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read, her "top picks" based on the interviews.

But she also likes to "leave the door open" in case a mentor has "a gut reaction reading a profile, something I didn't think about, something that's in the profile that tugs at their heartstrings that didn't come up in the interview," Ziegler said.

Making a match and calling the Little with the good news is a favorite part of the job, as is introducing a Little to their Big for the first time. But that's only part of the story. At any given time, Ziegler has between 45 and 50 Big/Little matches to maintain in both Hood River and Klickitat counties. She checks in with new pairs each month to "make sure the matches are going well, if there are issues I can help troubleshoot or mediate — that's my primary goal," she said. For established matches of a year or more, she checks in quarterly.

While the mentoring commitment is one year, Ziegler finds most matches stay together an average of three. Some go on even longer: She has one match spanning 11 years, with the Little graduating from high school this spring. All matches automatically close when the Little graduates high school.

Matches can close for other reasons, though they typically fall into one of two categories: Relocation of the Big (in which the Little has the option to be paired with a new mentor), or the Little no longer requiring mentoring services.

"Sometimes Littles outgrow the match — they're in high school and busy with school, sports, friends and other things, and if they're doing well and are well-adjusted, then we have no problem closing up the match," she said.

One common misconception about mentoring is that you must possess certain qualities in order to volunteer. "A lot of people feel they don't have the right skills to be a mentor, but you know, if you're over 18 and you're responsible, and would enjoy



Photo by Trisha Walker

JUSTINE ZIEGLER stands in the recently decorated entryway at The Next Door, Inc. Big Brothers Big Sisters is one of many community outreach programs located in the Hood River office.

spending about eight hours a month being a friend to a kid, you have what it takes," Ziegler said.

The program is particularly in need of Big Brothers because those are the requests most often received. The waitlist is "a little lopsided" — more boys put in requests to be Littles, while more women volunteer to be Bigs.

When she's not working on matches, she's working on one of several events put on by BBBS throughout the year. This week, she's been confirming guest speakers for an upcoming mentor training Feb. 7, as well as lining up volunteers to work at the annual Lasagna Feed and Raffle fundraiser on Feb. 13.

And last Saturday, BBBS held its annual mentor appreciation lunch in honor of National Mentoring Month. Ziegler also helps coordinate special activities for Bigs and Littles to enjoy together. Every summer, Big Winds puts on a paddling clinic and the Gorge Windsurfing Association a windsurfing clinic, and in the spring and fall, BBBS puts on a party at the Hood River Aquatic Center.

Ziegler earned a Bachelors in Sociology from Whitworth University in Spokane, Wash., in 2009. Her first job after graduation was work-

Big Brother Big Sisters will hold its annual Lasagna Feed and Raffle fundraiser on Feb. 13 at Grace Baptist Church, 1280 W. Jewett Blvd., White Salmon, from 5-8 p.m. The event is hosted by Beneventi's Pizza and features all-you-can-eat meat and vegetarian lasagna, garlic bread, salad, and dessert. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 7 and under. All proceeds go to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Columbia Gorge. For more information, contact Justine Ziegler at 541-436-0309.

ing as an independent living skills trainer in Yakima, Wash., helping young adults aging out of foster care. When husband Jeremy got a job at Cloud Cap, a local technology company, in 2010, the couple moved to Hood River.

Because her Yakima office covered Klickitat County, Ziegler continued to work with foster children from a satellite office located in her home. Ultimately, she decided she wanted something more — hours and an office setting — and applied for Match Coordinator position.

What keeps her coming back to her cubical each day is simple: "The prospect of finding just the right mentors for the kids on my waitlist," she said. "Some kids are easy to match, but others,

not so much. Some kids sit on my waitlist for two years before I'm able to find the right mentor for them. But when I find the right one, Littles and their parents agree that it was worth the wait.

"I guess you could say I like the challenge," she added. "And I love that feeling of meeting a prospective mentor and just knowing which Little they would be great with. Calling the Little and their parents with the good news makes me walk on air for the rest of the day. And introducing a Little to their Big brings happy tears to my eyes every time."

Know someone you'd like to see featured in the Saturday Spotlight? Email recommendations to twalker@hoodrivernews.com or call 541-386-1234.

The Ale List 64 Growler Station to open in April

By **KIRBY NEUMANN-REA**
News editor

First, a BIG correction:

The Jan. 28 article on the new group Breweries In The Gorge got two things wrong: the spelling of the first name of president Christine Ellenberger, and the alliance's acronym; it's BIG.

Breweries In The Gorge brings together 11 breweries in Oregon and Washington for collective marketing, promotion and events. BIG has created a map that will be out soon, along with the website www.breweriesinthegorge.com.

BIG will have a strong presence at the Feb. 14 Zwickelmanian event, the annual statewide brewery open house event held each year on Presidents' Day weekend.

64 Growler Station plans to open in April

In April "64" Growler Station and Tap House will open in historic downtown Hood River, at 110 Third St. (most recently the location of The Chocolate Lab; it's half a block down from Oak).

While growlers can be filled at just about any brewery or licensed outlet, this will be Hood River's first full-fledged growler station.

Owners Lorraine Lyons and Rod Steward, long-time White Salmon residents, plan to immediately recycle a portion of their profits into Columbia Gorge area non-profits.

