

HAPPENINGS

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CALL TO ARTISTS

■ **KOOBDOOGA: An Exhibition** — Entry deadline Jan. 24, 2015. Exhibition at White Salmon Library; artists' reception Jan. 31, 2-4 p.m. Artwork, photographs, bead work, fiber arts, mediums to relate to the library's first Community Reads Event featuring book "Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher." Interested artists may pick up a copy of the book, exhibition details, display agreement and registration form at the library. KOOBDOOGA Committee reserves the right to reject works that do not meet the exhibition criteria. More info at 509-493-1132.

AUDITIONS

■ **Jan. 18-19 — "Good People,"** Sun., 1-3 p.m. and Mon., 6-8. At the Columbia Center for the Arts. Roles for 4 women and 2 men. Readings will be from script. Sides are available at the art center at the gallery desk. For more information, please email judieh@gorge.net or call 541-386-6221.

FOR CHILDREN

■ **Story Time at Hood River Library:** To better meet the needs of different age groups, the library is offering two different story times: Music and Movement is perfect for infants and toddlers who aren't quite ready to sit still for long and love to move; Song and Stories is ideal for older children who have an awareness of reading and can sit for longer stories.

Baby/Toddler storytime and Big Kids story time, 10:30 a.m. Thursday mornings.

■ **New Parent Services Playgroups**

For parents and their children ages newborn to 5; for more info contact Nancy Johanson Paul at 541-436-0319 or nancy@nextdoorinc.org.

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Cascade Locks City Hall gym.

Tuesdays, 9-10:30 a.m. at Hood River Alliance Church, 2650 Montello Ave. (Contact the church at 541-386-2812 for details.)

Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m. at HR Early Childhood Center (former Pine Grove School), bilingual, with developmental specialists available (follows school calendar). For more info call 541-386-4919.

EXHIBITS

■ **Through Jan. 31 — "New Year, New Work,"** 11-5 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, 215 Cascade St. Featuring work of 10 local artists: Julie Abowitz, Laurel Bushman, Merilee Cooper, Charlene Fort, Sally Gilchrist, Barbara Murphy, David Ryan, Sally Reichmuth, Steve Stegall, and Jennifer Szolnoki.

■ **Jan. 31 — Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum** in The Dalles presents Braceros of the Pacific Northwest presentation with Dr. Roberto de Anda, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Optional dinner (\$15) at 6 p.m.; presentation at 7. RSVP by Jan. 28 to 541-296-8600 ext. 201 or gorgediscovery.org.

■ **Jan. 31-Feb. 15 — Braceros of the Pacific Northwest**, Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Dr., The Dalles. Bilingual exhibition organized by the Smithsonian's National Museum and examines experiences of bracero workers and families, providing insight into Mexican American history and historical background to today's debates on guest worker programs. For more info call 541-296-8600 ext. 201.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

■ **Jan. 13 — Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group**, 6-7 p.m. at River of Life Assembly, 879 Tucker Rd. Dr. Liette Witherrite will speak about pregnancy after a loss. For more info call Cameron Teems, RNC-OB, 541-490-2136.

■ **Jan. 14 — Gentle yoga for beginning seniors 50 and over**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Hood River Care Center, 729 Henderson Rd. Free. Taught by certified yoga instructor Christine Shannon. Wear loose, comfortable clothing; bring yoga mat and water bottle; some mats

available onsite. No experience necessary.

■ **Jan. 14 — Free car seat check**, 11-1 p.m. at HR Fire Station, 1785 Meyer Parkway. Expectant parents, grandparents and parents of children under 4 feet 9 inches are encouraged to attend to have seat installations checked by car seat technician Elizabeth Stillwell. Second Wednesday of each month.

■ **Jan. 14 — The Mellow Guitar of Bill Davis**, 11:30-12:30 p.m. at HR Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Place, off Brookside Drive on the Heights.

■ **Jan. 15 — Panel on domestic violence and sexual assault**, 11-12:30 p.m. at the OSU Extension Office, 2990 Experiment Station Dr. Several local agencies will discuss the prevalence of domestic violence and sexual assault and the roles the organizations play in addressing and preventing these issues. For more info contact Lauren Kraemer at 541-386-3343 or lauren.kraemer@oregonstate.edu.

■ **Jan. 15 — CASA 101**, 5:15-6 p.m. at CASA office, 1340 Wasco St. Thinking about becoming a volunteer or curious about what CASA is and what volunteers do? Informal talk.

■ **Jan. 15 — Green Drinks at Volcanic Bottle Shoppe**, 5:30-7 p.m. By Gorge Owned and member businesses, Green Drinks is a monthly networking event that aims to raise awareness about environmentally friendly business practices while providing a quality networking opportunity for members of the community. \$5 suggested donation, free for GO! members.

■ **Jan. 15 — Hood River Warming Shelter volunteer training**, 7-9 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran. Final training event of the season, but there's still eight weeks left to volunteer! Help keep our unsheltered neighbors warm and safe as we enter the coldest months of the year.

