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The family of the late George "Larry" Sohler, pictured here, will provide scholarships for seniors at Hood River Valley High School beginning with the class of 2022 to pursue skilled vocational training with a new scholarship in Sohler's name.

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New Sohler Trade Scholarship Fund supports Hood River students

The new Sohler Scholarship Fund, created by the family of the late George "Larry" Sohler, a community leader who passed away in March 2021, will provide scholarships for seniors at Hood River Valley High School beginning with the class of 2022 to pursue skilled vocational training. Sohler had a long career in the Gorge as a heavy equipment owner and operator working with local orchardists.

As his widow, Lucille "Luci" Sohler said, "Our family is pleased to offer this opportunity in Larry's memory to Hood River Valley High School students. Larry believed that vocational training provides young people with a wide variety of career opportunities."

Sohler's own career included stints as an electrician, farmer, trucker and heavy equipment operator. He had a gift for restoring tractors and farm machinery and wanted to share these skills with young people just entering the work force.

Vocational education is available at many institutions in Washington and Oregon, including Perry Trade School (Yakima), Portland Community College, Lane County Community College, Mt. Hood Community College, Clark College, Oregon Institute of Technology (Klamath Falls), and Columbia Gorge Community College.

Scholarships and grants

The Gorge Community Foundation has announced the recipients of its 2021scholarships and Community Grants.

Scholarship Awards: Hood River Valley High School

- Laura Douglas Schaefer Memorial Music Scholarship: Maxwell Spears
- Gorham Babson Family Scholarships: Giselle Carabantes, Omar Escobedo, Ben Garofalo, Cristina Lopez
- Leos Scholarships: Monserrat Juarez Beltron, Gisell Carabantes, Benjamin Garofalo, Erica Matthisen
- Jernstedt Scholarship: Monserrat Juarez Beltron
- Corwin Hardham Memorial Scholarship: Grace Guertin

Goldendale High School

- Theo Caldwell Memorial Scholarship: Emily Harris

Community Grants

This year, the Community Grants program combined the Joan Burchell Fund and the Riddell and Athalie Lage Fund into a single program to increase the amount of funding available. The following are 2021 Community Grant recipients:

- Backpacks 4 Kids: Weekend and holiday meals for Klickitat County children
- FISH Food Bank: Personal care items for FISH clients
- Columbia Gorge Cat Rescue: Spay and neuter program
- Mid Columbia Health Foundation: Gas cards for key patient groups
- First Book, Wasco County: Books for low-income youth in North Wasco school district
- First Book, Hood River County: Books for low-income youth in the Hood River school district
- Mt. View Grange: A new refrigerator to serve Grange clientele
- Columbia Center for the Arts: Support for efforts to expand inclusion and diversity
- Mt. Adams Institute: Support for the Hear in the Gorge podcast
- Cascade Locks Historical Museum: Funding to relocate items in the collection to a new facility

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Ten organizations representing Wasco, Klickitat and Hood River counties and serving adults, youth, animals, and those experiencing food insecurity received grants, representing a diverse group of applicants and projects.

Updates on GCF grantmaking and asset growth

At three-quarters of the way through fiscal year 2021, the Gorge Community Foundation has made more than $350,000 in grants, an increase of more than $100,000 over 2020, representing grants to over 80 Gorge organizations. Since 2003, the foundation has given over $2 million in local grants in its six-county service area in Washington and Oregon, as well as $300,000 in scholarships.

As of the end of May, GCF's assets currently stand at over $8 million, fueled by support from fundholders and investments managed by Ferguson Wellman in Portland. This growth creates more grantmaking opportunities for donors and fundholders. GCF also welcomed new scholarship and donor advised funds in 2021.

About the Gorge Community Foundation

Founded in 2001, the Gorge Community Foundation's assets total more than $8 million and the foundation manages nearly 50 designated funds and 30 donor advised funds.

More information is available at www.gorgecf.org.

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Fourth, Fireworks, Fun and Pets

Which doesn't belong?

Bright streaming fireworks, popping firecrackers, marching bands, and flag-waving crowds. Sounds like a perfect Fourth of July, right? Not for your pets! Today's page tells you how to keep pets safe and happy on the Fourth.

Each year, bright lights, crowds and painfully loud noises cause cats and dogs to become frightened, lost, or even sick. Some run away and hide, some cry and strain on leashes.

