

# HAPPENINGS

*Happenings may be edited for length. Listings may also be found online at hoodrivernews.com; click the Events tab.*

## ON STAGE

■ **Feb. 19-21, 26-28 — The Full Monty**, 7:30 p.m. at Columbia Center for the Arts. Written by Terrence McNally and David Yazbek, and directed by Bruce Ludwig. Matinee Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors, \$12 for groups of 10 or more. Packages also available. Contains mature content and is not suitable for children under 13. More info at columbiarts.org.

■ **Feb. 21 — Wizard of Oz**, 3:30 and 5 p.m. at Parkdale Elementary. Students are teaming up with Missoula Children's Theater; production is complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. More info at 503-819-4092. Free, but donations accepted to help fund new curtains and a sound system.

■ **Feb. 27-28, March 6-7, 13-14 — Madwoman of Chailot**, 7 p.m. at the HRVHS Bowe Theater. Adults \$8, students/seniors \$6. Advanced tickets available at Waucoma.

## FOR CHILDREN

■ **Story Time at Hood River Library**: Baby/Toddler storytime and Big Kids story time, 10:30 a.m. Thurs. morning.

■ **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 nancyp@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.

■ **Feb. 21 — Magic the Gathering** for beginners, 3 p.m. at Hood River Hobbies. For absolute beginners. Learn to play for free. More info at info@hoodriverhobbies.com.

■ **Feb. 21 — Magic the Gathering** for 13 and under, 4:50-5:30 p.m. at Hood River Hobbies. A multi-week supervised club for kids to have fun and improve their skills. Gameplay, skill building workshops, prizes. \$40 for series; email info@hoodriverhobbies.com or register through Community Ed at 541-386-2055.

## EXHIBITS

■ **Through Feb. 28 — KOOBDOOGA 2015 Art Exhibit**, White Salmon Valley Community Library. Organized events each Sat. afternoon at 2 p.m. Exhibit includes artwork created by area artists and inspired by this year's featured book "Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher." More info at 509-493-1132.

■ **Through March 1 — Art A Day at the Columbia Arts Center**. Featuring Kathryn Watne (Enameled Jewelry), Charlene Forte (Glass), Dawn Elle (Ceramics), Sue Sutherland (Oils), Mark Nilsson (Acrylics), and Karen Watson (Pastels).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

■ **Through March 20 — Native plant sale**. By the Hood River Soil & Water Conservation District. Native conifers, deciduous trees and shrubs. Bare-root

seedlings 1-2 years old. Orders delivered April 3-4. Email kris@hoodriverswcd.org, call 541-386-4588, or drop by 3007 Experiment Station Rd.

■ **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. 17 — HRCSD Listening Session**, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Wy'east Middle School auditorium. Sup. Dan Goldman will share info regarding 2015-2016 budget and programs, and collect feedback from parents, staff and community regarding info shared. Spanish translation will be provided.

■ **Feb. 17 — The Dyslexia Friendly Classroom**, 6-8 p.m. at Hood River Hotel. With reading specialist Emily O'Connor; strategies to make classroom accommodating for students with learning differences. Teachers can earn 2 PDU credits through Lewis & Clark. Parents, teachers, interested community members welcome to attend. Free. More info at 503-209-9638.

■ **Feb. 17 — Hood River County Library District Board of Directors meeting**, 7 p.m. in the Jeanne Marie Gaulke Community Meeting Room at the Hood River Library. Public encouraged to attend.

■ **Feb. 18 — Gentle Yoga** for beginning seniors 50 and over, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the HR 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.

■ **Feb. 18 — Brown Bag Workshop**, 12-1 p.m. at Gorge Innoventure, 1000 E. Port Marina Drive, Ste. 101. Session two of Office 365 workshop series. "Lync — Get it Done from Anywhere!" Attendees encouraged to bring brown bag lunch. \$5.

■ **Feb. 19 — AARP Tax preparation**, 2-7 p.m. at the HR Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Place, off Brookside Drive on the Heights.