■ **Jan. 16 — Friday Fun Lunch with The Simcoe Boys**, 11-1:30 p.m. at HR Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Place, off Brookside Drive on the Heights. Dancers and listeners welcome.

■ **Jan. 16 — HR History Museum fundraiser, "Maverick,"** 300 E. Marina Dr. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; movie at 6. 1994 movie featuring Mel Gibson, Jodi Foster and James Garner. Funds to repair museum's paddlewheel. Movie is cosponsored by HR County Library District. Free with museum admission: \$5 adults, children under 10 free, museum members and active military free.

■ **Jan. 17 — Discussion, "Grave matters: Cultural Diversity on Life and Death,"** 2 p.m. at the Hood River Library. Free. Hosted by Hood River County Library District and sponsored by Oregon Humanities. With Courtney Campbell, Oregon State University. More info at 541-386-2535 or info@hoodriverlibrary.org.

■ **Jan. 17 — Scrabble tournament**, 2-4:30 p.m. at the White Salmon Valley Community Library, 77 NE Wauna Ave. Raise funds for teen summer reading. Teams of two players (parent/child teams, etc.); will pair up single players. Refreshments, prizes. More info at 509-493-1132.

■ **Jan. 17 — Wild Bill's Bingo at the Elks Lodge**, fundraiser for Elks scholarship programs, 7 p.m. Open to the community. Minimum \$250 progressive blackout each week. Hosted by the Elks and the Mid-Columbia Knights of Columbus. Dinners, starting at \$8.50, are available from 5-7 p.m.

■ **Jan. 19 — "The Dreams of Martin Luther King Jr. Live On: Building a Community with Justice for All,"** 6:30 p.m. at Riverside Community Church. Musical celebration of the life, works and dreams of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. directed by Tim Mayer. Sponsored by Gorge Ecumenical Ministries. A potluck for friends and members of GEM at 5.

■ **Jan. 20 — Senior meals**, noon at the Lyle Lions Community Center, corner of 5th St. and Hwy 14. Public always welcome.

■ **Jan. 20 — Big Bingo at the HR Valley Adult Center**, 11-1:30 p.m. at HR Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Place, off Brookside Drive. Doors open and food available at 5 p.m.; games begin promptly at 6 p.m. Funds raised support the Meals on Wheels

program.

■ **Jan. 21 — Gentle yoga for beginning seniors 50 and over**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Hood River Care Center, 729 Henderson Rd. Free. Taught by certified yoga instructor Christine Shannon. Wear loose, comfortable clothing; bring yoga mat and water bottle; some mats available onsite. No experience necessary.

■ **Jan. 22 — CASA volunteer training begins.** Five week, 30 hour training course; learn to be an effective advocate for a local foster care child. Pre-registration required. Call 541-386-3468 or visit gorgecasa.org.

■ **Jan. 23 — Friday Fun Lunch with Highline Express**, 11-1:30 p.m. at HR Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Place, off Brookside Drive on the Heights. Dancers and listeners welcome.

■ **Jan. 23 — Friday Craft Night**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at New Leaf Studio, Oak and Cascade. Learn to knit a hat, scarf or mittens. Class 1 of 3 (Jan. 30, Feb. 6); \$45, including classes and yarn. For more info contact Amy Zacher, 541-386-3996.

■ **Jan. 24 — "Painting from the Heart,"** 10:30-1 p.m. at New Leaf Studio, between Oak & Cascade. Express your true ideal, shadowy, divine self. \$50; scholarships available. Three week class (Jan. 31 and Feb. 7). For more info contact Amy Zacher at 541-386-3996.

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■ **Jan. 25 — Author reading, Molly Gloss**, 2 p.m. at the Hood River Library. Gloss will read and discuss her new book "Falling from Horses." Free. For more info, contact the Library District at 541-386-2535, info@hoodriverlibrary.org, or hoodriverlibrary.org.

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■ **Jan. 27 — HR Watershed Group**, 6-8 p.m. at the OSU Extension meeting room. Focus on urban portion of Indian Creek, fire hazard reduction, birds to see and highlights from Indian Creek Stewards.

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■ **Jan. 28 — Breastfeeding Support Group**, 12-1 p.m. at Riverside Church, Fourth and State. Mother-to-mother support led by Columbia Gorge Breastfeeding Coalition and facilitated by a Certified Lactation Consultant. For more info call Jennifer McCauley, RN, IBCLC, 541-387-6344.

■ **Jan. 28 — Brown Bag Workshop: Google Drive**, 12-1 p.m. at Gorge Innoventure, 1000 E. Port Marina Dr. Ste. 101. Learn to use Drive to create and edit files, upload and store files, etc. Bring your computer or smart phone; attendees are also encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. \$5.

