

THE Porch



WELL DONE: Ink drawings by Kristina Cancelmi (above) on display through April 30 at Dog River Coffee. These bittersweet observations on love and life employ images and words, including a lyric by the 1980s Scottish band Big Country. Cancelmi is the graphic artist for Full Sail Brewing.

SCENE and Heard: A second-grader going to school in home-made high heels: tennis shoes, wooden blocks, and duct tape ... A casual survey of the new bike rack at Third and State suggests no takers yet by bicyclists mooring their rides, but one day last week they were just the right height for a runner stretching out using the in-ground hoop bars. (By the way, City Council agenda on Monday includes closure of the public restroom located below City Hall, now that the new Third and State facility is open.)

On the streets: Walking down Oak, give a moment of thought to victims of child abuse when you see the blue ribbons tied to trees, benches and other places. It's part of the April Blue Ribbon Campaign honoring victims of child abuse.

The first annual Blossom Time window decorating contest never really took off, but businesses including Doug's and Sophie's Alpaca on Oak Street deserve credit for filling their windows with flowers and garden implements and other symbols of spring. Maybe next year more businesses will let the Chamber know they've put up seasonal adornments.

— Kirby Neumann-Rea

Next Door's 'Table of Friends' returns May 1

Get ready to know your onions at Table of Friends, The Next Door's annual benefit dinner and dessert auction, May 1 with the theme, "Puttin' On The Ritz" from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Springhouse Cellars.

Take yourself back to the Roaring Twenties with great food from Chef Mark Whitehead of Ahi's Ohana Catering, and live music. For those so inclined, get your Roaring Twenties beaded dress out of the attic and start practicing the Charleston. But if you're not inclined, Ish Kabibble! You don't have to be toggled to the

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bricks to have fun.

The thrill of the night is a live dessert auction, where friends hit on all sixes, bidding together to win ducky desserts made by incredible local bakers — all in support of vulnerable children in our community," said Carolyn Zuck of The Next Door.

Tickets are \$45, available at Waucoma Bookstore and The Next Door,

965 Tucker Rd. in Hood River.

Hundreds of local families and children benefit from the services provided by New Parent Services. However, every year dozens of families are turned away due to lack of funding, making this event especially important.

"The goal of our home visiting program is to prevent child abuse. Child abuse prevention is a fundamental first step in strengthening families and communities, preventing crime and reducing violence," said Julie Ryan, program supervi-

sor.

Nearly every social ill can be connected to child abuse or neglect, according to Ryan. The National Institute of Justice reports that child abuse increases the likelihood of juvenile arrest by 59 percent and of adult criminal behavior by 30 percent. Additionally, the National Institute on Drug Abuse reports that two thirds of people in drug treatment were victims of child abuse or neglect. The direct financial impact of child abuse nationwide is estimated at \$24 billion annually.

Reece receives Ford Foundation scholarship

The Ford Family Foundation of Roseburg, Ore., has recognized Parkdale resident Kristin Reese with a Ford Community Fellowship award. This honor is given to residents in rural Oregon and Siskiyou County, Calif., who demonstrate a commitment to community service and to the pursuit of rural community vitality. Currently, there are 15 Community Fellows and three Emeritus Fellows in communities served by the Ford Family Foundation.

Each Fellow develops a work plan to explore, learn, and practice the art of community building during their 1-3 year fellowship. Reese will be pursuing the expansion of youth leadership development opportunities to Wasco and Klickitat Counties. During her fellowship, she will become certified in the Seven Habits of



Kristin Reese

Effective Teens and in administering the Meyers Briggs Temperament Inventory. In addition, she is leading the team that is preparing to bring a sixth cohort of Ford Leadership training to Hood

River County in Fall 2015.

Reese has spent her life as a community organizer, working for nonprofits, political campaigns and elected officials. A resident of the Columbia Gorge area for 17 years, she has dedicated the last 15 of them to directing all aspects of a youth leadership program in Hood River County, Leaders for Tomorrow, which is a program of The Next Door. Reese is piloting Leaders for Tomorrow this year at Wahtonka Community School in The Dalles.

"I believe we are called to create the community we desire," she said. "I have had the good fortune to work every day for organizations and with people who have an inspired vision for the future."

Reese serves as advisor to the student Lions group, the Leos Club, and she is a familiar face at the Leos' Can and

Bottle Collections on the first Saturday of each month. She is a member of Hood River Lions and The Dalles Kiwanis clubs.

