June 5 from 7-10 a.m. at their community center on the corner the Fifth and Highway 14 in



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Lyle. The cost is minimal: Adults \$7, 6-12 years \$4, and 5 and under are free. They still dealing with menu choices and seating and are very optimistic that it will be safe and fun for all as they follow the most recent Klickitat County Department of Health guidelines. After a year's hiatus, they are anxious to serve their friends and neighbors and continue to support our community.

June has a few "Free Park" days. June 5 is National Trails Day, and Washington State Parks are free! The Discover Pass will not be required to visit a state park. The following weekend holds two opportunities: Saturday, June 12 is National Get Outdoors Day, and June 13 is Free Fishing Day! Get outside and take advantage of these fun opportunities to enjoy your favorite Washington State parks! Be sure to pack your "bug off," sunscreen, (in lieu of long sleeve shirts, wide brim hats, and ankle tight pants), masks and sanitizer, clapping sticks (to scare off the snakes, cougars, wolves and bears), ankle high boots

for the sharp rocks, bottled water, matches, compass, phone ... and above all ... have a good time.

The families of the deceased, who came to honor their loved one's final resting place, came together at the Lyle/Balch Cemetery for its annual cleanup and gathered at the north section to hold the regular business meeting. President Bill Hamm chose the spot that would make everyone as comfortable as possible due to the lingering threat of the pandemic. The main topic of the meeting was to elect new officers due to the desire that he and the secretary/treasurer, Barbara Sexton, chose to retire their positions after more than 20 years. The new officers are as follows: President, Ken Thiemann; secretary/treasurer, Ann Barrepski; and the two new trustees are Ken Barrepski and Janet Marx. The new cemetery contact information is kthiemann78@hotmail.com. As Mr. Thiemann wears many hats in our community, he asks that you type in "Lyle Cemetery" in

the subject line of the email. Both Bill and Barbara deserve a well earned standing ovation for their decades of commitment.

The Columbia Grange No. 87 in Lyle is the oldest grange in the State of Washington in continuous operation in the same building. It was started in 1889. Currently, we do not meet the 13 member requirement of the National Grange. As of June 30 of this year, we will either be put on probation, closed, or taken over by the State Grange. We have a treasurer, an acting secretary, but all other positions, including master, are not filled. The good news is we have a contract with the Gorge Farmers Collective through November, which is helping cover basic expenses like insurance and utilities. They are using us as a pick-up site for their delivery of awesome local produce and products on Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. Check them out at thecoop@gorgefarmers.com. If you are interested in helping out contact Dianne Howard, Gary Jewell, Dick Keyes, or

Annie Maguire.

I don't know who — or how many of you — received a letter from "Endurance" with a "2021 Vehicle Notification Department" letter. It had my name and address correct, so I thought it was from my car service contract coverage I received upon purchase of the vehicle. Enclosed was a threat of my coverage having a "price increase of between \$150 to \$500 dollars by May 20." They had me a customer ID number and all, and said I could keep my coverage if I contacted them before that date ... yada yada ... Such as I was headed to The Dalles the day I received it, my daughter drove directly to Ray Shultens, where I purchased the car, and went in to make an appointment. She was told, "It's a scam!" I just wanted to warn all of you to beware of yet another way the evil-doers are trying to siphon our bank account into theirs.

Send news to Mildred E. Lykens, 509-365-2273 or lykensme41@gmail.com.

GLENWOOD NEWS

Busy HS, JHS rodeo weekend includes prom

By Mary Pierce

Wow! What a busy weekend here on May 21-23, with three days of junior high and high school rodeo. The Goldendale high school and junior high school rodeo club hosted the event and their parents put in a huge amount of work to make it a success. The rodeo grounds were packed with trucks and trailers, with contestants coming from every corner of the state.

Saturday night, the Goldendale club and their parents hosted a prom in the dance hall. These kids are on the road every weekend and have to miss their own high school proms, so this

awesome evening made up for missing out at home. I don't have event results for our Glenwood cowgirls at this time, so will share them when available.

Rocky Mountain Railway Vacation Bible School dates have changed to June 12-16 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. All kids entering kindergarten to entering sixth grade in the fall are invited to come to the church for a week full of fun. Kids will learn how Jesus' power pulls them through as they enjoy



Mary Pierce

fun music, amazing Bible adventures, tasty treats, games, and more. Look for registration forms at the post office. Call Jennifer at 364-3517 for more information.

The eighth grade promotion to high school will take place on Friday, June 4 at 7 p.m. Due to COVID guidelines, this program is not open to the general public. Each of the eighth graders is allowed to invite a certain number of guests. Congratulations to Jayla Avila, Brenna Beeks, Gavin Benschel, Devin Gimlin, Emme Gimlin, Shae Jackson, Ty Murray, Peyton Sanchez, Christian Tomeo, and Tomei Tomeo. We'll see you in high

school in the fall.

The high school graduation will take place on Saturday, June 5 at 2 p.m. in the school gym. Again, only guests invited by each graduate are allowed, in order to maintain distancing. Congratulations to Preston Bartek, Derek Gimlin, Duly Morris, Emma Odom, and Nahaleigh Schuster for reaching this milestone in your lives. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

The last day of school will be June 10. The kids have two weeks of swimming lessons at the Hood River pool to look forward to, starting June 14. The school was not able

to have a swimming lessons program last year, so the kids are eagerly anticipating this year's fun.

There has been progress in the Glenwood School superintendent search. The school board met with and interviewed the four candidates via Zoom on May 24. Following that session, the board narrowed the field to two candidates who will visit the school in person on June 9, have a tour of classrooms and all the facilities, meet students and staff, and have final, in-person interviews with the board. Stay tuned for an announcement regarding the superintendent selection.

Christina Kuhnhausen would like to remind anyone who would like to take part in the Glenwood Rodeo Parade to please contact her at 509-364-3326 to get signed up.

Please send any news items for next week's paper to gmpierce09@gmail.com.

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