



Bike Buddies holds bike drive this weekend

8-year-old organizes bike restoration, give-away program



Submitted photo

BIKE BUDDY Anson Pulk, hard at work.

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Anson is a very special 8 year old who lives in Hood River.

He has a goal that every child should have a bike of their own. Anson came up with his idea when he realized that not all children had a bike of their own. He had been donating his bikes, after growing out of them, and he realized he could do more.

This led to the idea of Anson's Bike Buddies. Anson's Bike Buddies collects used bikes from the community, repairs them, and then matches them to children ages 6-18 throughout the Gorge who

would benefit from the experience of owning a bike. Anson's Bike Buddies is a State of Oregon non-profit and has partnered with local bike shops, who are donating the repair work. Anson also won the top prize in February's Gorge Kids' Soup in support of his project, taking home \$1,400 in donations from people who attended, dined on soup and heard pitches from five young start-up entrepreneurs.

Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital is then donating a helmet with each bike that is given out and local organizations, such as The Next Door, are helping to distribute the bikes.

So far, Anson's Bike Buddies already has bikes on the trails and about 20 in the queue; however, demand still far exceeds the supply. Cascade Eye Center has donated a storage facility. Anson's Bike Buddies will be having a bike drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 25 and 26 outside of Cascade Eye Center in the Safe-way plaza.

Anson's Bike Buddies will collect and reuse any bike parts and recycle the rest. They will also take whole bikes or frames, but anything will help.

Contact Jeff Craven 231-392-2363 or Kristen Campbell 231-620-3810 with any other questions or see them on the web at www.ansonsbikebuddies.org.



Photos by Gordon Leigh, Positive Negatives

LIONS LADIES

Follies 2015 is in the books, but filling chapters during the last decade or so are performers Amy White, above, a senior at Hood River Valley High School and Wy'east eighth grader Emily Curtis. Both have had parents and siblings involved over the years, and held small or medium roles in recent years. This year, Amy and Emily both had featured singing and sketch parts in "Follies in the Ozarks," produced the last two weekends.

Cascade Mountain School announces summer courses

Climbing volcanic trails. Making fresh mozzarella cheese. Bicycling through alfalfa fields. Hunting for salmon.

Cascade Mountain School isn't your typical summer camp. It takes a roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty approach to outdoor education.

"The only way to learn about and appreciate the local landscape, the food, the fresh water, and other natural resources, is to get out and meet the geologists, biologists, farmers and cheese makers in our community," said Emily Goodwin, the creator of Cascade Mountain School, which

is based in Trout Lake, Wash., and Hood River. Cascade Mountain School's field ecology and watershed science programs are guided by a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum. The for-credit courses meet national and Oregon and Washington high school science standards. This year's course offerings are:

■ Mountain Camp for Middle School Students: June 28-July 3, based in the White Salmon River Valley; 8 hours of service credit are available.

■ Sustainable Agriculture Course: July 5-18, for-credit course for students age 15-18, is based in Trout Lake. High

school science credit, college credit and 20 hours of service credit are available.

■ Mt. Hood Watershed Science Camp: July 20-31, for students age 14-18, explores the Hood River watershed. College credit and 20 hours of service credit are available.

■ Farm to Table Bike Camp for Middle School Students: July 26-31, for students ages 12-14, based in Trout Lake; 8 hours of service credit are available.

■ Mt. Adams Field Ecology Course: Aug. 2-15. This for-credit course for students age 15-18 is based on Mt. Adams and in Trout Lake. Students get a hands-on field science

experience working alongside professional scientists and learn about climate change, glaciers and mountain ecology. High school science credit, college credit and 20 hours of service credit are available.

Want to know what it's like to spend a day at Cascade Mountain School? Join our upcoming community outing. Spend a day rafting down the Klickitat River on May 9, learning about salmon restoration efforts with a watershed specialist. The cost is \$12 per person. To learn more or register, visit cascademountainsschool.org or call 503-358-1949.



'SHREK' THIS WEEKEND

Wy'east Middle School students let the "Freak" flag fly in preparation for this week's performances of "Shrek: The Musical," about an ogre who finds true love and friendship with the help of his forest friends, and makes short work of vanquishing an evil prince. Performances are at Wy'east Performing Arts Center on the campus in Odell. The double-cast show includes dozens of students on stage and helping as crew members, and features Cooper Case and Freya Chase as Shrek. Kendra Wilkins and Alexandra Buckles as Fiona, Aarya Bradley and Taelor Robinson as Donkey, and Rachael Mooney and Kelsey Stewart as Lord Farquaad. Show dates are April 24, at 7 p.m., April 25 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and April 26 at 2 p.m., tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Jennifer Graves directs the show.

Earth Day events for youngsters

Columbia Gorge Climate Action Network hosts several events on Saturday starting at the Hood River Waterfront Park near the playground at 9:30 a.m. with a welcome and gathering circle. Following this will be a riverside clean up along the Hood River from 10 a.m. to

noon. All are invited to meet at the Spit parking area with gloves in hand.

At 11 a.m. at the Hood River Waterfront Park playground is the Procession of the Species: come in costume or in the spirit of a being you are drawn to represent.

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