Reese facilitates the Leaders for Tomorrow Pie Eating Contest at Harvest Fest and manages the Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraising event for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

In her spare time, she is a singer for local classic folk rock band, Savant Garde. She and her husband, Stan Loop, have volunteered at Multnomah Falls Visitors Center for 20 years. In addition, Reese serves on the Mt. Hood Town Hall Advisory Board.

A graduate of the Ford Institute Leadership Program's first Hood River County cohort, she has participated in all phases of the program including Advanced Facilitation Trainings and serving as a Community Ambassador.

Week 3 Hood River Blossom Time highlights

Blossom Time, the valley-long spring festival in Hood River County, comes to a close this weekend. There are a variety of things to eat, drink, and experience.

■ April 25 - Spring Cleanup Day on the Waterfront; meet at 11 a.m. at the Hood River Waterfront playground. Lunch served at 12:30. Photographer and naturalist David Lloyd will share collection of stories and photos about climate ef-

fects on Mt. Adams and Mt. Hood at 2.

■ 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, 11 a.m. at Water-

front 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 — Foothills Alpaca Abstract Fiber Trunk Show, 11a.m. to 4 p.m., near Odell.

■ April 25-26 — Barrel & Reserve Tasting Weekend 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.

■ April 26 — Chasing the Light landscape photography class, 9noon at the Columbia Art Gallery. With local photographers Peter Marbach and Brian Cham-

bers; learn the fundamentals of great landscape photography. \$75; walk-ins welcome.

■ Through April - Luminous Yellow: A Color Show, Columbia Center for the Arts, in which Gorge artists explore our most vibrant color, in painting, jewelry, photography, glass, digital art, and more.

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Made for Mosier gala tonight in HR

Mosier Schools holds its biggest fundraiser of the year today — the Made for Mosier Art Auction and Gala.

As a charter school, Mosier gets 80 percent of its funding from the state and county, with the rest coming from fundraisers. The goal is to raise at least \$30,000 at this gala.

This annual event is a bit different this year because it

will feature a dance band and auctioning of special art to launch the Ellen Dittebrandt Memorial Art Fund — money that will be used for art supplies and an artists in residency program at Mosier School in honor of beloved former Mosier resident Ellen.

Made for Mosier Art Auction and Gala goes from 5:30-10 p.m. at Springhouse Cellars. Admission is \$30 a per-

son, for appetizers and desserts, a drink ticket, and music and dancing.

Funkship Columbia will play two sets. The silent auction will feature more than 100 items and a live auction includes art from Mosier school kids and local artists.

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April 25th & 26th Art of the Gorge

May 2nd David Crowe Comedy Night

May 10th Mothers Day Brunch

May 17th Mad Hatters Tea

July 19th Gregg Rolie

August 14th Hell's Belles

September 6th Curtis Salgado

Correction

The correct date of the Hood River Independent Film Festival at Hood River Valley High School is May 8. The April 22 page A1 article on the event listed two different dates.

The Hood River News strives for accuracy at all times. If we make a factual error, we welcome readers to let us know about it by calling the news department at 386-1234.

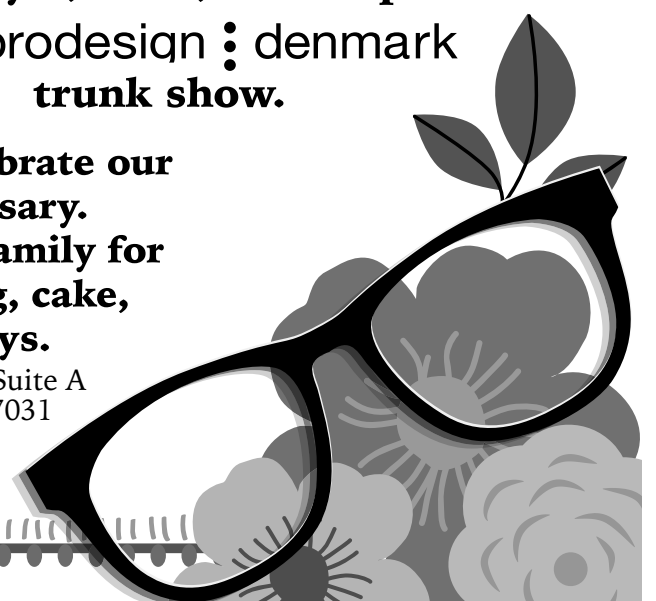
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