



## PORT OF CASCADE LOCKS

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### Port of CL celebrates two new facilities at business park

The Port of Cascade Locks will hold a celebration to commemorate the completion of two key economic development projects in the port's Business Park.

On June 25 at 11 a.m., the port will host a ribbon cutting to commemorate a new manufacturing building for pFriem Family Brewers and a new commercial facility for the Renewal Workshop. Together, these two new projects will support nearly 100 jobs and contribute to the growing economy of Cascade Locks and the Gorge region, said a press release.

"The Port of Cascade Locks is thrilled to be able to celebrate the completion of these two projects. They represent the fulfillment of the port's longstanding vision to bring good paying jobs to our community to support our local economy," said Port of Cascade Locks President Jess Groves. "We invite all of our Gorge friends to celebrate with us." Also scheduled to appear are various state and local elected officials. The event will take place on N.E. Columbia Gorge Way in the Port of Cascade Locks Business Park. Light refreshments and tours of the new buildings will be available.

## UNIVERSITY NOTES

### Local students earn degrees from George Fox University

NEWBERG — Gorge students were among the undergraduate, adult degree and graduate-level students who received diplomas from George Fox University in the spring of 2021.

**Hood River:** Douglas Asai, bachelor of science in computer science

**Mt. Hood-Parkdale:** Cecylia Whitehurst, bachelor of social work in social work

**Odell:** Madelynn Vallejo, master of education

Local students were also among those who earned dean's list recognition at George Fox University for the spring 2021 semester. Traditional undergraduate students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above on 12 or more hours of graded work to earn a spot on the dean's list.

**Hood River:** Austin Norton, sophomore, sociology; Ella Rand, senior, computer science and mathematics

**Mt. Hood-Parkdale:** Cecylia Whitehurst, senior, social work

More than 4,000 students attend classes on the university's campus in Newberg, and at teaching centers in Portland, Salem and Redmond.

## Time to prepare for wildfire season

■ By Hood River County Health Department

With upcoming warm weather and dry forecast, wildfire season is upon us. It is critical that you prepare yourself and your family in the event of an evacuation.

### Make a plan

Evacuations can be stressful and challenging, particularly for those with existing health problems.

It's important to have a plan, talk about the plan, and practice the plan with your family before evacuation occurs. This plan should include a designated meet-up location for all members and a method to contact each member to know they are safe as soon as possible. It's important to also consider who in your family, or neighborhood, will need extra help during a wildfire evacuation.

### Get a kit

In the event that local or state officials instruct you to evacuate your area, have an emergency kit or to-go bag prepared that can support you, your family, and your pets during and after evacuation.

What goes in your kit will be specific to your family's day-to-day needs. Some things to consider when building an emergency kit include:

- What medication and medical items do each of your family members need?
- What copies of personal documents might be necessary to have: insurance, medical, identification documents?
- Who should be included in a list of emergency contacts?
- Where would be a smart place to store the kit so it is easily accessible?

A full list of emergency kit contents is available at [www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies](http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies).

### Stay informed

Sign up for local alerts by opting in to the reverse 911 system for Hood River County at [member.everbridge.net/892807736721762/login](http://member.everbridge.net/892807736721762/login).

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Seattle-based Flamenco dancer Savannah Fuentes performs her newest work, "Flores de Verano, Flamenco en Vivo," at the Rockford Grange Sunday. She will be joined by Flamenco singer and guitarist Diego Amador Jr.



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## Savannah Fuentes at Rockford Grange June 27

Seattle-based Flamenco dancer Savannah Fuentes brings her latest work, "Flores de Verano, Flamenco en Vivo," to the Rockford Grange Hall, 4262 Barrett Drive, Hood River, on Sunday, June 27. The show begins at 8 p.m. Ticket information is available at [www.eventbrite.com/e/152270427949](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/152270427949).

