

**NEW BUSINESS PROFILE**



Photo by Trisha Walker

**CLEMS HAS** reopened in Odell with a new name and business model: It's now called GG's (Clems) and serves hamburgers, fries and authentic Mexican food, such as burritos, tostadas and gorditas.

**Odell landmark reopens with new menu, name**

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Clem's is reopening after a three month closure. The one-time convenience store and deli in downtown Odell is now a restaurant operated by longtime Hood River residents Graciela and Rodolfo Gomez.

"We've had a lot of community support to help make this possible," Graciela said. "Lots of good people support this place."

The building has undergone major remodeling during the past three months, including the installation of new electric cables and water lines, and celebrated its grand opening as GG's (Clems) on Feb. 27 at its 3398 Odell Highway location.

Although the Gomez's are changing the business name to GG's, they are keeping Clems in the title because of the store's long-time history in the middle valley.

The restaurant will serve hamburgers and French fries, as well as authentic Mexican food, including chili rellenos, rice and beans, burritos, tostadas, gorditas, quesadillas and enchiladas. Patrons can choose between chicken, beef or pork for any of the items listed above; vegetarian options are available with chili rellenos, enchi-

ladas and gorditas.

Many of the recipes Graciela will use at the restaurant are family recipes, and almost everything will be made from scratch.

"I want the best for my customers," she said.

For Graciela, the restaurant is the realization of a longtime dream. She credits former operators Grant and Sandy Porter with being a blessing to the Gomez family and helping her realize her dream.

"This has been my dream for many years," Graciela said. "I somehow stared this with Sandra Porter, and she said, 'Graciela, you want the place?'" she said. "I was kind of, 'oops.'"

"They gave us the opportunity to run this place, for us to work and support our family," she said. The Gomez's have four daughters: Elena, Jennifer, Roxanna and Kimberly.

Many others have helped her realize her dream: Freddie Enriquez, owner of Mid-Columbia Mobile Propane; Rafael Landeros, owner of Lands Electric LLC; and friends Ruth Tsu and Janet Hamada.

Patrons can eat at the restaurant or order food to go. Catering services are also available.

For more information, call the business at 541-354-1296.

**READS**

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Assistant Library Director Rachel Fox, those books that are a "good read for a wide range of the community," said James. "It has to be accessible, fun to read, and tell us something about who we are."

Both books are available in English and Spanish. James said 1,000 books were purchased for the program: 500 copies of "Into the Beautiful North" in English, with another 175 in Spanish; 325 copies of "Becoming Naomi León" for classroom sets at the elementary and middle schools to read in class; and 20 copies of Urrea's other works (fiction, nonfiction and poetry), which are now available for checkout.

While "Becoming Naomi León" is taught to the younger grades, "Into the Beautiful North" will be taught at the high school level. Both share the common themes of borders, growing up, searching for a hero and family.

According to a press release, "Into the Beautiful North" is the story of 19-year-old Nayeli, who lives in a remote Mexican village and dreams of her father, who left years ago to find work in the United States. Most of the men in her village have left to go north, which makes the village an easy target for a group of drug-dealing bandits. After watching the movie 'The Magnificent Seven,' Nayeli and three friends are inspired to travel to the United States to recruit seven Mexican men to defend and repopulate their village. This story has unforgettable characters and is a timely tale of an irresistible young woman's quest to define herself without borders.

"For younger readers, Hood River Reads has selected 'Becoming Naomi León' ... This is a book about a Mexican-American girl whose life in San Diego with her great-grandmother and brother is peaceful until disrupted by her mother's reappearance. Naomi must go on a journey to Mexico to keep together the only family she's ever known. She must find her voice and her missing father."

New this year, Radio Tier-



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**BIDDERS FILL** the main reading room of Hood River Library in the 2014 Feast of Words (details below). This year's event proceeds will support Georgianna Smith Park revitalization efforts.

ra DJs Alejandro Cano and Gale Arnold have been reading "Into the Beautiful North" every Friday, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Spanish and 8 p.m. in English. The series will continue until the book is finished, said James.

Advanced copies of the book in Spanish have already been released in conjunction with the Radio Tierra program — in part because of a Community Education Spanish-language GED program studying the book.

"Forty students are listening and reading the book at the same time," James explained. The station broadcasts on 95.1 FM in Hood River, 107.7 FM in The Dalles, and 95.9 FM in Stevenson.

At the March 15 kickoff party, the Hood River Valley High School Poetry Club will recite Urrea's poetry, Mayor Paul Blackburn will give the proclamation opening Hood River County Reads 2015, and staff will pass out free copies of "Into the Beautiful North" — children interested in "Becoming Naomi León" must either check out a copy from the library or check with their classroom teacher.

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**Programs and events:**

■ March 15 — Kickoff, 2-4 p.m. at the Hood River County Library. Book distribution, music, refreshments and poetry.

■ March 17 — Kickoff events at the Parkdale and Cascade Locks libraries, 5-7 p.m. Book distribution.

■ March 29 — Oregon Humanities Conversation: The Future of Radical Diversity in Oregon, 2 p.m. in the Hood River Library meeting room.

■ April 2 — Book discussion of "Into the Beautiful North," 6 p.m. in the Hood River Library meeting room.

■ April 12 — Panel, "Journey to Hood River, First Generation Stories," 2 p.m. at the Hood River Library reading room.

■ April 19 — Movie, "The Magnificent Seven," 2 p.m. at the Hood River Library meeting room.

