

GATHERINGS



Photos by Lisa Ann Kawachi
HUNDREDS OF youngsters thronged Jackson Park Saturday for the annual community Easter egg hunt and safety fair. Fisk Reagan, 4, of White Salmon exults as he and Bjorn Swanson, 3, of Mosier find some eggs. Above, Lila May Schow, 4, fills her Easter-bunny basket, which goes with her pink-and-white Easter attire.

Blue Ribbon Campaign raises awareness

The Blue Ribbon Campaign, started in 1989 as a grandmother's tribute to her grandson, who had died as the result of child abuse, came to downtown Hood River on April 4. With help from Boy Scout Troop 282, trees along Oak Street were lined with blue ribbons to raise awareness of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, which has taken place each April since 1983. Buckets of ribbons were also delivered to local businesses by the Vineyard Church youth group, Hawks Ridge Assisted Living and community member/grandmother Mary Hubbard.



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GABE ROTH, left, and Tyr Anderson hand out blue ribbons to Dan Smith at Frame Gallery on Oak.

Debi Baskins, Director of Columbia Gorge Children's Advocacy Center, encourages all community members to pick up a ribbon and wear it this month to show support for victims of child abuse and to raise awareness.

Columbia Gorge Children's Advocacy Center will hold its annual fundraiser on April 19 at Springhouse Cel-

lar from 6-9 p.m. The event will include food, and silent and live auctions. Funds raised support the center's work in Hood River, Sherman and Wheeler counties,

and is sponsored by A Kidz Dental Zone, Cardinal Glass, Columbia Gorge Family Medicine, DelCarpine Automotive, and the Johnson/Grizzle family.

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APPLE CUP ACTION

A total of 48 cars – five adult and 43 student drivers — from Hood River Valley High School and seven other high schools around Oregon and Washington, participated in Saturday's annual Apple Cup electric car race in downtown Hood River. A group of drivers heads east on the Industrial Way incline. Eight HRVHS cars and two from Columbia High School in White Salmon competed, and about 200 spectators attended.

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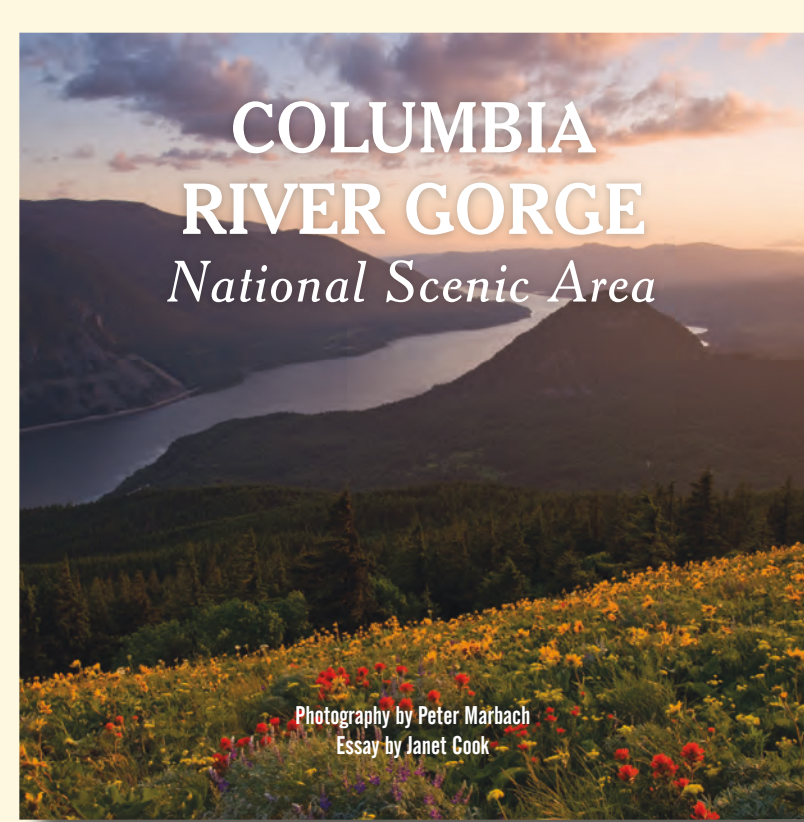
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