



Wonderworks Children's Museum is offering free visits in August. Pictured in a planning session above left are, left to right, Teneille McDonald, museum assistant; Karly Aparicio, board chair; Laura Cosby, museum assistant; Nichole Biechler, board secretary; and Melody Ticknor, museum assistant. At right, colorful window paintings explore themes of science, dinosaurs, theater and music.

Mark B. Gibson photo



Wonderworks Children's Museum reopens

After 16 months of limited operations, Wonderworks Children's Museum, 206 Madison St., The Dalles, reopened Aug. 13. For the month of August, admission is free.

The space has been refreshed and is ready for children to explore and play, said a press release.

The museum is open

Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon and 1-5 p.m.

The space is closed for cleaning and disinfecting from noon to 1 p.m., said a press release.

Wonderworks Children's Museum has received a grant from Oregon Community Foundation. With this grant, the museum will:

- Offer free admission during the month of August.
 - Offer a free school supply giveaway for elementary students starting Aug. 23.
 - Offer free programming for kids and their families in September.
- Additionally, those who were members as of March 2020 have had memberships extended to June 2022;

annual memberships are \$120 for a family and \$200 for a childcare provider.

Wonderworks was founded in 1977 and relies on community support. To donate or become a volunteer, contact wonderworksboard@gmail.com.

Goats arrive in Maupin

By Sarah Cloud
Deschutes River Alliance

The wild and scenic beauty of the lower Deschutes River draws supporters from around the world. The Native Fish Society and the Deschutes River Alliance are two organizations with a deep connection to the river and the wild fish that call it home.

On Aug. 4, the two kicked off the Bakeoven Watershed Rehabilitation Project, a collaborative endeavor in a dedicated effort to remove

invasive blackberries that decrease water flow. The use of goats allows the work to be done without harmful pesticides. The 600 goats arrived from eastern Washington and will be working the area around Bakeoven for the next month. Each goat can eat around four pounds each day.

Ray Holes, the Goat King from Prescriptive Livestock Services, said, "In this project, the use of goats is a huge labor savings. They will eat quite a lot and allow volunteers to get in later and

get the roots out. The work the goats are doing today will allow the recovery to happen faster."

The project will continue in mid-winter when the groups return for more restoration work on the creek.

Our gratitude goes out to Randy Klettke, as well as an anonymous donor, for pioneering and supporting this project to increase water flow, restore habitat, and produce tangible results for the watershed.

We look forward to working together to help restore

a cooler, cleaner lower Deschutes River for the benefit of our wild, native fish, their habitat, and the surrounding local community.

For more information and photos, contact Tracy Buckner, Native Fish Society, operations and founder of Women for Wild Fish, at 503-344-4218 or tracy@nativefishsociety.org, or Sarah Cloud, executive director, Deschutes River Alliance, at 503-307-5578 or sarah@deschutesriveralliance.org.

Calling all photographers! City of The Dalles sponsors photo contest

THE DALLES — Do you love The Dalles and the Columbia Gorge region? If you have photos of The Dalles, or want to take a few, this is your chance to help the city and possibly earn a prize. The City of The Dalles is re-envisioning their municipal website and we

are looking for high resolution photos of The Dalles to include on the new website and incorporate into their website design. All photos will receive proper credit to the photographer.

If your photo is selected as one of the top three submissions, you will win \$100 for

first prize, \$50 for second and \$25 for third. The contest is open until Aug. 31 at 5 p.m. All decisions about prizes are controlled by the city, and decisions are final.

To enter photos in this contest:

- Email your best photos to CityInfo@ci.the-dalles.or.us,

and/or

- Post them to Facebook, tagging the City of The Dalles-City Hall and adding #CityofTheDallesPhotos2021.

"THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM" 'Critical Issues of Our Times' discussed in Stevenson

Building on the central theme of "Community Connections," the Stevenson Grange's Community Resiliency program will feature discussion of the film "The biggest little farm" on Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Films are part of a series and are made available through YouTube, and others can be checked out at the Stevenson Community Library. Participants can view each film at their leisure and then preregister on the library events website for the film discussion. Once registered, attendees will get a direct link to the online meeting. The film discussion will take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m. "The Biggest Little Farm" chronicles the eight-year quest of John and Molly Chester as they trade city living for 200 acres of barren farmland and a dream to harvest in harmony with nature. Through dogged perseverance and embracing the opportunity provided by nature's conflicts, the Chesters unlock and uncover a bio diverse design for living that exists far beyond their farm, its seasons and our wildest imagination.

"Featuring breathtaking cinematography, captivating animals and an urgent message to heed Mother Nature's call, the film provides a blueprint for better living and a healthier planet," said a press release.

It can be found on Youtube: at www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHYWEttABVU.

The first two films can also be viewed on YouTube.

The first film, "Living Soil," was about the growing scarcity of our most crucial resource in farming — a healthy and thriving soil. Treat the soil right, and healthy crops will follow. But the rich biodiversity of our soil — the same elements we rely on for mass production — has undergone a profound depletion. "Living Soil" presents a wealth of information about the importance of soil, how it functions, and what we need to do to salvage its functionality for future generations," said a press release. Find it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntJouJhLM48.

The second film in the series, "Back to Eden Gardening," showcased how to grow an organic vegetable garden the best and easiest way with less labor, less watering, fewer weed, and an extremely abundant harvest. Paul Gautschi, the founder of Back to Eden Gardening, has popularized the use of free wood chip mulch from tree trimmings in vegetable gardens and orchards. The film can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rPPUmStKQ4.

All grange events are free and open to the public. Contact Mary Repar at repar@saw.net or call 360-726-7052 for information.

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