

# KidSpace

## HRVHS announces valedictorians



Hood River Valley High School recognized the 34 valedictorians for the class of 2021 during graduation on June 11. Those honored are: Reid Blaine, Luka Paider, Griffin LaVigne, Taryn Schilling, Maranatha Beckman, Alejandro Morales Cernas, Emma Kelly, Dora Plascencia-Macias, Hailey Betts, Mira Olson, Aleyah Klapprich, Mathew Reardon, Grace Clute, Jace Petersen, Abigail McCormack, Isabella Simpson, Chloe Bullock, Theodora Parkinson, Erica Matthisen, Jack Siekkinen, Josephine Stenn, Audrey Horst, Nelson VanCott, Ethan Yoakum, Paige Delaere, Aurora Mears, Luke Southall, Jacquelyn Garcia-Angulo, Poppy Miller, Madaket Greenleaf, James Stanley, Lucy Hennessy, Jacob Kaplan and Erika Wellenstein. Mark B. Gibson photos



### Annie Jr.

The performance of Annie Jr. filled The Dalles Civic Auditorium theater with sound and laughter over the weekend for the first time since the first performance of the play, scheduled for March of 2020, was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Performers include Olivia Crowe, Mercy and Holly Ott, Megan Darr, Asher Goodrich, Brianna Palmer, Molly Careter, Riley Stocks, Eleanor Vining, Arwen Dorzab, Tenley Taylor, Jordis Smith, Rafael Gonzalez, Taelyn Taylor, Lincoln Ott, Anna Lavigne, Jaden Smith, Olivia Prado, Titus Taylor, Rhlie Van Matre, Raegen Van Matre, Halle Kennedy, Alexis Corfton, Serene Gooch, Zoe Lavigne, Zuri Pereira, Addyson Huskey, Jarrett Thompson, Eli Beachamp and Piper Murders.

Supporting the production are Gail Farris, Nancy Moon, Jenny Jenkins, Robin Ott, Susan Valle, Jordan Zachariasen, Hilary Prado and Skot Barker.

Photos courtesy Flora Gibson



Above, 8-year-old Olivia Duff and her pony speed down the track — final time was 18.8 seconds in barrel racing. Below, two youngsters enjoy sno-cones in the mid-day heat. Jacob Bertram photos

## Glenwood Rodeo — all smiles all weekend long

By Jacob Bertram  
Columbia Gorge News

It was all smiles out at the Glenwood Rodeo Grounds on Father's Day weekend, as many gathered to enjoy two days packed with rodeo events for the 2021 Glenwood Ketchum Kalf Rodeo.

Nestled at the base of scenic Mount Adams, the rodeo offered something for all ages and displayed a variety of rodeo competitions entered into by young and older participants.

The rodeo kicked off at 1 p.m. Saturday without a hitch, with organizers displaying our nation's colors and the queens named for the Glenwood rodeo and the upcoming Klickitat County Fair waving to the stands.

Spectators were in for a treat as they watched riders wrestle with bucking horses, compete in calf roping, and race their horses around barrels. Available at the fair were many food stands, including one booth manned by volunteers from Glenwood Fire Department, face-painting, and arts and crafts sales.

This reporter spent some time enjoying the fare of the weekend, snapping photos, and cheering on the competitors along with the spectators from the sideline stands.

"This weekend was something my childhood self always imagined. I am beyond grateful and honestly not sure what to say other than thank you. Thank you everyone who helped me this weekend! Especially



those who put all of the work in behind the scenes for this rodeo to happen!" said 2021 Glenwood Rodeo Queen Brandi Vance.

Junior girls competitors blew away the audience as they raced their galloping ponies around the three barrels in the mid-day, their bedazzled outfits shining in the bright sun. Competitors as young as 8 years old put up serious numbers, even outdoing their senior counterparts at times. Glenwood native Junior rider Payton Sanchey snagged an impressive score of 17.54 seconds, which is to be expected after placing 9th in barrel racing at the state finals in Okanogan earlier this month — and ultimately qualifying her for a spot in the Silver State International Rodeo in Winnemucca, Nevada.

White Salmon native Aaron Kreps performed strong in the calf-roping event, placing solidly with a score of 13.8 seconds.

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