

BLOSSOM time

This is week two of Blossom Time, the Hood River spring festival long known as Blossom Festival, an event with so much going on it encompasses three weekends.

■ The centerpiece on April 18-19 will be the **Blossom Craft Show and the Blossom Fest Quilt Show**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hood River County Fairgrounds. Admission and parking are free

■ The 22nd annual **Parkdale Fire Department Casino Night** is April 18 at 5:30 p.m. This is a 21-and-over event; admission is \$20 and includes dinner and \$50 in chips, and admission to the beer and wine garden. Local rides home are provided. This Blossom tradition is the department's only fund raiser of the year.

Valuable prizes are given to the top players and there are also a couple of separate raffles and a general raffle (included in the price of admission) at the end of the evening.

■ **April 18 — Asbury Our Redeemer Blossom Craft Sale**; fine handmade items and crafts, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1140 Tucker Road Hood River (across from bowling alley).

■ **April 18-19 — Apple Valley Blossom Festival**, Dessert Party and Country BBQ, 2363 Tucker Road Hood River, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (applevalleystore.com). Apple Valley's famous desserts are showcased during the Blossom Time Dessert Party. Country BBQ will be served at the store featuring cherry wood smoked ribs, pulled pork and chicken sandwiches and our pear coleslaw and cider baked beans.

■ **April 18-19 — Parkdale Grange Blossom Dinner**, 11-5 p.m. at 7375 Clear Creek Road, Parkdale. Chuck-wagon dinner featuring steak or ham with all the trimmings, and a selection of desserts. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 4-12 years, and free for children 3 and under.

■ **April 19 — West Side Fire District All You Can Eat Breakfast**, 7-11 a.m. at Fire Station No. 1, 4250 Barrett Road. Ham and eggs, coffee, juice and milk. \$8 adults, \$5 children 6-12; under 6 free. All proceeds benefit the volunteer fire department Neighbor Helping Neighbor program.

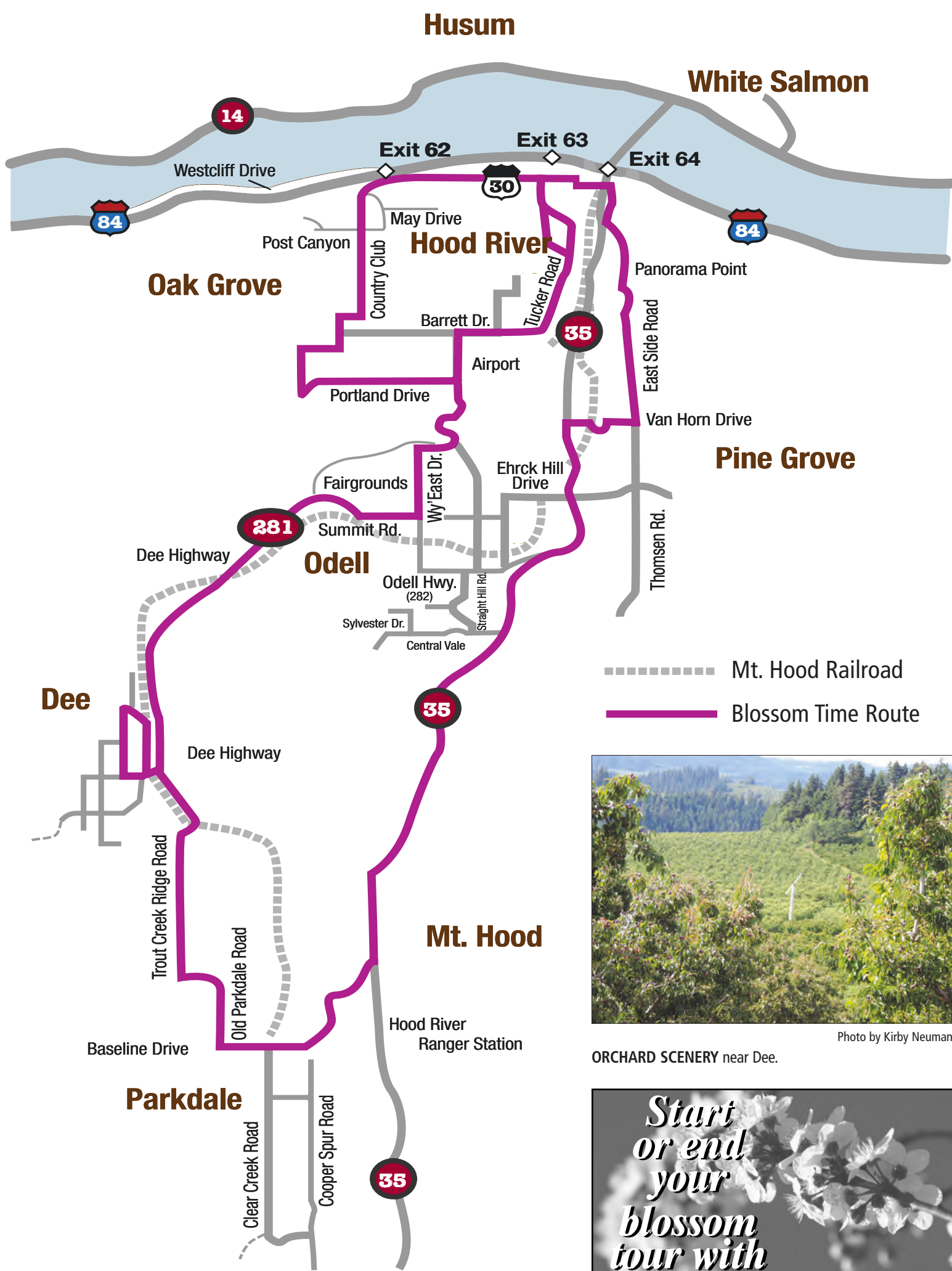
■ **April, 17-18 — Lions Follies**, 7:30 p.m. in the Hood River Middle School Auditorium. "A Ma and Pa Kettle Story." General admission \$10, or \$9 presale; call 541-386-2763 or tallmantru@gmail.com. Presented for the Oregon Lions Site and Hearing Foundation.