■ **Feb. 19 — Mid-Columbia Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon**, 7 p.m. at Columbia Gorge Community College, Room 1.354, Bldg. 1, The Dalles. With Andrew Merritt of Humble Roots Nursery.

■ **Feb. 20 — Life & portrait drawing labs**, 9-noon at the Columbia Center for the Arts Studio. Every Friday. \$20 drop in; package discounts available. More info at columbiarts.org or 541-387-8877, ext. 114.

■ **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 tricountyrecycle.com.

■ **Feb. 20 — 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.

■ **Feb. 20 — Living with Alzheimer's: For Caregivers** — Early Stage, 1:30-5 p.m. at the HRV Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Pl. Presented by Alzheimer's Association Oregon Chapter.

Registration required at call 800-272-3900. For a full list of upcoming classes, visit alz.org/oregon.

■ **Feb. 20 — Second annual Apokalypse Now Bacon Festival**, 6 p.m. at Springhouse Cellar Winery. Bacon judging, poetry contest, bacon eating contest. \$20 at door; all ages welcome. Benefit for Helping Hands Against Violence. More info at karen@helpinghand-oregon.com.

■ **Feb. 20-21 — Big Brothers Big Sisters Rummage Sale**, 8-4 at Mountain View Grange in White Salmon, on the corner of Main and Estes. Presented by the Beneventi family; everything from furniture to clothing to knick-knacks. All proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Columbia Gorge. For more info, contact Justine Ziegler, 541-490-9979.

■ **Feb. 21 — Create a scrapbook class**, 2 p.m. at the Parkdale Library. Create a handmade three ring 8x8 album; decorate with ribbons, tags and other elements. By Pam Sanchez. Free; open to all. More info at 541-41-386-2535, info@hoodriverlibrary.org, or hoodriverlibrary.org.

■ **Feb. 21 — Fruit tree basics**, pruning and training, 2 p.m. at Grow Organic, 2035 12th St. With arborist Bo Vanderkloot for hands-on demonstrations. 2-part class; \$15 per class or \$25 for both.

■ **Feb. 21 — Steven L. Grafe, PhD**, 2 p.m. at the White Salmon Valley Community Library. Grafe will present his book "Peoples of the Plateau: The Indian Photographs of Lee Moorhouse, 1898-1915" (2005). More info at 509-493-1132.

■ **Feb. 21 — Third annual Father-Daughter Dance**, 6-8 p.m., Hood River Elks Lodge. Sponsored by Gorge Young Life. \$30 per couple, \$10 each additional daughter. Tickets at Shortt Supply.

■ **Feb. 21 — 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.

■ **Feb. 22 — Fruit tree maintenance**, restoration pruning, pests, disease, propagation/grafting, 2 p.m. at Grow Organic, 2035 12th St. With arborist Bo Vanderkloot for hands-on demonstrations. Part 2 of 2-part class; \$15 per class or \$25 for both.

■ **Feb. 23 — 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. 23 — AARP Tax-Aide Preparation**, 2-7 p.m. at the Hood River Library. Free help is available to low- and moderate-income taxpayers, especially those 60 and older. Bring all pertinent tax information including photo ID, last year's tax return, and proof of health insurance.

■ **Feb. 24 — Senior meals**, noon at the Lyle Lions Community Center, corner of 5th St. and Hwy 14. Public always welcome.

■ **Feb. 24 — Big Bingo** at

## PICK OF THE WEEK

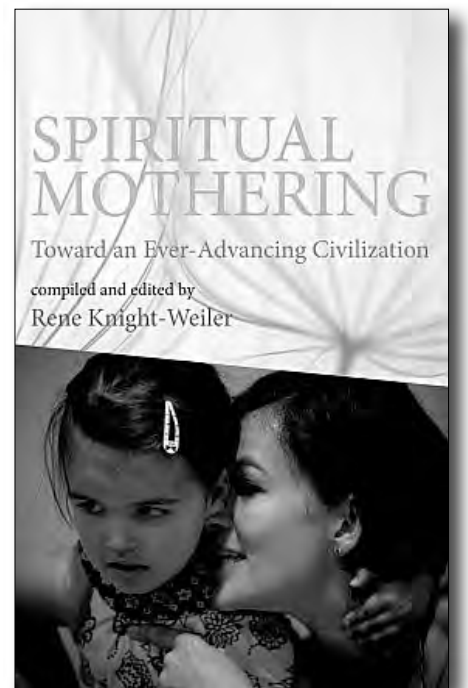
### 'Spiritual Mothering' author Rene Knight-Weiler gives reading at the library Feb. 21

Local author Rene Knight-Weiler will read from her book "Spiritual Mothering: Toward an Ever Advancing Civilization" at the Hood River Library on Saturday, at 2 p.m.

