

Hood River Co. Fair returns

By Trisha Walker
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The Hood River County Fair is back this year after last summer's hiatus due to COVID-19 restrictions. Fair Manager Clara Rice said that this year's fair will be bigger and better than ever. This year, the fair will run from July 21-24. This year's theme: Celebrate 100 Years of County Fair.

For starters, Davis Shows Northwest is providing the carnival rides and Rice expects a bigger selection, with something for all ages. She has also booked country singer Carly Pearce as Saturday's headliner — 8:15 p.m. on the main stage — and expects a large turnout. Other musical entertainment includes Hell's Belles on Thursday beginning at 7:30 p.m., and Los Cadetes de Linares and Banda Movil on Friday, also beginning at 7:30 p.m. The concerts are all free with admission.

The fun begins at noon on Wednesday, July 21, with exhibits opening. Exotic Animals, Sharks and Pirate Parrots (all near the Floral Building) shows are



Elizabeth and Isaiah Heredia feed goats during the 2019 Hood River County Fair. Columbia Gorge News file photo

also planned. The carnival opens at 1 p.m.; Godfrey the Magician performs at 2 p.m., Heather Pearl at 3:30 p.m., and the 4-H Style Review at 6:30 p.m., all on the park stage. In the Frank Herman Arena starting at 7 p.m., Hispanic Dancing Horses perform.

Other events of note: On Thursday, catch Breakaway Roping at 5 p.m. at the Frank Herman Arena; the annual livestock auction is on Friday beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the livestock arena; and Saturday, back at the Frank Herman Arena,

will see a Ranch Sorting Competition beginning at 1 p.m.

For those looking to enter exhibits, registration and information is online at www.hoodriverfairgrounds.com/p/getconnected/open-class-list; bring your exhibit to the fairgrounds during entry day and time listed per class.

For a full calendar of events and for updates, visit www.hoodriverfairgrounds.com.

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The Noteboom is back

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University of Oregon graduate and longtime Hood River resident joins the Columbia Gorge News team.

Many Hood River residents may recognize the last name Noteboom. You might have taken a class taught by my mom, Nan, or were coached by my dad, Steve. Now, I am trying to make a name for myself. My name is Noah Noteboom and I have always been very proud to come from the Gorge. I got used to the positive responses when I'd tell my friends at the University of Oregon that I'm from "the Hood."

After I graduated from HRVHS in 2016, the first couple years of college were a confusing time for me. With my tuition costs covered by the state, thanks to the Oregon Promise, I decided to attend community college. I shared a one-bedroom apartment with fellow Hood River resident Carlos Ybarra and worked part-time. That year, I took architecture, paralegal, and business courses. I switched my major three times and attended three colleges before figuring out journalism was my calling.

In 2018 I was hired as the sole sports reporter at Lane Community College

in Eugene. After I saw my first story published online, I knew this is what I wanted to do. The next year I was attending the University of Oregon and working with the Daily Emerald covering nearly every Duck sporting event. I have seen Olympic hurdler Devon Allen run at Hayward Field, Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert throw five touchdowns in a college game, and WNBA point guard Sabrina Ionescu and the Ducks defeat the

U.S. women's national team. Covering these historic sports moments, and getting to write for three newspapers and a magazine during my college years, validated my decision to be a reporter. Every day, the news is happening. And I'm humbled to be able to report it for my very own hometown.

If you have any news tips you can reach me at noahn@gorgenews.com.

Port of Hood River welcomes Greg Hagbery

Greg Hagbery joined the Port of Hood River staff on June 21 as the new development and property manager, replacing Anne Medenbach.

"Hagbery brings construction and development project management experience to the port and has a background in planning and architectural design," said a port press release.

Most recently, Hagbery worked as the Land Development Manager for Curtis Homes, LLC in Hood River.

"We are delighted to welcome Greg Hagbery to the Port and feel very fortunate to have filled this position with someone with such great expertise who is already a resident of the community," said Port Director Michael McElwee. "His knowledge, abilities, and engaging character will benefit port tenants and constituents in a tangible, positive way."

This position at the port is responsible for the marketing, leasing, and overall management of the port's



Greg Hagbery is pictured at Port of Hood River.

real estate portfolio, said a press release. The position plays a lead or key support role in lease negotiations and property purchase or sale transactions and serves as the lead project manager for a variety of planning, permitting and project feasibility studies. Hagbery will be the point of contact for all tenants of Port buildings and hangar spaces at the Ken Jernstedt Airfield, and for new sales, lease, and development inquiries, said a press release.

"As the Port of Hood River

looks forward and transitions into new markets, it is imperative that growth be strategic, maintain a stewardship ethos and above all, be sustainable," said Hagbery. "I'm eager to provide the support, guidance and establish the partnerships necessary to ensure that future development serves our community well."

Hagbery is available by phone at 541-386-5116 or via email to ghagbery@portofhoodriver.com.

BRIEFS

Maintenance paving on I-84 thru July 9

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) warns travelers to expect delays July 6-9 between Ainsworth State Park and Cascade Locks. Crews will patch small sections of rutted pavement on I-84 between Ainsworth State Park and Cascade Locks prior to repaving in 2022.

Travelers should expect single lane closures in both directions from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. through July 9. Check TripCheck.com for real-time traffic updates during work.

Summer Reading at Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries

Summer Reading at the Library runs through Aug. 15, sponsored by Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries, with branches in White Salmon, Stevenson, Goldendale and North Bonneville.

There are online performances and programs planned, as well as weekly online

prize challenges. Those who finish the Summer Learning Challenge will win a prize and be entered into the grand prize drawing. Register at www.fvrl.org/summer-reading. Online programs include Origami Toys on July 8 and The Reptile Man on July 20.

Habitat for Humanity accepting applications

Columbia Gorge Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for new homeowners beginning July 7.

Basic requirements include being willing to partner with Columbia Gorge Habitat for Humanity, complete at least 350 hours of "sweat equity" in the program, be able to repay a Habitat for Humanity mortgage.

Applications will only be accepted between July 7 and Aug. 7. Pick up an application during the next informal information meetings, 6 p.m. on July 7 or 3 p.m. on July 10, both at Sorosis Park, The Dalles. For more information, email ColumbiaGorgeHFH@gmail.com.

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