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MCT CO-DIRECTOR Nate Cartusciello works with key "Oz" cast members in rehearsal this week on the Parkdale stage: fifth graders Sierra LaVoie, center right, as Dorothy, and Eli Happy, center left, as the Cowardly Lion, Jack Wilson, left as Tin Man, and fourth grader Hailey Stuben, right, as Toto. Below: fourth-grader Margaret Scully (Professor/Wizard) studies her lines.

## Missoula Children's Theatre brings Oz to Parkdale



Parkdale Elementary School is teaming up with Missoula Children's Theatre! Audiences will skip down the Yellow Brick Road with Dorothy and her friends when the MCT and more than 45 local students perform an original musical adaptation of the timeless favorite, The Wizard of Oz.

The story is as familiar as it is beloved. A tornado carries Dorothy and her canine pal Toto from the friendly confines of her Kansas home to a fabled fantasy of mystery in the Land of Oz. With the help of the Munchkins and Glenda, our young Miss Gale and her loyal pooch join forces with the dancing Scarecrow, the romantic Tin Man and, of course, the ever-popular Cowardly Lion. Off they go down the Yellow Brick Road — side-stepping Winkies and a Wicked Witch — on their perilous journey to find the Wizard and ask for his help.

The cast features Sierra Lavoie as Dorothy, Eli Happy as the Cowardly Lion, Jack Wilson as the romantic Tin Man and Hailey Stuben as the loyal Toto. Also featured are Margaret Scully as the Professor/Wizard of Oz, Ruby Betzing as Glenda, and Anna Pickering as the Wicked Witch. Andy Betzing will play the Green Guard, Makennah Champion is Mayor Munchkin and Charlie Wilson is Farmer Munchkin. To complete the ensemble, we'll see side-stepping Winkies, the Magical Magicians, and the ever famous Munchkins. Let's not forget the fierce and ferocious Flowers! Piano accompaniment by Bill Weiler.

The Wizard of Oz will run Saturday, Feb. 21 at 3 and 5:30 p.m. at the Parkdale Elementary School gym/stage. Admission is free; donations will be accepted to help fund new stage curtains and sound system for the school.

## 'Species Art Making' series starts Feb. 25

Join Peace Village and the Art of Community, Feb. 26 at the Design Studio of local artist, CJ Rench (1457 Barker Road) for the first of four free workshops to create large-scale paper mache puppets and costumes for a Procession of Species celebration on Earth Day, April 25.

There is limited space available for this 4-part series workshop.

Participants are asked to commit to all four workshops to finish these large-scale works of art — February 26, March 12, April 2 and April 9. Workshops run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and

each week will feature local artists, storytelling and intergenerational activities that will inspire and connect us to each other and to our beautiful Earth. The workshops are free but there will be a minimal cost for materials.

Register at erench@gorge.net or call Erika at 541-386-4279.

Then on April 25 at 4:30 p.m. the public is invited to come to Waterfront Park for food and an Earth Day Procession of the Species to share what we love about Earth through art, music, dance and story, and how we are working to help protect it.

### CLASS NOTES

**Nina Barone**, 2013 graduate of Hood River Valley High School has been named to the Dean's List for Fall 2014 at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Barone, a sophomore, attends Barrett, the Honors College of Arizona State University and is majoring in journalism.

Placement on the Dean's List requires a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester. Nina is the daughter of Pasquale and Jacquie Barone.

**Terry Norton** was named to the fall 2015 honor roll at Spokane Community College. To receive honor roll status, students must earn a 3.0 grade point average or higher.

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Spokane Community College, Spokane Falls Community College and six rural education sites, serving residents in Pend Oreille, Stevens, Whitman, Ferry and parts of Lincoln counties.

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## Annual FFA breakfast is today

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 projects 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.



Photo by Trisha Walker

## 'PASS THE PIG' FUNDRAISER

The Hood River News got a visit from six Hood River Valley High FFA students during the club's Pass the Pig fundraiser Tuesday. The team went from business to business, collecting \$20 donations to escort the pig to another location. From left to right: Jackie Santacruz, Maria Garcia and Wilma, Mayra Cordova, Daisy Matias and Gloria Garcia.

## Clink! A Taste of Oregon exhibit visits History Museum

Celebrate the wonders of Oregon wine and the people who make it possible in Clink! A Taste of Oregon Wine, a traveling exhibition curated by the Oregon Historical Society in collaboration with local history organizations and industry leaders. This unique, engaging exhibition, which will be on display at The History Museum from March 1-April 30 tells the stories of some of the individuals and institutions that propelled Oregon wine onto the national and international stage.

Clink! traces the history of Oregon wines from the earliest vineyards to legislative efforts to control alcohol during Prohibition to the resurgence of the wine industry in the

1960s and finally to what the future may bring for these thriving Oregon businesses.

The traveling exhibition features 12 colorful banners with photographs and text illustrating the history of the flourishing Oregon wine industry. Two iPads provide digital interactive experiences to complement the graphics. Visitors may scroll through and view wine-related objects dating back to the 19th century through a digitized artifact catalog. A virtual AVA map with touch screen capability gives wine enthusiasts the chance to explore the major winegrowing areas of Oregon and learn about typical wine varietals grown in each part of the state.

Along with the Clink exhibit The History Museum will feature throughout March and April Columbia Gorge Wineries and host several events including wine tastings, craft nights, and speakers.

Clink! Exhibit Grand Opening and Wine Tasting Gala

On February 28, from 6-8 p.m., The History Museum, 300 Port Marina Drive, Hood River, will host a special evening where the public may experience exhibit viewing, wine tasting, live music, dancing, light refreshments and receive a museum logo wine glass. This event is to be a fun evening as well as a fundraiser for The History Museum. General Admission is \$35, or

\$30 for current Museum Members. Tickets for the event may be purchased at Waucoma Bookstore and at The History Museum. Ticket reservations may be made by calling The History Museum at 541-386-6772.

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