■ **Through April 26 — Abstract Fiber Trunk Show**, 11-4 p.m. at Foothills Yarn & Fiber, 4207 Sylvester Drive. Abstract Fiber yarn hand-dyed by Susan, Karen, Rachel, and Gail in their studio in Portland, Oregon. See shawls, socks, hats, scarves, and gloves knit with this luscious yarn. Alpacas too! Free admission.

■ **Through April 30 — Luminous Yellow: A Color Show**, Columbia Center for the Arts, Third and Cascade. This show is a challenge to all Gallery Artists to explore the color yellow, the most luminous color in the spectrum. A diversity of creative interpretation is represented in oils, acrylics, pastel, photography, digital art, jewelry, and glass, all linked by hues of lemon, daffodil, amber and gold.

■ **April 18 — Earth Day Weeding and Clean-up at HR Waterfront Park**, 9-1 p.m. Volunteers and families invited to join. Small shovels and hand trowels, work gloves, large shovels and water bottles recommended. No pets. More info at waterfrontpark@gmail.com.

■ **April 18-19 — Gorge Grapes Weekend at Columbia Gorge Wineries in Oregon and Washington**. Small bites, special cheeses or pop-up food carts will be available along with take-home recipes, pairing lessons and new releases at 24 participating wineries. \$25 fee; valid month of April. More info at 1-866-413-9463 and columbiagorgewine.com/passport-month.



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Blossom Time Week 3, April 25-26

■ **April 25 — Hood River Valley FFA 7th Annual Steak Feed and Silent Auction**, 6 p.m. at the HRVHS cafeteria. Tickets \$10; proceeds go back to the HRV FFA chapter to fund future student events and activities. To purchase call 541-386-4500 ext. 4562 or nita.bozarth@hoodriver.k12-or.us.

■ **April 25 — Procession of the Species**, 4:30 p.m. at Waterfront Park. Earth Day celebration to share what we love about Earth through art, music, dance

and story, and how we are working to protect it. Food.

■ **April 25-26 — Barrel & Reserve Tasting Weekend** Columbia Gorge Wineries in Oregon and Washington. \$25 fee; valid month of April. More info at 1-866-413-9463 and columbiagorgewine.com/passport-month.

■ **April 25 — Spring Cleanup Day**: In honor of Earth Day, plan to help clean up the river on Saturday, April 25. Columbia Riverkeeper invites the community to help collect trash along with Bethel and Riverside UCC youth who regularly monitor Nichols

Boat Basin as part of Riverkeeper's Adopt-A-River program.

■ **April 25 — Columbia Gorge Climate Action Network (CGCAN)** is coordinating a series of Earth Day events on in Hood River to celebrate and connect Columbia Gorge residents around Earth awareness. The morning will start at the Hood River Waterfront Park near the playground area at 9:30 a.m. with a welcome and gathering circle.

UCC at 6 p.m. for a potluck and 6:20 until 8 p.m. for the meeting. The next meetings are April 20 and May 18.

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Ahnu & Trunk Show
 Saturday, April 18, 10am - 3pm

For every pair of Ahnu footwear sold on Saturday, April 18, Footwise will donate \$20 to the Columbia Gorge CASA!

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