■ **Jan. 28 — American Red Cross blood drive**, 12:30-6 p.m. at Oregon National Guard Armory, 12th & Belmont. Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

■ **Jan. 30 — Friday Fun Lunch with Andre & K.C.**, 11-1:30 p.m. at HR Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Place, off Brookside Drive on the Heights. Dancers and listeners welcome.

■ **Jan. 30 — Friday Craft**

PICK OF THE WEEK



File photo

VARIETIES OF Douglas Fir are available at the native plant sale.

Soil and Water District holds annual native plant sale through April 4

Did you lose some trees from the winter storms or bark beetle damage? Want to add some color to your garden in these grey winter months? Or enhance your streamside vegetation to protect your land from high water?

The Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is taking orders now through March 20 for its annual native tree and plant sale. A variety of native conifers, deciduous trees and shrubs are offered.

"We've got a great selection of native plant species at fantastic prices," said Kris Schaedel, Conservation Technician.

Native plants are adapted to the unique climate and soils of the Hood River Valley. They require less water, fertilizer and other inputs to maintain,

and provide enhanced wildlife habitat, soil stabilization and water conservation.

These bare-root seedlings are 1-2 years old and will be delivered to the SWCD in early April of 2015. The orders will be filled in the order in which they were received.

Go to www.hoodriverswcd.org to download an order form and gather information on plant descriptions and site suitability. Orders can be placed by mail, e-mail, or phone (541-386-4588). You can also stop by the office at 3007 Experiment Station Rd. in Hood River, for more information or guidance when making your selection. Purchases will be available for pick up on Friday and Saturday, April 3-4.

Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at New Leaf Studio, Oak and Cascade.

Learn to knit a hat, scarf or mittens. Class 2 of 3 (Feb. 6); \$45, including classes and yarn. For more info contact Amy Zacher, 541-386-3996.

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■ **Jan. 31 — HRVHS benefit show (rescheduled from Jan. 10)**, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Bowe Theater. Variety show of current and returning performing arts alumni. Songs, dances, and stage combat performance. Admission \$5 for adults, \$3 children 12 and under. Produced by junior Miguel Vasquez as an EA Project. Proceeds to benefit music and theater programs.

■ **Feb. 2 — Tai Chi for Balance**, 1-2 p.m. in the Mount Hood Town Hall's Mount Hood Room. Classes are free and for any level. No experience necessary; donations accepted.

■ **Feb. 3 — Big Bingo at the HR Valley Adult Center**, 2010 Sterling Place, off Brookside Drive. Doors open and food available at 5 p.m.; games begin promptly at 6 p.m. Funds raised support the Meals on Wheels program.

■ **Feb. 4 — Brown Bag Workshop: Google Calendar**, 12-1 p.m. at Gorge Innoventure, 1000 E. Port Marina Dr. Ste. 101. Learn about the web time management system that comes free with your Google account. Bring your computer or smart phone; attendees are also encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. \$5.

■ **Feb. 4 — GO! Sense of Place Lecture**, "Mosier Centennial: A Small Town with a Big Story," 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Columbia Center for the Arts. Learn about dynamic people who helped shape the character and economy of Mosier. Cost \$8 for general admission, \$5 for GO! members.

■ **Feb. 6 — Friday Fun Lunch with For the Good Times Band**, 11-1:30 p.m. at HR Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Place, off Brookside Drive on the Heights. Dancers and listeners welcome.

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■ **Feb. 7 — Pacific Crest Trail Mt. Hood Chapter annual celebration**, 1-3 p.m. at the Gifford Pinchot National HQ. Featured speaker Bernadette Murray will tell story of Murray family of 5, who rode the PCT in 1969-1970 from Mexico to Canada. 2014 PCT volunteers will also be honored.

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■ **Feb. 10 — Friends of the Hood River County libraries meeting**, noon in the Gaulke Meeting Room at the Hood River County Library. Anyone interested in joining the Friends and/or volunteering is invited to attend. For more info contact Ruth Tsu at 541-386-5465 or Lani Roberts at 541-250-9027.

■ **Feb. 10 — USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service meeting**, 1-3 p.m. at the OSU Extension Service. Gathers input for farmers, ranchers, state and federal agencies and ag and conservation organizations regarding natural resource conservation and opportunities in HR County. For more info contact Carly at 541-386-2815.

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■ **Feb. 14 — Second Saturday at WAAAM Air and Auto Museum**, 9-5 p.m. at the museum on 1600 Air Museum Rd. Activities 10-2; lunch 11-1. Free parking. More info at 541-308-1600 or waaamuseum.org.

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■ **Feb. 17 — Oregon Battle of the Books adult volunteer training**, 5:30-7 p.m. at Westside Elementary, 3685 Belmont. The regional tournament will be held at The Dalles Middle School on Mar. 14.

■ **Feb. 20 — Hazardous Waste Collection**, 9-2 p.m. at HR Garbage Service, 3440 Guignard Dr. Get rid of unwanted dangerous and hazardous materials. For more info, call 541-506-2636 or tricityrecycle.com.

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