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time she is opening her studio, Art Studio 33, located at 1519 Lincoln Street, for the annual Gorge Artists Open Studios Tour, held this weekend.

"I'm really excited to take part in an event I've always loved to attend," Panzer said. "I have no doubt I'll be participating for years to come as I've also been asked to sit on the Board for this fantastic community activity."

She plans to hold demonstrations from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Additionally, she will have a kids' torn paper art table from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with wine, Hor'dourves and live music from 4-6 p.m. She asks those planning to attend email her at robinpanzerart@gmail.com, to receive a special coupon for a free 4x6 postcard print and shop discount for the weekend.

While this is an opportunity to showcase her artwork locally, Panzer sells 95 percent of her works online, mostly through Facebook, although she'll have an online shop live by the end of April at robinpanzer.com.

"It's exciting to me that my

audience is global thanks to social media," she said. "I have pieces all over the world: Australia, Canada, Portugal, the United Kingdom and so forth."

Recently, Panzer co-curated the Fine Feathered Friends exhibition at the Columbia Center for the Arts. "It was a gratifying experience to be able to show my work locally," she said. "So many people have asked over the years for me to show locally, and the opening night turnout was terrific, with such a bevy of talented artists participating."

Soon, she'll participate in the Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary fundraiser auction in Nashville — an invitation-only event, for which she's creating a life-sized bull dog statue using Chigirire.

While she doesn't exclusively create animals, most of her clients request such pieces. As an animal lover, that's fine with her.

"I've always been uniquely in tune with animals and they are the subject of many of my pieces; my husband thinks it is in part due to my Native American heritage combined with an inherent need to nurture," she said. "It was a natural marriage for me to create animals from hand torn paper."

She tends to work for only

a few hours at a time "as my eyes become bleary from all of the small detail work," she said. She likes to "reset" herself by walking her dogs or going for a bike ride with her husband and son.

"I am in and out of my studio all day and evening long," she said. "I'm always ready to head back in and create any time day or night — I have so many ideas and never enough time to make them all."

"I am so very grateful to be an artist and blessed with such a magnificent, supportive family that allows me to do what I love for a living."

TAKE THE TOUR

The annual Gorge Artists Open Studio Tour takes place this weekend, April 10-12, at various locations throughout the Gorge. This self-guided tour provides visitors the chance to meet and talk with artists in their studios. A total of 38 artists will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

This year's artists feature works in a variety of media, including painting, drawing, jewelry, glass, sculpture, photography, textless, fiber and more.

Detailed maps are available at www.gorgeartists.org, at area Chambers of Commerce, and the Columbia Center for the Arts.



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Red

HONORED NAMES

Tsuruta Tennis Courts on May Street received a major upgrade in 2013 thanks to community volunteers and fundraising. The four courts at the facility bear the names of individuals who were instrumental in the project or played a role in development of tennis programs in the community over the years. HRVHS athletes warm up here under the sign honoring retired teacher and coach Jean Harmon. The other courts are named for project coordinator Leslie Kerr and retired coaches Chuck Hiatt and Barb Hosford. The courts are available for public use, though priority goes this spring to scholastic tennis competition.

SENTENCE

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of both the accused and victim's families were present.

Assistant District Attorney Carrie Rasmussen presented photographic evidence to the judge. She said law enforcement officers found evidence of scratches on the defendant's chest that were consistent with the shape of the victim's hands. Forensics specialists found DNA underneath Campuzano-Ortiz's fingernails that matched the scratches on Soto-Quintana's chest.

Campuzano-Ortiz was found dead in her apartment near Montello Avenue and 22nd Street on October 6, 2014, when police responded to the residence for a welfare check. Friends and coworkers reported they had not heard from Campuzano-Ortiz for several days. Cam-

puzano-Ortiz was previously a supervisor at Cardinal Glass in Odell and most recently worked at U.S. Cellular in Hood River.

Soto-Quintana was arrested the day after Campuzano-Ortiz was discovered deceased in her home. Soto-Quintana was convicted for violating the terms of his probation he received in September 2013 for assaulting Campuzano-Ortiz that July. As part of his 18-month probation, Quintana-Soto was ordered to have no contact with Campuzano-Ortiz, except via mail or email to arrange parenting time, and text messaging for medical emergencies involving their three-year-old daughter.

