

PARKDALE NEWS

The Upper Valley takes care of one of its own

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To those living near the Columbia River, Parkdale seems a long ways to drive home to, but to those living at the base of Mt. Hood, this community is a special place not only for its beauty, but also in the closeness of friends and neighbors.

A case in point is the current fundraising effort to build a residence for a local man who needs a place to live on his property with running water and electricity for he and his little dog.

These two are very much a part of the Upper Valley community and can often be seen together around town, he riding his bicycle with his little dog perched on his shoulder.



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Cedar is a private man and isn't looking for attention, but is very excited about the possibility of a new home he can call his own and share with his dog, Piper.

Friends and neighbors became aware of his situation last fall and started thinking about getting enough money and help together to build them a small home on a flatbed trailer, complete with plumbing and electricity.

A fundraising effort soon began with e-mails forwarded to more and more people that included a link to a GoFundMe.com account for the project, where people could donate money and leave comments.

Community members have responded with the saying, "It takes a village" and

heard about the fundraising effort and reminded community members that several permits would have to be pulled and many regulations followed in the building process.

The good news is that when everything is finished Cedar and his little buddy will be the recipients of a more suitable home, but the bigger challenge now is raising the \$25,000 needed to complete the project.

On Wednesday, Feb. 11 starting at 6:00 p.m. Solera Brewery on Baseline Road in Parkdale is opening its doors to all who wish to help for a night of fundraising for this special endeavor.

Apple Valley BBQ in Parkdale will be preparing a delicious dinner at a cost of \$10 per person at the door and a special selection of beers and ciders will be available for \$4 per pint.

Live entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Bonneville Power Trio and there will also be a live auction with all the proceeds going towards the building fund.

For more information on the event you can go to Apple Valley BBQ's Facebook page and follow the links to either the fundraising event page or the GoFundMe account.

If you'd just like to donate, you can go directly to www.gofundme.com/gdxa98 or drop off a check or cash for the Cedar fund at Apple Valley BBQ or Solera Brewery, both on Baseline Road in Parkdale.

If you are interested in helping by donating goods or services, you can leave a comment on the GoFundMe page with your contact information and organizers will be in touch.

Parents and families are invited to join in the fun at Reading and Math Family Night at Parkdale Elementary on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The fun and informative evening will include math and reading activities to do at home to support your child/ren and information on the Common Core State Standards.

A free dinner will be provided as well as free childcare and activities.

The Missoula Theater will be returning once again to Parkdale Elementary Tuesday through Thursday, Feb. 17 to 19.

On Saturday, Feb. 21 there will be two performances by the Missoula Theater with times to be announced.

Look for more information in this column as it becomes available.

The Parkdale Grange will be holding its February monthly breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 15 at the Grange Hall from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The community is invited to take a morning off from cooking and let the Grange ladies prepare your scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes and/or biscuits and gravy, homemade applesauce and beverage for just \$6 for adults.

Community members should look in their mailboxes this week for the Mt. Hood Town Hall's annual fundraising letter.

The Mt. Hood Town Hall board is excited to continue the successful 2014 Centennial projects in 2015 with plans to wrap up Phase 2; upgrading the kitchen.

Right now funds are being sought to improve the outdated appliances and bring the kitchen up to code in order to make a newly designed and appointed commercial kitchen available to the community for private rentals, commercial food preparation, and cooking classes.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting process by donating, please mail your check to the Mt. Hood Town Hall, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Hood, OR 97041 or you can donate online by going to www.mthoodtownhall.org and clicking on the "Donate" button on the top of the page.

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BAILEY CHEERS AT FIESTA

Mason Bailey, HRVHS class of 2014, far right, poses with fellow Boise State University cheer squad members at the Dec. 31 Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz. Bailey is the daughter of Wes and Carla Bailey of Hood River. "It was a really incredible experience, being able to cheer at the game on the field and just seeing all the support we got from Bronco Nation was amazing," Bailey said in an email. "Being on the cheer team is tough sometimes and very time consuming but things like getting the opportunity to cheer at the Fiesta Bowl and supporting the team make it all worth it." Bailey, who is studying political science at Boise State, wrote, "The team, school, and city of Boise was a really good fit for me this year and I really appreciate all the support I got from my family and friends at home." The 16th-ranked Broncos defeated the 19th-ranked Arizona Wildcats.

Breastfeeding support group begins meetings

The Columbia Gorge Breastfeeding Coalition has formed a mother-to-mother support group to offer a place to turn during this important time. The group is facilitated by a Certified Lactation Consultant who listens and guides the discussion. The goals for this group:

- Mutually support and learn from each other
- Increase women's ability and confidence to nourish their babies.
- Discuss successful strategies for mothers facing challenges while breastfeeding.

This community service meets at Riverside Church, Fourth and State streets,

from noon to 1 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: Jan. 28; Feb. 11 and 25; March 11 and 25; April 8 and 22; May 6 and 20; June 3 and 17; July 1 and 15; and Aug. 5 and 19.

Come, enjoy and offer support in an environment of ease and respect. For more information, please call Jennifer McCauley, RN, IBCLC, at 541-387-6344.



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CEDAR and his dog, Piper, are looking forward to moving into their new home.

offering to help with work parties, donate windows and they leave comments such as "What a wonderful idea for a very deserving individual" and "This is great! It is always great to see people looking out for each other."

The fundraising effort has been going well over the last few months with 48 people donating nearly \$7,000 towards what was originally to be a \$9,000 goal.

All of that changed this past week when the county

Parkdale Elementary School will be holding another Jog-A-Thon on Tuesday, Feb. 3 and students will be helping to raise money for the school by bringing in Box Tops.

Friends, families and community members are encouraged to pass the word and collect as many Box Tops for Education or Box Labels for Education as they can and either give them to students or turn them in to the school of-



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HARMONY of the Gorge performs at a Dec. 2014 event.

Harmony of the Gorge hosts 'Girls' Night Out'

Singers are invited to come and see what being a Sweet Adeline is all about on Jan. 27. Spend an evening with the Harmony of the Gorge Chorus, having fun as women learn new music under the direction of Judy Beckman. Singing is proven to be good for your physical and mental health. Harmony of the Gorge Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, an organization of nearly 25,000 women worldwide who sing

four-part a cappella harmony, barbershop style.

Women singers are invited to the special Girls' Night Out Jan. 27, starting at 6 p.m. at Hood River Valley Christian Church, 975 Indian Creek Rd. If you love to sing, come see what Harmony of the Gorge and Sweet Adelines is all about. If you can't make it this Tuesday, please come visit any Tuesday evening.

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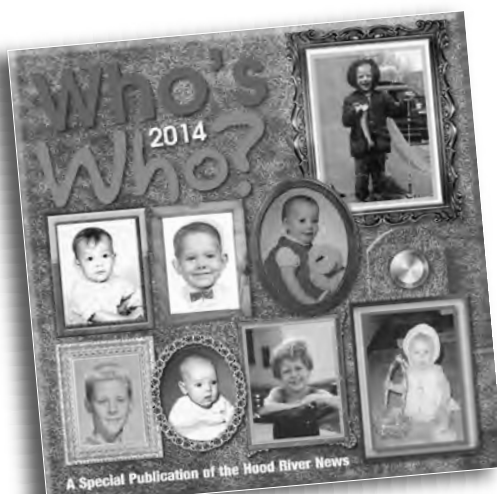
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