



Photo by Trisha Walker

BLOSSOM DINNER

The Parkdale Grange enjoyed a busy weekend of visitors during its annual Blossom Dinner, held April 18-19. Saturday saw scores of visiting diners — but Sunday is traditionally “locals day.” Vernon and Beverly Shoaf, Dale and Carolee Lyddon, Dale and Mary Blumenthal and Ivan Hardman (all of Parkdale, except for the Lyddons, who reside in Hood River) took advantage of a Sunday lull to enjoy a friendly meal together. Hardman’s wife, Jean, was busy selling tickets and serving at the event. See page B1 for more photos.

FIRE

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have been caused by hazardous fuel levels or dry conditions. It was the first major house fire in Parkdale since last summer. The last residence that burned down was also a light frame manufactured home.

CL family recovers from April 11 fire

A Cascade Locks family is still recovering from the loss of their home, which burned to the ground the Saturday before last.

Flames leveled the former home of Christina Fehd, Shane Barron and 13-year-old son Logan Barron on Saturday, April 11. The 40-year-old cabin at NW Forest Lane in Cascade Locks was Shane’s childhood home. The family lost roughly

\$60,000 worth of possessions in the fire. According to Fehd, the family lost pictures, memories, clothing, furniture and electronics including a computer.

In addition to local fire departments, the American Red Cross of the Cascade Region responded to the scene on Saturday. Volunteers provided food, clothing and temporary lodging at the Bridge of the Gods motel in Cascade Locks. The family stayed there for three days before relocating to a friend’s travel

trailer, where they’re currently residing.

The family has reached out to the community for support. As of Friday, they’ve raised about \$450 on GoFundMe.com — a donation website — and \$250 from a fund at Riverview Bank in Stevenson. Their total goal is \$10,000.

Cash donations can be made at the Barron fund at Riverview Bank or online at <http://www.gofundme.com/rnq3bfc>.

Community Work Day returns on April 29

Hood River Valley High School (HRVHS) is supporting the 18th annual Community Work Day (CWD) Wednesday, April 29.

CWD is an opportunity for students from HRVHS to partner with local business owners or individuals for five hours to do work for the business/individual. For five hours of a student’s time, the business/individual pledges a \$50 donation to HRVHS/CWD. All money raised by the students for CWD experience is donated to local non-profit organization(s).

Local non-profit organiza-

tions came and presented to student government on April 9. Students voted and the following will be receiving from CWD: Cascade Mt. School, Columbia Gorge Peace Village, History Museum of Hood River County, Relay for Life, The Next Door, and United Way. Past Community Work Day events have generated upwards of \$20,000.

If you would like to sponsor a student or have questions, contact Wendy Herman in the Summit Career Center at 541-387-5034 ext. 1 or e-mail wendy.herman@hoodriver.k12.or.us.

OIL

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sponse planner for the DEQ, said while the goal is to return the site to pre-spill condition, it’s not a question if the environment with be impacted but how?

Pettit said a spill is considered clean when there is no visible oil, oil no longer rubs off on contact and oiled vegetation is removed.

“There will always be impacts on the environment from actions associated with cleaning up a spill,” Pettit said. “There will always be uncertainty in knowing what has been harmed, what to do about it and when to stop.”

Police and fire departments, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Department of Ecology and U.S. Coast Guard would all report to an oil spill. Response always begins locally, then state resources, followed by federal, will be called if the spill becomes too much.

“The first day typically goes very well because everybody is out there, they know their job and they are doing it.” EPA coordinator Mike Renz said.

Lead planner Sue Vezeau briefly went over the Mid-Columbia River Geographic Response Plan, which is being updated for the first time since 2004. The GRP provides direction to responders in the early hours of a spill.

Vezeau discussed notification procedures and identified boat launches to get booms on the water, which will be the first line of defense. There are 62 boat launches in the plan, including nine in The Dalles.

“We are much better equipped to get oil off the water than before due to more collection strategies,” Vezeau said.

Potential risks to the Columbia come from oil transported on large commercial vessels, pipelines, rail cars and trucks. The majority of oil transported by rail into Washington and Oregon enters Washington at the border with Idaho near Spokane. The oil is transported west along the Columbia River to Vancouver before heading north toward refineries in Anacortes and Ferndale, near the Canadian border.