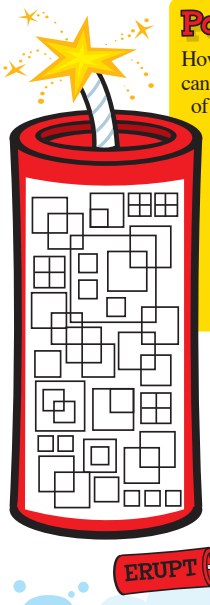
This year, keep your pet in a quiet room during the festivities of the Fourth. Very nervous pets may need help from your vet.

How many things can you find wrong with this picture?

R B T E R K A I Y N T D I B M Y Q K J E N E W P V I H N P G X P S E B T F S T I O N L D C O H O D R E S

Popper Puzzle

How many different squares can you find in this Fourth of July popper? ***Careful!*** There may be more than you think!



SCORES:
10 - 15: Sizzler
15 - 20: Poppin'
21 - 25: Firecracker
Over 25: Dynamite!

Kid Scoop Mailbox

Dear Kid Scoop,

What do I do if my pet gets lost?

Sincerely, Worried

Dear Worried,

Make sure your pet has an I.D. (identification) tag that has your current phone number. You can also have an I.D. chip injected under your pet's skin by your veterinarian.

If your pet does get lost, check the neighborhood and call the animal shelter as soon as possible. Remember to keep your pets indoors on the Fourth of July.

Defuse these firecrackers before they scare the pets!

Dash through today's newspaper to find the letters that spell the words on the firecrackers. Spelling an entire word "defuses" the firecracker. Can you stop them all in under five minutes?

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level words correctly.

EXPLODE IGNITE ERUPT SIZZLE POP BURST BLAST

Where are these? Find each of these items hidden on today's page.

What's the best way to keep your pet safe on Fourth of July?

To find out, circle every other letter in the rocket's trail.

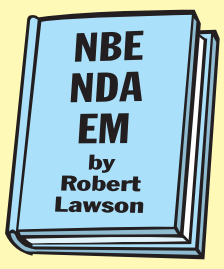
Extra! Extra! Onomatopeia

This means a word formed as it sounds—a word like **buzz** or **hiss**. Look through the newspaper for words that are spelled like the sounds they describe. Also look for words that simply describe sounds, words like **loud**, **soft**, **blaring**, **quiet**, **booming**, **hushed**. Use all the words you find in a poem or paragraph about sound.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Use literary devices in writing.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

You might know of Benjamin Franklin as a brilliant and creative man, a Founding Father of our nation and one of the most important inventors of his time. Imagine that Ben had a friend who was a mouse. What would this mouse be able to tell us about Ben and his life and times?



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Unscramble the title of this great book. Then, check it out at your local library!

– Bert Bookworm

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

FIREWORKS
FOURTH
ERUPT
PETS
CROWDS
PAINFULLY
LOUD
HIDE
IGNITE
LOST
MOUSE
POEM
KEEP
SOFT
SCARE

H	A	T	S	O	L	P	P	F	Y
E	D	I	H	T	F	O	I	O	U
T	E	R	T	S	E	R	U	P	T
I	R	T	R	D	E	P	H	D	F
N	A	O	U	W	S	E	F	J	O
G	C	U	O	O	U	E	L	Y	S
I	S	R	F	R	O	K	B	E	S
A	K	F	E	C	M	E	O	P	Y
S	Y	L	L	U	F	N	I	A	P

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Sizzzling Synonyms

Select five words from the headlines on the front page. For each word, search through the newspaper for a **synonym**—a word that means the same or nearly the same thing.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Recognize synonyms.

Write On!

Pets Bill of Rights

What rights do you think pets should have? Make a list of five or more pets' rights to create a **Pets Bill of Rights**.

Kid Scoop Together:

4th of July by the Numbers

Use this code to reveal some incredible Independence Day facts:

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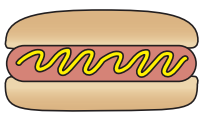


Number of hot dogs that are eaten by Americans on Independence Day:

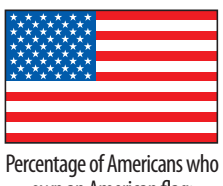
___ ___ ___ million

Amount of money spent on watermelon for the July 4th holiday:

$ ___ ___ million

Number of people who signed the Declaration of Independence:

___ ___



Percentage of Americans who own an American flag:

___ ___ %

Estimated number of professional July 4th fireworks displays around the country:

___ ___, ___ ___ ___

Sources: History.com, WalletHub.com