

ENTERTAINMENT Update

Jim MacMillan at The Pines

Join Jim MacMillan on guitar and vocals, Jerry Keith on bass and tuba and Randy Bell on cajon and hand percussion for an eclectic assortment of all original music Friday, Feb. 13, from 6-9 p.m. at The Pines Tasting Room in Hood River: The Pines Tasting Room, 202 Cascade Ave., Hood River; 541-993-8301.

Gorge Sinfonietta plays Feb. 20



Corin Parker

The Columbia Gorge Sinfonietta presents "The Bold, The Brilliant, and the Beautiful," an exciting program of orchestral music, including the Oregon premiere of "The Banner Saga Suite" by Austin Wintory, the lively second piano concerto by Dimitri Shostakovich, and Johannes Brahms' lyrical masterpiece, Symphony #2. Featured soloist will be local musician Corin Parker. The concerts are

Friday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. in The Dalles Civic Auditorium ballroom. The orchestra is conducted by Mark Steighner, and sponsored by the Columbia Gorge Orchestra Association (cgoaonline.blogspot.com).

Country Dance, potluck Feb. 14

The Second Saturday Country Dance returns on Feb. 14, from 7-10 p.m., at the Rockford Grange on Barrett Road in Hood River. The dance caller will be Sue Baker and the band will be the Mill Creek String Band.

The potluck dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. with dancing from 7-9 p.m. All ages welcome and no partner is required. All dance steps are walked through the first time. Enjoy an evening of Country Squares, Contras, Circle dances and a few Waltzes.

Admission \$6 for members of the Mid Columbia Folklore Society, \$7 for non-members, \$1 for youth and students. Please bring snack treats for break time.

Call Keith Harding at 541-352-7550 or Tom Hons at 541-386-5771 for further information.

Valentine Concerts at Skamania

Treat your Valentine to music at Skamania Lodge this year; local and regional musicians round out the weekend. All shows are 5-8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 13 — Singer/guitarist Victor Johnson is a lifelong resident of the Columbia Gorge and performs a wide mix of Americana, swing and popular tunes. www.victorjohnson.com.

Saturday, Feb. 14 — "23window" is duo Mike Soto and Gayle Ritt who will perform original music and classic love songs throughout the evening. A sonic sphere of harmonies and music fills the air — reminiscent of your favorite song — or inspired by a collection of music spanning decades. www.23windowmusic.com.

Skamania Lodge, 1131 SW Skamania Lodge Way, Stevenson, Wash.; 866-399-7980.

Music at Lyle Hotel Feb. 14

Enjoy music from Kay Floria & Randy Bell from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Lyle Hotel on Saturday, Feb. 14. Then, it's bluesy folk from Julie Mayfield (Fields of May) and Emily Albaugh (Jackbone Dixie) for the late-night crowd. The Lyle Hotel, 100 7th St., Lyle, Wash.; 509-365-5953.

'It Had To Be You!' dinner dance

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum presents "It Had To Be You!" on Saturday, Feb. 14. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. This all-inclusive Valentine's Day event includes dinner, drinks, dancing to live music by Portland's Echo Park, and optional childcare. Tickets are \$75 per couple and \$25 per family for childcare. Space is limited and advance purchase is required. The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 541-296-8600.

Tillinghast plays House Concert

Treat your Valentine and yourself to music the critics call "a deep, healing well." Richard and Tova Tillinghast will play songs from their new album "The Door is Open," on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. Expect some "Valentine's Day songs, plus some new ones about family, travel, and whitewater." 401 Montello Ave., Hood River. For more information call Paul Blackburn at 541-387-4011.

Entertainment listings can be e-mailed to jd Drake@hoodrivernews.com

'Pass the Pig' happens Tuesday

High school FFA chapter raises funds



Hood River News file photo

National FFA week is Feb. 15-22 this year and the Hood River Valley FFA Chapter has several activities planned at the local level. The first activity in the community is the "Pass The Pig" fundraiser, which will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17 beginning at 9 a.m.

If you're not familiar with Pass the Pig, let us set the por-scene. It works like this:

A local business wishes to send a pig to you, and FFA members will show up with a baby pig. In order to get rid of the pig, the FFA asks for a \$20 donation and the name of the business that you would like to send the pig to next. That business will then send the pig on to another business, and so on.

If you know you would like to send the pig or would like to send the baby pig to a business you can contact Don Schmidt or Nita Bozarth at Hood River Valley High

THE CREW at Shortt Supply welcomes an FFA team, and pig, in a recent Pass the Pig visit. Businesses might expect a "surprise" visit on Tuesday by one of two or three teams of FFA students from HRVHS, have a \$20 bill handy, and have in mind the name for another "Pass the Pig" stop.

School to arrange the pig's destination, 386-4500 ext. 4563 or ext. 4562.

On Feb. 21, the Hood River Valley FFA will be hosting the sixth annual FFA

Farmer's Breakfast. The meal is a free, country style breakfast, provided by the FFA Chapter for the agricultural community or anybody interested.

In addition to the breakfast, FFA members will be conducting tours of the agricultural facilities at Hood River Valley High School. Members will highlight pro-

jects and upcoming events. The breakfast will be held in the HRVHS Cafeteria and begin at 7 a.m. and conclude at 11 a.m. or when the food runs out.

For more information on the Farmers Breakfast, you can contact Don Schmidt or Nita Bozarth at Hood River Valley High School at the numbers above.



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

'THE FULL MONTY'

Guys of 'The Full Monty' sing out their fears as they prepare for their first strip show rehearsal. From left are David Dye, Reuben Betts, William Thayer-Daugherty, Jonas Grosserhede, and Edward McNair. Ari Bloodgood, not pictured, also gets into the act. The CAST production of the Broadway musical opened Feb. 13 at Columbia Center for the Arts. Shows are Feb. 14, Feb. 19-21 and Feb. 26-28, at 7:30 p.m., and 2 p.m. Feb. 22. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students, and \$12 for groups of 10 or more, at Waucoma Bookstore. The show is not suitable for children under 13.

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