They have dubbed their idea "Kegs for a Cause" and are passionate about making good for the community and integral part of their bottom line. Lyons and Steward received a start-up loan from the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District on the condition that they have a certain amount of cash collateral. They are 19 percent short on the cash requirement and plan to make up the difference using social media and Indiegogo, a popular crowd funding website.

They've signed a lease and will offer a rotating selection

Full Sail Double Bock is the latest Pub Series release.



of 30 local craft beers, ciders and local wine. There will be ample space for visitors to relax and enjoy a pint.

Customers will also be able to bring in or purchase a refillable growler container and take their selections home. "We'd like to turn Oregon's love of craft beer into an opportunity to give back to the community," said Lyons.

64 will open its doors in April and have already garnered the support of local brewers and restaurateurs.

Visit on Facebook at facebook.com/sixty4oz.

Full Sail brings out Double Bock

Full Sail Brewing has announced the release of Double Bock in its rotating line of beers called the Full Sail Pub Series.

Executive brewer Jamie Emmerson describes it as "lush and full-bodied with hints of caramel, coffee and chocolate in the aroma followed by flavors of caramel and dried figs with a long creamy smooth finish."

Double Bock (ABV 7 percent IBU 34) is brewed with 2 row Pale, Munich, Caramel, and Chocolate Malts and hopped with Santiam and Perle hops. This gold medal winner will be available in six packs and on draft.

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age can be delivered. This bill was introduced at the request of Cascade Brewing Company, a Portland brewery.

Rep. Johnson noted in an interview with the News that the legislature continually encounters archaic legislation governing alcoholic beverages that needs to be modified "as the craft brewing industry continues to grow by leaps and bounds."

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SB 320: Allows for food establishments located inside residential dwellings to sell limited amounts of baked goods and "confectionery items" to the public without being regulated by The State Department of Agriculture. The food can only be sold to the "end user" of the product and cannot be sold to entities such as stores, restaurants, caterers, etc.

Annual gross sales of the products are not allowed to exceed \$20,000. The food products must not be "potentially hazardous," meaning they require temperature controls to prevent food-borne illnesses, and they must have a label informing consumers that the food is "homemade and not prepared in an inspected food establishment."

SB 408: Allows for the appropriation of funds for the creation of exhibits at the new Oregon Military Museum as well as for capital expenditures to help establish and maintain the museum and to pay salaries for museum administrators.

The Oregonian reports that currently, a new museum complex is under construction at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas.

The legislation declares an emergency and will go in effect at the start of the fiscal year on July 1, 2015.

SB 439: Creates the Outdoor Education Account, which appropriates funds to the Oregon State University Extension Service for the purpose of implementing outdoor school programs for fifth- and sixth-grade students.

The programs are described in the legislation as a "six-day, residential, hands-on educational experience featuring field study opportunities" to help students learn about the natural world as well as the importance of natural resources to the state's economy and the importance of preserving them.

The bill would take \$44 million from the general fund and deposit it into the Outdoor Education Account for the biennium starting July 1, 2015, when the legislation is scheduled to take effect if it is passed.

SB 482: Allows Oregon Business Development Department to appoint the Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership Advisory Committee to advise the department regarding economic development in "geographic regions located within the Willamette Valley and Columbia River corridor." The Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Department is described in the legislation as a "collaborative alliance" of governmental, educational, and manufacturing entities.

SB 486: In general, prohibits law enforcement officers and agencies from pro-

ceeding in the course of an investigation. Specifically the law says that "in conducting a routine or spontaneous investigatory activity" or "in conducting an investigatory activity in connection with an investigation," a "law enforcement officer may not rely on age, race, ethnicity, color, national origin, language, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religion, homelessness or mental disability as an identifying characteristic or circumstance of an individual."

Law enforcement cannot rely on these factors "except in a specific suspect description related to a criminal incident or suspected criminal activity, to select an individual for or subject the individual to the routine or spontaneous investigatory activity," or "to the extent that credible information relevant to the locality or time frame links the individual to an identified criminal incident or criminal activity." The legislation describes the parameters for a "routine or spontaneous investigatory activity" as including "an interview, a detention, a traffic stop, a pedestrian stop, a frisk or other type of bodily search and a search of personal or real property."

The bill also requires procedures for complaints to be filed and investigated and disciplinary actions to be levied against offending officers. The Attorney General may publish a report of the findings, but names are required to be redacted "to prevent disclosure of personal identifying information of law enforcement officers and complainants."

SB 492: Amends a law already on the books governing leave for employees who are victims of domestic vio-

lence, harassment, sexual assault or stalking or are the parents or guardians of a minor child or dependent who is a victim of the same crimes. Allows victims to use accrued sick leave or personal business leave in addition to paid vacation time.

HB 2648: Creates Outdoor Education Account. See SB 439.

Sponsor:

SB 336: This bill would take \$900,000 from the general fund for the biennium starting July 1, 2015 and appropriate it to the Oregon Health Authority in order to "establish parity in the funding formula for school-based health centers."

The legislation declares an emergency and would go into effect July 1, 2015.

SB 337: This bill would take \$1.4 million from the general fund for the biennium starting July 1, 2015 and appropriate it to the Oregon Health Authority to establish 11 new school-based health centers. The legislation's summary does not state where those health centers might be located.

The legislation declares an emergency and would go into effect July 1, 2015.

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