The book *Spiritual Mothering* is the fruit of an endeavor begun a generation ago when Knight-Weiler had young children and embarked on creating and editing a quarterly international magazine called "Spiritual Mothering Journal." The essays from that widely acclaimed publication have been gathered together to form this book.

Its general message is to affirm that children are spiritual beings, that parents have a noble task and a lofty station, and that we can indeed raise up a new humanity capable of creating a peaceful and harmonious world. Its original and continued purpose is to recognize and promote the unique role of parenting in the advancement of civilization and to offer support and encouragement for parents engaged in this great process. Its contributors are parents from around the world, some acclaimed authors, but most come from the anonymous trenches of family life. What all these authors have in common is a love of children, a love of writing, and a wealth of ability in both areas. The wisdom they offer is not limited to one generation; it is timeless, just like parenthood itself.

Written by individuals with their uniquely personal thoughts, experiences and interactions with the spiritual guidance provided by the Bahá'í writings, all the essays provide a channel for sharing



wisdom and understanding.

The essays are written with such honesty, openness, encouragement and willingness to share the reality of the struggle to align our family lives with Bahá'u'lláh's teachings that readers cannot help but find comfort in them.

Rene Knight-Weiler has lived in the Gorge for 25 years, having raised her three children in a rural setting near Lyle, Wash. In addition to being an author she is a full time physical therapist who currently works for MCMC doing home visits throughout Klickitat County. Her husband, Bill Weiler, is a wildlife biologist and is known to many in the Gorge for his work with Peace Village and the Columbia Gorge Ecology Institute.

The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Hood River County Library District at 541-386-2535, info@hoodriverlibrary.org, or visit their website at <http://hoodriverlibrary.org>.

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. 24 — Scrabble night**, 6-8 p.m. in the Parkdale Elementary School library. \$2 per person per game; all ages welcome. Fundraiser for Parkdale's Battle of the Books team.

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■ **Feb. 25 — 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.

■ **Feb. 25 — Lunch & Learn seminar**, 12-1 p.m. at Gorge Innoventure. Learn to research and develop grants for small businesses. By Ken Vaughn and Leon Wolf. Registration required; 541-436-0797.

■ **Feb. 26 — Hood River Art Club** presents Cathleen Rehfeld, 10 a.m. in building M1 of the Hood River Alliance Church, 2650 Montello Ave. Oil painting workshop; only odorless solvents such as Gamsol, please. Artists at all levels of experience welcome.

\$20 for Art Club members, \$25 for non-members. Pre-registration is required; contact Dell Rhodes, 509-493-3572, rhodes@reed.edu for a supplies list and to register.

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■ **Feb. 27 — Tongue Twister Tournament**, 7 p.m., Hood River Hotel, Second and Oak streets, fifth annual fundraiser for SMART reading program. Admission \$10 at the door. Five students and five educators will try for the title. "Try your tongue" at twisters in the open mic.

■ **Feb. 28 — Second Annual Cascade Winter Ruck**,

8:30-5 p.m. at the Port of Cascade Locks Marine Park. Get prepared for the coming hiking season.

Novice to expert. Includes breakfast and lunch; special discount at Thunder Island Brewing day of event. Cost \$30.

■ **Feb. 28 — Author reading: Peter Stark**, 1 p.m. at the Hood River Library. Stark will discuss his book "Astoria: Astor and Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire, A Story of Ambition and Survival on the Early American Frontier." Sponsored by Waucoma Bookstore and the HR County Library District. Free; open to all.

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