

**PARKDALE NEWS**

# 'Follow the yellow brick road' to Parkdale Feb. 21

By **Tamara Emler Ball**  
For the Hood River News

The Wizard of Oz will be performed at Parkdale Elementary School on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Students at the school are once again teaming up with the Missoula Children's Theater, a touring production company complete with costumes, scenery, props and make-up, to tell the story of Dorothy and her little dog Toto travel after being snatched up by a tornado in Kansas.



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The story follows them on their journey to find their way back home with the help of a good witch and their friends the munchkins, the Cowardly Lion, the Tin Man and Scarecrow and hopefully the Wizard. Auditions for the show will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the school gym and all interested students grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are encouraged to attend the full two hours.

Among the roles to be cast are Dorothy, Toto, the Cowardly Lion, the Tin Man, The Professor/Wizard, the Green Guard, Glinda the Good Witch, the Wicked Witch, Mayor Munchkin, Farmer Munchkin, the Munchkins, the Winkies, the Magicians and the Fierce and Ferocious Flowers.

Some students will begin learning their parts in rehearsal as soon as auditions

end and rehearsals will continue throughout the week from 2:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. each school day, with the final performances on Saturday.

Performances are free, but donations will be accepted to help fund new curtains and a sound system for the stage. The Missoula Children's Theatre touring group's visit is sponsored by the Parkdale P.T.O.

For more information contact Sarah Wilson at 503-819-4092.

Parkdale Family Math and Reading Curriculum Night will be held this Thursday, Feb. 12 from 6:00 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Parkdale Elementary. This fun and informative evening begins with a free dinner and child care with activities for the little ones, then an informational evening for parents on Common Core standards, then teaching them activities they can do at home to support their children.

"Teachers and staff have been preparing for an informative and enjoyable evening focused on student learning," said Principal Gus Hedberg. "We hope you and your family can join us for dinner too!"

The Parkdale Elementary School Carnival is coming up on Friday, March 13 and donations are being accepted for raffle prizes or cash sponsorships.

Proceeds from the carnival help the Parent Teacher Organization sponsor extra activities for students such as artist-in-residence, li-

brary books, field trips, assemblies, science and much more.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office or mailed to the school at P.O. Box 69, Parkdale, OR, 97041.

For questions contact the Parkdale PTO at 503-819-4092 or at parkdalepto@gmail.com.

Another Scrabble Night of fun will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Parkdale Elementary School library.

Games are just \$2 per person and all ages are welcome to participate in the fundraiser evening for Parkdale's Battle of the Books team.

The Parkdale Home Extension Study Group will present Go Green: Growing and Enjoying Leafy Greens at the Parkdale Grange Hall on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m.

Many of us often eat lettuce, tomatoes, carrots and green beans, but how often do we include highly nutritional greens such as kale, chard, and collards in our meals?

This presentation will talk about these wonderful vegetables and how to grow them and will include recipes on how to prepare them for eating.

A potluck lunch will follow the meeting and members of the community are invited to attend.

Attendees are asked to thank the Grange for their hospitality by helping with donations of paper towels, toilet paper, Dawn dish soap, a regular or decaf coffee or

scrubber sponges.

If you were unable to attend last month's combined Home Extension Study Group's panel presentation on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, but are interested in seeing it, you can now see it online.

John Hardham of Light Wave Communications recorded the 1:20 presentation and has made it available to view online at [youtu.be/3QBGYYJpOTU](http://youtu.be/3QBGYYJpOTU).

Lauren Kraemer, OSU Extension Family and Community Health Agent for Hood River and Wasco counties, moderated the panel of representatives from Oregon State Police, Victims' Assistance Program, Department of Human Services and Helping Hands Against Violence.

"I know personally this program touched some lives," said Parkdale Home Extension member Joanne Ehl. "After the program a mother and grandmother came up to me and thanked us for putting on the program and said, 'We want you to know you have saved five lives.' She listed the children's ages and all I remember is 18 months. This really touched my heart."