"After a year of confinement and self-reflection, Savannah has created 'Flores de Verano, Flamenco en Vivo,'" reads a press release. The program "celebrates rebirth and new beginnings," and features traditional Flamenco musical forms as well as contemporary themes. The event is part of a West Coast tour. Fuentes will be joined by singer/guitarist Diego Amador Jr. All safety guidelines will be followed. For more information and tour dates, visit [www.savannahf.com](http://www.savannahf.com).

### About Savannah Fuentes

Savannah Fuentes, Flamenco dancer and producer, presents "... real Flamenco, straight and stunning," (Regina Hackett, Seattle Post Intelligencer). She has independently

produced and danced in more than 300 performances and workshops featuring internationally recognized Spanish Flamenco artists, including Carlos de Jacoba, Saray Munoz, and Jesus Montoya. Fuentes was born in Seattle to parents of Puerto Rican and Irish ancestry. She considers Flamenco a lifelong study, an artistic journey she began in her late teens that continues to this day.

### About Diego Amador Jr.

Diego Amador Jr., a Flamenco singer and guitarist, was born in Seville into a family considered "Flamenco royalty," said a press release. His father is the celebrated Flamenco pianist Diego Amador and his uncles Rafael and Raimundo Amador were the founders of the popular Flamenco band "Pata Negra." Known in Flamenco circles as a percussionist, Amador Jr. is also an accomplished Flamenco percussionist, and pianist as well. He released his first album as a singer/songwriter, "Presente en el Tiempo," on June 20.

## Oregon Legislature acts to address bias crimes on public lands

■ By Friends of the Columbia Gorge

On June 9, the Oregon House approved SB 289 (Ayes, 41; Nays, 17; Excused, 2). This follows on passage this April in the Oregon Senate by a wide bipartisan margin (Ayes, 25; Nays, 3; Excused, 2). The product of a special task force convenes last year by the Governor's Office, the bill now goes to Gov. Kate Brown for signing.

The recently passed legislation the bill would help protect the public from bias crimes by prohibiting persons convicted of these crimes on public lands under ORS 166.155 and ORS 166.165 from using state parks and state waters for a period of at least six months, but not longer than five years. It would also suspend or revoke licenses for recreation uses and prohibit the issuance of licenses for a period of at least six months, but not longer than five years.

In reaction to the bill's final passage, Friends of the Columbia Gorge Executive Director Kevin Gorman said, "Oregon's public lands are intended for all members of the public to enjoy. But the incidence of bias crimes on these lands creates an invisible barrier to access, striking fear and anxiety in those individuals whose skin color, gender identity, ethnic background, or religious beliefs could make them targets of harassment or attacks. When some don't feel safe on lands meant to benefit everyone, it's a detriment to all Oregonians."

Friends Conservation Director Michael Lang, who testified

in support of SB 289 in its May House Judiciary hearing, added, "By passing SB 289, the Oregon House has joined its colleagues in the Senate in sending a clear, unmistakable message: Bias crimes on Oregon public lands and waterways will not be tolerated. We call on leaders in Washington State to follow suit and take similar action to ensure equal protection on both sides of the Columbia Gorge. No matter what side of the river you may live on or visit, the Gorge should be a welcoming space for all."

On May 26, Friends of the Columbia Gorge hosted a virtual discussion ("Outdoor Access for All") — organized in collaboration with Comunidades, Love is King, and People of Colors Outdoors — to explore the opportunities and challenges in ensuring equitable access for all to state parks and lands in the Columbia Gorge and beyond across both Oregon and Washington. A video archive of the discussion is available at [gorgefriends.org/newsroom/news/2021-05-27/friends-presents-outdoor-access-for-all-virtual-discuss.html](http://gorgefriends.org/newsroom/news/2021-05-27/friends-presents-outdoor-access-for-all-virtual-discuss.html).

"Today, leaders in Salem took a crucial step to address concerns by many across Oregon about safety, access, and equity in the outdoors and ensure that public lands really are our lands — places to be enjoyed by all without fear of reprisal for simply existing in a public space. We thank Gov. Brown's Task Force on the Outdoors for taking public concerns seriously and the Legislature for developing and passing this important bill," Gorman said.



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