



HOOD RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT honors Horizon Christian School staff in October for their quick response and teamwork in administering basic life support to teacher Jim Brown in September 2014. Chief Devon Wells, left and his senior staff surprised the Horizon faculty with a visit to thank them for knowing life-support techniques and how to work together to save a life. With Wells, from left, are principal Faith Kempf, teacher Ray Kempf, Superintendent Ken Block, and teacher Oscar Stenberg III, who were instrumental in providing aid as well as support to the staff and students during the medical incident. Wells said, "You are an example of what I want to see happen in all our government offices, and businesses, and schools, to be able to perform life-saving skills when you're asked to, and you never know when you're going to be asked to."

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CASCADE LOCKS SCULPTOR Heather Soderberg-Green unveils the statue of Paul Durham at Linfield College in McMinnville in October. Soderberg-Green was commissioned by family members and college representatives to design and cast the work honoring the long-time football coach. The statue stands near the football complex where Durham led the team in the 1940s through '60s.



THE LOWER CASCADE/INDUSTRIAL WAY neighborhood went through some subtle changes in 2014, with the completion of Full Sail Brewery's expansion and addition of an outdoor meeting space at Fourth and Cascade, next to the city park known as Cannery Square Park. The pocket park had been overgrown and neglected in recent years, but in summer 2014 the city repaired the benches, planted an ornamental pear tree, and revived the planting area. Meanwhile, Full Sail employees removed blackberries from the north side of the park, where a stairway leads down to Industrial Way. There, developer Pasquale Barone is gradually transforming Union Building (in background) into offices and a planned set of condominiums.



DAN DYBECK of Port Townsend, Wash., rests on the commemorative bench in front of The Gift House on Oak Street in September. Installed in 2011 to honor store owner Serena Erspamer, who died in 2010, the bench and plaque was updated in August to honor her husband, Robert, who died in January 2014.



PEOPLE WITH BRIGHT SHIRTS, myriad hats and sunglasses, umbrellas, and musical instruments of all kinds took to the streets in July for a New Orleans-style parade in loving memory of Rick Hulett, the beloved Hood River musician who died July 9 after a long fight with cancer. The music- and laughter-filled celebration of life at Riverside Church moved to the street for the 200-person parade led by Larry Williams, right, and others.



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