

CCA issues call for 'Best of Gorge' exhibit in May

Columbia Center for the Arts announces a call to artists of the Gorge to submit work for the annual "Best of the Gorge" show this June and July at Columbia Art Gallery. All artists who reside in the Gorge, as well as member artists, are invited to submit work for an exhibit that showcases the best art the Gorge has to offer. Artists must reside in the mid-Columbia region from east of the Sandy River to Goldendale (see www.columbiaarts.org for a map).

This show features work of area artists in all media: paint, pastel, drawing, printmaking, glass, clay, metal, photography, etc., and is designed to showcase the bounty of creativity that exists in our region.

We will be looking for excellence and to be inspired by great work that hasn't been previously seen in the Mid-Columbia region. This year's show will be juried by Jennifer Zika, Manager of Portland Art Museum's Rental Sales Gallery. She will be jurying the work and selecting the prize-winners for which there are cash prizes.

Last year's event was well received by a large crowd who turned out to see the impressive work that was juried by Arthur DeBow, of Oregon School of Arts and Crafts. Cathleen Schelfed was the first prize winner with her painting "Hood River Road". Will Richards won second prize with a metal sculpture and

Margit Elkin won third place with a fiber sculpture.

To help the curators plan for the show, email the CCA Gallery by March 15 of your intent to participate, and include the medium of work to be submitted. At that time an inventory sheet will be emailed to you. You will need to bring this completed inventory sheet when you deliver your work. (NOTE: Each artist may submit up to three pieces of art.)

For artists who are interested in submitting work, more information and a complete prospectus are available online at: columbiaarts.org/gallery/2015/6/bestofthegorge.html.

SHERIFF LOG

Feb. 9 to 17

All calls were responded to within the City of Hood River.

■ **Assaults, harassment, menacing and domestic violence:**

Feb. 13 — Avalon Drive — Harassment reported.

■ **Controlled substance violations (non-DUI):**

Feb. 9 — Indian Creek Road, 1200 block — Male cited for unlawful possession of less than one ounce of marijuana on a traffic stop.

Feb. 13 — Hood River — Two juvenile males cited for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana following a K9 search.

Feb. 14 — Orchard Road — Female arrested for unlawful possession of meth following a traffic stop.

Feb. 17 — Cascade Locks — Female arrested for possession of heroin and lodged at NORCOR.

■ **Disorderly conduct, mischief, criminal trespass and vandalism:**

Feb. 9 — Highway 35, 6700 block — Female arrested for disorderly conduct II.

■ **Driving under the influence of intoxicants:**

Feb. 12 — Hood River — Male arrested for misdemeanor driving while suspended and driving under the influence of alcohol. He was lodged at NORCOR on those charges and for a probation violation.

■ **Identity theft or**

bank/credit card fraud:

Feb. 16 — Clear Creek Road, 7300 block — Credit card fraud reported.

■ **Motor vehicle crashes, offenses and impounds:**

Feb. 15 — Highway 281 at Baseline Drive — Single vehicle crash reported. The driver abandoned the vehicle after causing damage to the Parkdale Memorial Garden.

■ **Outstanding warrants, parole, probation or terms violations:**

Feb. 10 — State Street, 300 block — Female arrested on an active arrest warrant and lodged at NORCOR.

■ **Theft, burglary or robbery:**

Feb. 10 — Webster Street, 2600 block — Burglary reported.

Feb. 11 — S.W. WaNaPa Street, 600 block, Cascade Locks — Theft reported. Two suspects were identified and one was located, cited and released.

Feb. 12 — Indian Creek Road, 1200 block — Theft reported.

Feb. 11 — Orchard Road, 1600 block — Chain saw reported stolen.

■ **Sex offenses:**

None reported

■ **Other:**

Feb. 9 — S.W. WaNaPa Street, 100 block, Cascade Locks — Unlawful use of a weapon reported.

Feb. 13 — Cascade Locks — Abandoned vehicle reported.

HRV grad rates among top in Oregon

For the fourth year in a row, Hood River Valley High School's four-year graduation rate ranked amongst the state's best.

With an 81.40 percent on-time 4-year graduation rate and a 90.61 percent five-year completer rate, HRVHS is beating the state averages in nearly every metric used to measure graduation rates, district officials said in a

press release.

The State of Oregon recently announced that Oregon's four-year graduation rate for 2014 was 71.98 percent; this represents a slight increase in the state's most notable metric for measuring school success. The four-year graduation rate looks at a cohort, or groups of students, who enter high school in a given year and graduate

within four years of high school entry.