■ April 25 — Public presentation by author Luis Urrea, 2 p.m. at the Hood River Library.

■ April 26 — Luis Urrea presentation in Spanish, 2 p.m. at Mid Valley Elementary.

**FEAST OF WORDS MARCH 7**

The Hood River County Library Foundation will host its annual Feast of Words inside the downtown Hood River Library on March 7 from 6-9 p.m. The foundation is hoping to raise \$25,000 to update the Georgianna Smith Memorial Gardens, which turn 10 this year. Funds will be used to replant some areas, hire a professional service to care for the plant beds, replace the irrigation system, and replace some of the worn furniture.

The event will include music by Amber and the Pale Ales, exquisite desserts and savory appetizers, local wine and beer, and live and silent auctions.

For children, staff will be on hand with activities in the Chil-

dren's Library, downstairs.

The event will include music by Amber and the Pale Ales, exquisite desserts and savory appetizers, local wine and beer, in the downtown Hood River Library. If you have never partied inside a library, this is your chance.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available at any library branch, Waucoma Bookstore, Volcanic Bottle Shoppe, or online at hoodriverlibrary.org/foundation. Tickets may also be bought at the event itself. For more information, contact the Hood River County Library District at 541-386-2535, info@hoodriverlibrary.org, or visit their website at hoodriverlibrary.org.

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**Get In The Action With Your Newspaper Sports Pages**

NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION WEEK 2015

**Raw Emotion!** Find and clip photos from the sports pages that show one of the following emotions: Fear, Eagerness, Pride, Surprise, Disappointment, Joy. Paste the picture in the box and circle the word that describes the emotion in the photograph. Write a caption for the photograph.

**Action!** Find a photograph in the sports section of the newspaper. Try to copy the pose with your own body and hold it for as long as you can.

**Learning from the Team Experience** To be successful, sports teams must have players that accept differences, work cooperatively and share responsibilities. Look through the newspaper for examples of these skills occurring or missing in the world around you.

**Amateur and Professional** Newspaper sports articles cover both amateur and professional sports. Can you find examples of each in your newspaper? Write the page numbers in each box.

**Find the two identical hockey players.**

**Colorful Adjectives** Often, sports writers use colorful adjectives to bring their writing to life. Select an article about a sporting event. Underline all the adjectives. Underline the most exciting adjectives twice!

**Circle the ball that continues the pattern in each row.**

**Newspaper Flag Grab** A Newspaper Game to Make and Play! Each player except one sticks a strip of folded newspaper into his/her waistband so that it hangs out and down. The player who has no newspaper is It. The object of the game is to pull the newspaper out from another player's waist. Then that player is It.

**Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.**

**Standards Link: Research: Find similarities and differences in common objects.**

**Standards Link: Civics: Understand why civic responsibility is important and know examples.**

**Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.**

**Standards Link: Physical Education: Use movement concepts to develop motor skills.**

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

How many words can you make from the letters in the following word?

**COMPETITION**

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| 1. | 6.  | 11. |
| 2. | 7.  | 12. |
| 3. | 8.  | 13. |
| 4. | 9.  | 14. |
| 5. | 10. | 15. |

**SCORE YOURSELF:**  
1 - 4 words: Classroom Contender  
5 - 9 words: Major League Reader  
10 - 14 words: All-Star Speller  
15+ words: World Champion Wordsmith

**Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.**

**Double Double Word Search**

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

NEWSPAPER  
SPORT  
EAGERNESS  
SKILLS  
POSE  
OBJECT  
SECTION  
PLAYER  
WAIST  
EMOTIONS  
HOLD  
TEAMS  
PRIDE  
AMATEUR  
TWICE

R W R U E T A M A E  
O E E D I R P T R M  
R N P D L O R E S O  
W O O A B O Y C L T  
A I S J P A H S L I  
I T E S L S M H I O  
S C A P M A W P K N  
T E A G E R N E S S  
I S O T W I C E N N

**Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.**

**FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY**

**Poetry in Motion**  
Find at least three newspaper photographs of athletes in motion. Write a poem that describes the movement captured in one of the pictures. Display the photo and your poem on a sheet of construction paper.

**Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres.**

**Write On!**

**Freedom of the Press**

Is a free press important? Why or why not? Tell us your opinion.

**Kid Scoop Together: Funny Filler**

Ask a friend to find each type of word on the blanks below in the newspaper. Use these words to fill in the blanks. Then read the story aloud!

Wendy and Kelvin met at the tennis courts this morning. Wendy lobbed a \_\_\_\_\_ over the net, and Kelvin returned it with a \_\_\_\_\_.

"Nice return!" said Wendy, as Kelvin began to \_\_\_\_\_ around the tennis courts. He had an \_\_\_\_\_ on his head.

Mrs. Schwartz, the tennis coach, yelled, " \_\_\_\_\_!" But Kelvin was too busy filling his water bottle with \_\_\_\_\_ to listen.

Wendy jumped over the net, landing in \_\_\_\_\_.

Everyone stopped playing tennis, staring at Kelvin and Wendy's \_\_\_\_\_ antics. They packed up their \_\_\_\_\_ and headed for the \_\_\_\_\_ basketball courts. They decided to \_\_\_\_\_ all the way, which made all the \_\_\_\_\_ they passed along the way chuckle.

**Standards Link: Grammar: Understand and use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.**

**Kid Scoop-doku**

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word SPORT in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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|   | S | P | T |   |
|   |   | P |   |   |
|   |   | O |   | P |
| S |   | R |   |   |
| O |   | T |   | R |