Solera Brewery on Baseline Road is hosting the Build Cedar a Home community fundraising effort on Wednesday, Feb. 11 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Friends and neighbors are encouraged to come out and enjoy a \$10 barbecue dinner by Apple Valley BBQ and a special selection of beers



Photo by Tamara Emler Ball

**ALIZE LAMBERT** enjoys a visit to the Space needle in Seattle. Alize will be shadowing host sister Megan Ball at the high school for the next three weeks, learning more about how American families live, go to school, and more about the Pacific Northwest in particular.

and ciders for \$4 a pint.

There will also be a live auction at the event and donations are still being accepted at Solera Brewery or Apple Valley BBQ.

Proceeds from the event will go towards building Cedar and his little dog Piper a new home.

If you would like to donate cash, goods or services to the building fund, go to [go-fundme.com/gdxa98](http://go-fundme.com/gdxa98).

On a personal note, our

family is now hosting a 15-year-old French exchange student, Alize Lambert, for the next three weeks. If you happen to see this nice young man around Parkdale and the valley, or at Hood River Valley High, I invite you to show him what a wonderful community we have by saying hello and welcoming him to America and our little slice of heaven.

Send items to: [uvupdate@yahoo.com](mailto:uvupdate@yahoo.com)

## Breastfeeding support group meets

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

meets at Riverside Church, Fourth and State streets, from noon to 1 p.m. on 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. For details call Jennifer McCauley, RN, IBCLC, at 541-387-6344.

The group is facilitated by a Certified Lactation Consultant.

### COMMUNITY ED

## Survival Spanish for farmers and orchardists

Instructor Paul Kuiper offers a class to help farmers and orchardists communicate with their Spanish-speaking employees.

It starts Feb. 25 at Coe Building in Hood River, 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays for five weeks. Register by calling Community Education, 541-386-2055 or on

our website at <http://www.hrcommunityed>

The class will focus on vocabulary, verbs, expressions and questions/answer dialogues that have come from past classes where the instructor asked "What Spanish expressions do you need most outdoors

and in the orchard?"

Also, a list of Border Spanish slang words. Included is six weeks of basic grammar review, dialogue development, oral drill, and role playing.

Past coursework in Spanish is helpful but not required.

Cost is \$75.

### PET OF THE WEEK

## Tiny Poco awaits his forever home

This week volunteers at Adopt A Dog have selected Poco as the program's adoptable pet of the week:

This little Chihuahua is Poco. And Poco is about a year old and not even 5 pounds — and half of that is in those huge ears! He must hear everything going on! Poco sure has a good time chasing and playing, but he thinks he's a big dog and likes to take charge in play time with little dogs, until he gets to know them. Then he's thrilled to have more pals joining the game.

He takes corrections well, so learning comes pretty easily. Treats help, of course! He has a gentle mouth and will sit politely and wait for his turn, but he's the first to snatch up a dropped crumb! As you can tell by his picture, he's not at all opposed to a good cuddle, either! In fact, I'm pretty sure he'll write it into his contract!

Poco is a happy leash walker and likes to lead the way, but doesn't like long walks. I suppose because that just takes away from his play time! He's smart, and adorable, and my goodness, he's small!

This cuddle-bumpkin is current on shots, microchipped and will be neutered next week. The adoption fee for Poco is \$175. The fee to adopt is charged to



Poco

recoup standard veterinary expenses. Since many of our dogs are in foster, please call ahead to meet Poco in Odell at the Hukari Animal Shelter 3910 Heron Drive, or call for more information at 541-354-1083. Adoption hours are Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays 9-11 a.m.

You can fill out an application online at our website,

[hoodriveradoptadog.org](http://hoodriveradoptadog.org), or download and scan and email to us at [adoptadog@gorge.net](mailto:adoptadog@gorge.net), or fax it in to 1-877-833-7166. We offer 24PetWatch microchips, which include free registration into the 24PetWatch pet recovery service. For more information visit [24petwatch.com](http://24petwatch.com) or call 1-866-597-2424.

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**Potato Andouille Sausage Fricassee Chicken Jambalaya** \$8 for an individual \$15 for a couple • \$20 for a family of 4  
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