Most of last year's graduates were part of the 2010-11 cohort. Students who were in their fifth year of high school last year were part of the 2009-10 cohort. The "Completer Rate" looks at students who receive a standard diploma, an extended diploma, a GED, an adult high school diploma, or an alternative certificate. This rate is of particular importance as it indicates a student's completion of a program of study.

Principal Rich Polkinghorn stated, "It takes a commitment from students, staff, and parents, working together, to make it all happen. I am proud of the effort our staff and students have put forward. Graduation rates are also a reflection of the excellent work the entire Hood River County School District staff is doing to prepare students at our elementary and middle school levels so they are prepared to meet the challenges of high school. We are committed to student success and will continue to work towards improving our excellent graduation rates."

The 2013-14 graduates were the first Oregon students required to demonstrate proficiency in essential skills of reading, writing and mathematics in order to

earn a diploma.

The Department of Education releases graduation rates based on subgroups to include: All Students, White, Asian Pacific Islander, Black, Hispanic, Native American, Multi-Ethnic, Students with Disabilities, English Language Learners, Economically Disadvantaged, and by Gender. These groups are divided into four-year graduation rate and five-year completer groups.

Subgroup rates, four-year completers

White students — HRVHS rate was 88.8, compared to 74.25 statewide

Hispanics — 75.2 and 65 percent

Students with disabilities — 63 percent and 51 percent

English Language learners — 50 and 52 percent

Economically disadvantaged — 75 and 64

Females — 85.4 and 76.3

Males — 78 and 68

District comparisons, overall and Hispanic

Benson Tech — 85.4 percent and 80.7 percent

North Marion — 82.9 and 78.2

Hood River Valley — 81.4 and 75.2

Parkrose — 78.3 and 63

Forest Grove — 76.6 and 72

Hillsboro — 76 and 68



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

URSINE ON THE STREET

The State Street bear went away for a few weeks in January, and returned with a new — albeit temporary — look this month. "Buddy" sports a white coat for now, but it's just primer as owner Jeff Mueller is in the process of giving the bear a new coat. The State Street bear, with his weekly change of messages, has become a fixture at the 9th street intersection in recent years, and two weeks ago the sign was in keeping with Buddy's temporary look: "What do polar bears eat? Ice-bergers." Mueller wants to make sure he doesn't get too weathered so Buddy will go back inside in a few weeks and re-emerge with his familiar brown coat.

Death Notice

J. Guadalupe Flores Gonzalez

J. Guadalupe Flores Gonzalez, 39, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015, at St. Vincent Medical Center, in Portland, Ore. J. Guadalupe was born Dec. 2, 1975.

A funeral service was

scheduled for J. Guadalupe at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Anderson's Tribute Center.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals • Receptions • Cremations), 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, OR 97031; 541-386-1000. Please visit andersonstributecenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.

PET OF THE WEEK

Susie has a smile that never stops

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

Hard to keep your eyes off this girl, ain't it?! This is Susie. And what a story she has! First, though, I'll let you know that Susie is about a year old, and likely a Boxer/American Bulldog mix. She weighs in at 67 pounds ... which is much better than she was just a few months ago. Susie was found living under an overturned boat right around Christmas time way up in Washington. She was skinny, scared, and shivering cold. It took some time for the Good Samaritan to get close enough to her to catch, but Susie was hungry, and the lady was determined and had plenty of treats for the luring! But ever since then, Susie knows a good thing and figures treats are where people are and she comes a-runnin'!

Although sudden, loud noises do still spook her, and she'll try to hide — like under your arm, or behind your leg — give her just a minute and she's fine! Anyhow, the vet up there waited several weeks for an owner



Susie

to come claim this goofy girl, but no one did.

Unfortunately for Susie, she was rescued in a county with strict laws against bully breeds, and had she been turned over to the county, that would have been the end of the story, but that's where we come in. Hood River Adopt A Dog was contacted to help out and within hours, Susie was on her way to the Gorge.

Talk about a smile on that girl! She never stops! Susie still has some manners to learn, but treats make that super easy. Go figure ... she likes food! She's packed on some healthy weight, knows

some basic commands, and is getting leash skills down, too. Susie is super friendly with other dogs and definitely keeps the play time going for as long as she can! And then it's snuggle time! Every time I see that face smiling back at me, I just gotta chuckle! She's got a lot of energy and love and so many reasons to please, she's a real delight!

Susie would love an active home willing to teach her more manners and give her as much love as she gives out! She seems to be housetrained, is current on shots, microchipped and will be spayed this week. The adoption fee for Funny Girl Susie is \$195.

The fee to adopt is charged to recoup standard

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

You can fill out an application online at our website, hoodriveradoptadog.org, or download and scan and email to us at 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.

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