

ENTERTAINMENT Update

'Loren and Mark' play Feb. 23

Loren Barrigar and Mark Mazengarb share a unique musical chemistry and stage presence seldom found among musicians. Their diverse repertoire of original and arranged music consists of stunning guitar instrumentals as well as vocal duets, giving them wide appeal and strong audience connection. Influenced by Americana, Jazz, Country Western and classical music, Loren and Mark's unique style of guitar playing is largely built upon the thumb-picking techniques pioneered by guitar greats Merle Travis and Chet Atkins.

The concert is Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 3350 Columbia View Dr., The Dalles. Free admission to MCCA season ticket holders. Tickets may also be purchased at the door or at Klindt's Book Sellers and Columbia River Music.

Bob Connolly at Volcanic

On Saturday, Feb. 28, enjoy country, pop and rock tunes from singer-songwriter Bob Connolly at Volcanic Bottle Shop from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Volcanic Bottle Shoppe, 1410 12th St., Hood River; 541-436-1226.

Dorado at Trillium Feb. 28

According to critics, "Dorado combines musical sophistication with funky grooves and raw talent. They sound like everything from Steely Dan to Beck to funk bands from the 70's like Tower of Power." Catch them live at the Trillium Cafe on Saturday, Feb. 28. Call for show-times. Trillium Cafe, 207 Oak St., Hood River; 541-308-0800.

Lunafest returns March 11-12

Soroptimist International of Hood River is presenting the 12th annual Lunafest at Columbia Center for the Arts on March 11 and 12. The showing is at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$10. It will be an evening of nine short films directed and produced by women filmmakers from around the globe. This season, the film program will travel to over 150 cities and screen in front of 30,000 people. The films are filled with stories of reflection, hope and humor.

Lunafest is sponsored by Laughing Mountain and by Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital. Tickets are available at Waucoma Bookstore and Columbia Center for the Arts.

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

SMART Tongue Twister Tournament returns Feb. 27

Students versus teachers in 2015 contestant list

Students and teachers will vie for the title in the fifth annual Tongue Twister Tournament, Feb. 27.

The benefit for the literacy program Start Making A Reader Today, SMART, will be at a new venue, Hood River Hotel, Second and Oak streets, starting at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10, with all proceeds going to SMART, which connects young readers with volunteers who spend time with the kids helping them develop a love of reading.

Noah Tauscher will defend his title against four other students and five local educators. Along with Tauscher, a senior at Hood River Valley High School, will be eighth graders Kelsey Stewart of Wy'east Middle School, Zane Yinger of Hood River Middle, fifth grader Sean Counihan of May Street, and HRVHS sophomore Morgan Graves.

In the educator line-up is Morgan's mother, Jennifer Graves, a Wy'east teacher, which sets up the Tongue Twister's first parent-child matchup.

Also competing are May Street teacher T Dalbey, Superintendent Dan Goldman, Heather Laurance of New Vision School in Mt. Hood, and HRVHS principal Rich

Polkinghorn.

Local businesses and SMART volunteers have donated prizes for the annual "chance auction." Attendees can buy tickets to be placed in a bucket with each prize, and later in the evening one ticket will be drawn for each. The more tickets you place in a bucket, the better your chance of winning.

The open mic portion of TTT is back, too. For a \$5 donation, try a tongue twister and gain another raffle ticket.

SMART officials will present details about the program and ask for further financial support via sponsorship of book packets that are provided to schools. The SMART readers get to use those books in their weekly sessions, and to take them home. SMART participants get to take home two books to keep each month.

The Hood River SMART chapter provides services to all five elementary schools and, new this year, the Hood River Head Start program. SMART programs are located around the state, and the organization is now in its 26th year.

Judges will include Circuit Court Judge Karen Ostrye and Bruce Ludwig, the 2013 champion, both of Hood River. The 2011 and 2012 victors Buzzy Nielsen and Kim Vogel will also be on hand.

If you have questions about the event or SMART, call Kirby Neumann-Rea at 541-386-1234.

HRV and HRMS drama departments open two productions on Feb. 27

By KIRBY NEUMANN-REA
News editor

For the first time in memory, three dramatic productions will take place on the same night in Hood River.

Two school shows open at 7 p.m. on Feb. 27 and run for two weekends, and the ongoing CAST production reaches its final weekend Feb. 27-28.

Hood River Valley High School opens the comic satire "The Madwoman of Chailot" in Bowe Theater, directed by Rachel Harry, and Hood River Middle School premieres the musical "The Girl Who Lived With the Bears" at HRMS auditorium, directed by Rebecca Niederhiser. It was written by Mark Steighner, the HRVHS music director, who has written a total of eight musicals for HRVHS and HRMS drama departments in the past 12 years.

"The Full Monty," meanwhile, will be on stage at CAST through Feb. 28. Bruce Ludwig directs the musical.

■ The Girl Who Lived with the Bears —Based loosely upon a local Native American legend, the musical explores the deeper issues of respect, diversity, connectedness, and the effects of misplaced judgment.

The plot entails the story of a young Indian princess, Ayasha, who lacks respect for the surrounding animals, especially the bears. After being "kidnapped" by the local bear tribe for her disrespect, she learns that the bears are not merely "big, smelly, and scary," but rather "people" like herself.

■ "Madwoman of Chailot" — Director Rachel Harry says, "The play was written in 1943 and is a poetic satire by Jean Giraudoux and is very popular in France. It has been described as one part fantasy and two parts reason. Played Broadway for two years and won a



Photos by Kirby Neumann-Rea

"Madwoman" actors include Delaney Barbour, left, in the title role, and Cayla Sacre, Olivia Newcomb, and Dani Euwer, in what is a full-costume production with an elaborate set and numerous props. Below: eighth graders Courtney Riegl, left, and Emily Phillips help build the "Girl Who Lived With the Bears" set at HRMS.

Tony, considered one of the "most interesting and rewarding plays to have been written in the '40s and '50s."

"I chose the play for a variety of reasons; there are many wonderful quirky parts for my actors to play with, very strong female roles and fast paced humor. The theme is also one that I find relevant today, that of a large corporation squandering the resources of a neighborhood and threatening the happiness of the local people."

■ The Full Monty — "The play is really about relationships," notes Ludwig, and there are some excellent studies of relationships between husbands and wives, a man and his son, a man and his mother, and two men who are best friends. It is suitable for ages 13 and older. (Details in Happenings, page A9.)




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