The newly updated GRP covers 198 miles of the river, beginning upstream of the Bonneville Dam and ending at the Hanford Site near the Tri-Cities.

All 1,200 pages of the plan are available online at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/s/pills/preparedness/GRP/ColumbiaRiver/MidColumbiaRiver.htm.

Vezeau said the GRP is currently in draft form and still needs work before it’s published.

Comments can be submitted online at www.rrt10nwac.com/Comment and or can be emailed to GRPs@ecy.wa.gov before 5 p.m. on May 15.

FILM

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Myles Cameron carefully reviewed the final cut of his film submission, a skiing video he shot, directed and produced. Cameron said he filmed his subject, HRVHS skier Tucker FitzSimons, by skiing behind him, holding a camera on a Glidecam stabilization rig. The duo shot the video at Timberline Lodge last spring.

Cameron and FitzSimons

are nationally ranked in their respective crafts—FitzSimons took first place at the United States of America Snowboard and Freeski Association Nationals last week in Colorado, and Cameron won state and national contests with a video he directed, “Eagle Nation.”

Cameron’s classmates at HRVHS provided the music for “Eagle Nation.” The song features rapid-fire rap lyrics and hip hop beats by Owen Kozec, and soaring vocals by Noah Tauscher. The video won Oregon School Activi-

ties Association’s “#1 Student Section” contest last fall. It then went on to win \$2,500 for the school’s multimedia program through “What Makes your School Rock,” a national music video contest hosted by Jostens and the Grammy Foundation. HRVHS was one of three schools chosen for the award nationwide.

The Hood River Independent Film Festival will be the first chance for Cameron and his classmates to compete at a local screening. Cameron will be submitting two sports

action videos, and Kozec will be providing the ominous synth soundtrack for his classmate Willie Ishizaka’s fire-fighting video.

According to Schend, there will be 10 student-produced films in total. Following the student films will be a professional independent action film shot by Dakine.

The festival will be held at Hood River Valley High School in the Bowe Theatre on Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m. The event is open to filmgoers of all ages.

Kidnapping, rape suspect to see court in May

A Hood River man accused of eight separate felonies including kidnap and rape will appear before a judge next month, following a request for re-appearance delivered Monday by his attorney.

Michael Scott Linden, 52, was charged with burglary, kidnapping, rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, assault fourth degree, strangulation and unlawful use of weapon—all of which are felonies. Linden was also charged with assault and menacing, which are misdemeanors.

Judge Karen Ostrye set Linden’s next court appearance at the Hood River County Courthouse for Wednesday, May 6.

Linden was booked in Northern Oregon Region Corrections Facility last Wednesday and arraigned at the courthouse Thursday, where he appeared before Judge John Olson via video feed.

Linden appeared again via video for a follow up appearance before Ostrye at the court Monday, April 22. No new information regarding the criminal case was discussed.

Linden’s attorney, Brian Starns, said the defendant would reserve the right to plead against the charges as well as to formally file a motion for reduction of bail, but would re-appear at a later

date.

“I would still like to keep those options in place and ask for a re-appearance date at the court’s convenience,” said Starns.

If the case proceeds to a

grand jury indictment and Linden is found guilty, he could face upwards of 40 years in prison for the most severe charges levied against him.

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Hood River Weather Forecast

Date	Forecast	Daytime / Overnight High / Low (°F)
Today April 22	Partly Cloudy	61° / 43°
Thurs. April 23	Partly Cloudy	63° / 44°
Fri. April 24	AM Showers	60° / 46°
Sat. April 25	PM Light Rain	59° / 48°
Sun. April 26	Rain	63° / 48°
Mon. April 27	Rain	60° / 44°
Tues. April 28	Showers	60° / 42°

Oregon Weather Map

Today’s Forecast
A 20 percent chance of showers before 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. West wind 11 to 17 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.

Humidity 77%

Wind Speed S 2 G 3 MPH

Barometer NA

Dewpoint 41°F (5°C)

Visibility NA

Last update on 20 Apr 8:00 am PDT

Actual High / Low

AGRIMET HOOD RIVER OR
Lat: 45.6842 Long: -121.5181 Elev: 510
<http://uspest.org>

Apr 13 - 59/35
Apr 14 - 52/40
Apr 15 - 60/35
Apr 16 - 69/34
Apr 17 - 76/37
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