At the court hearing Wednesday, Rasmussen presented family testimonials to attest to the repercussions of Campuzano-Ortiz's death. Yolanda Alvarado, a relative of Campuzano-Ortiz, said Soto-Quintana's actions had left his daughter without a

mother, as well as a father.

"I don't think anyone will understand what was going through your head when you did what you did," Wolf said after sentencing Soto-Quintana. "Not only did you obviously end Cecilia's life, but you dramatically impacted the life of your own daughter."

Wolf urged Soto-Quintana to consider the ramifications of his actions while in prison.

"Your actions had a very significant impact not only directly upon the victims, but on a wide group of people in this community. I hope you consider that while you're in custody," Wolf said.

Soto-Quintana will remain in Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Facility until he is transported to Coffee Creek Corrections Facility in Wilsonville. There, authorities will conduct a 30-day assessment before deciding which prison he will ultimately be transferred to.

BUDGET

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announced Friday he has filed a priority bill aimed at securing additional funding for Oregon schools through the May revenue forecast, scheduled for release on May 14.

Up to a total of 12 HRCSD classified and certified positions will need to be cut, along with reductions in special education, sports, transportation, English Language Learners program, and more.

The cuts will certainly mean larger class sizes, according to Goldman.

"Oregon is already 49th in the nation for number of kids in classes, and this (state budget) will do nothing but maybe push us to 50th," he said. "Our priorities are off. We need to be reinvesting in our education system," he said.

Johnson, a Hood River Republican serving Dist. 52 and HRCSD school board member, said, "In contrast to the K-12 budget that recently passed the House and Senate, which only directs 40 percent of the May revenue forecast to K-12 education, House Bill 3538, directs 100 percent of the May revenue forecast to K-12 funding."

The bill has been referred to House Revenue Committee for further advancement.

Next step for HRCSD is the May 6 district budget committee meeting on May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Hood River Valley High School.

Goldman also invited community members to attend

the Legislative budget "road show" event April 16 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, to give feedback to legislators.

Goldman said a projected 7.5 teaching positions and 5.5 classified (instruction aides, custodians, secretarial, for example) and .5 to 1.0 administrative positions are scheduled for cuts.

He said schools will certainly see reduced electives in career education and special education, among others, and cuts in transportation will mean fewer bus runs.

On HB 3538, Johnson said in a press release, "The K-12 education budget that was passed on a party-line vote is inadequate, underfunds our schools, and does nothing to help alleviate large class sizes and outdated curricula. Just this week, I attended our school board meeting in Hood River and saw firsthand the potential consequences of layoffs and the loss of instructional days as a result of this budget," said Rep. Johnson, who's currently serving his third term on the Hood River County School Board. "Directing 100 percent of the May revenue forecast to K-12 funding will help address these concerns by stabilizing local budgets. I'm hopeful that my colleagues will recognize the need for this significant investment by scheduling a public hearing and work session on this proposal to continue this discussion."

"Despite opposing letters and testimony from dozens of school districts across the state, as well as statements from Republicans and De-

mocrats in both the House and Senate criticizing the amount of funding, the Legislature chose to move forward with a \$7.255 billion budget that shortchanges Oregon's schools. According to teachers, superintendents, school board members and parents, this budget would impose significant consequences upon Oregon school districts, including overcrowded class sizes of 40+ students; layoffs of teachers and school administrators; outdated curricula, textbooks and other materials; and dilapidated facilities and resources.

"Since there's broad consensus among both Republicans and Democrats in the building to increase education funding this biennium, I'm calling on the Legislature to take action now and devote 100 percent of the May revenue forecast to K-12 schools to show a true commitment to our students," said Rep. Johnson.

HB 3538 is chief sponsored by Johnson and Sen. Chuck Thomsen of Hood River

Wednesday's school board meeting was not all bad news; Goldman announced two awards to staff: Keith Bassham won the 5A OSAA Athletic Director of the Year Award and Andy Angstrom, Hood River Middle School math and engineering teacher, earned the April Legos Education award for his robotics instruction.

Goldman also announced the departure of Kevin Noreen, human resources director, who has been hired for the same position with Forest Grove School District.

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