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Shooting at Marina



Photo by Jay Chrisman



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

THE SCENE, Saturday night at about 7 p.m., on Second Street near Oak, as medics attend to Mark Wright in his truck, at center of the photo. Wounded four times, Wright drove from the marina to this location. At right, officers bag up the weapon believed used in the shooting, after it was thrown into the Columbia River.

Underwater search yields suspect's handgun

SUSPECT CHARGED MONDAY WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER

By **PATRICK MULVIHILL**
News staff writer

A Kamiah, Idaho man has been accused of shooting a Eugene man multiple times at the Hood River Marina on Saturday, April 25.

Tyson Sackett, 28, appeared in court Monday in connection with the shooting of Mark Wright, 60, of Eugene. Sackett, a former Parkdale resident, was living with relatives in Kamiah for the last three years.

Wright was transported by life flight Saturday to a Portland area

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By **KIRBY NEUMANN-REA**
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The motive was not clear but fortunately for investigators the river was, in the case of Saturday's shooting at Hood River marina.

Shortly after Saturday's 6:45 p.m. shooting, Hood River Police officers arrested Tyson Sackett, 28, of Kamiah, Idaho, for allegedly shooting Mark Wright, 60, of Eugene, at the Hood River Marina. Wright was transported to Legacy Emmanuel Hospital in Portland after medics treated him in downtown Hood River, where he was able to drive while wounded. Sackett was transported to NORCOR and appeared in court Monday (see story, left). It was the first case in memory of an assault case involving gunfire in the City of Hood River.

On Sunday morning divers searched the marina channel for the weapon believed

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Tyson Sackett

Ballots mailed on Saturday

The Hood River County Elections office puts ballots in the mail Friday for the May 19 Special Districts Election.

Voters have until May 19 to return their ballots via mail or to voting locations at the County Administration Building, Sixth and State, or Cascade Locks City Hall.

Voters are reminded to sign their ballot envelopes, but to sign only their own, to ensure ballot validity. If you do not receive your ballot in the mail by May 3, call County Elections at 541-386-1442.

Ballots must be in the hands of the Elections office by 8 p.m. May 19; postmarks to do not count.

The ballot includes seats on every special election district in the county, and features contested races for the Ports of Hood River and Cascade Locks, Hood River County School District, and Hood River County Parks and Recreation District.

Young Voices

Student hosts eating disorder benefit May 1

Zoe Shepard, Hood River Valley High School junior, is using her Extended Application (EA) Project to raise money for the National Eating Disorder Association, to aid in the research of eating disorders and the building of treatment facilities, on May 1.

"I was inspired to do this benefit because I know how hard it was for me to begin recovery and find support," Shepard said. "The benefit will follow the timeline of my recovery: I have three poems, one from when I was actively restricting, one from when I began recovery and how terrifying it is, and the last one will be (a) current day three years into recovery, why it is so important to get into recovery, and some facts and figures about eating disorders."

The show will also include a short scene written and directed by Shepard, and the evening will conclude with chocolate sheet cake, prepared by her mother.

"That is the first 'bad food' I ate in recovery so it symbolizes the beginning of the healing process to me," she said.

The show begins at 7 p.m. on May 1 in the HRVHS Bowe Theater. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

For more information on NEDA, visit www.nationaleatingdisorders.org.

HRVHS Garden Symposium brings students together



Submitted photo

STUDENTS FROM Lyle middle and high schools, Klahre House and Corbett CAPS joined HRVHS students for the third annual Student Garden Symposium, held at HRVHS on April 21. As part of the symposium, students shared the projects they've been working on at their respective schools for the past year. See page A11 for related photos.

100 gather for annual presentation fair

Hood River Valley High School and Gorge Grown Food Network hosted the third annual School Garden Symposium on April 21 at HRVHS. Students from Lyle middle and high school, Klahre House and Corbett CAPS joined HRVHS students for the day, with about 100 total participants.

The symposium was coordinated by Hannah Ladwig, food access and outreach assistant, Gorge Grown Food Network, and Nita Bozarth, HRVHS teacher and FFA advisor. It was sponsored in part by Cascade Mountain School.

"The School Garden Symposium is a great annual event to bring together school garden programs in the Gorge," said Ladwig. "It's a day of networking, learning and fun. Students are able to attend workshops that they can translate into their garden or ag programs."

Austyn Polzel, Hood River Valley High School class of 2014, gave the keynote address. Polzel has been a regular vendor at Gorge Grown Farmers' Market for many years, starting as a sixth grader. He is now a first year horticulture student at Oregon State University, with a focus on ecological and sustainable

horticulture.

HRVHS students led workshops in the morning, including constructing cedar planters, learning how to start a small business selling eggs and poultry, a tour of the HRVHS outdoor infrastructure and how the FFA program hopes to someday raise pigs at the school, and learning the benefits of locally grown, home-ground grains. Moria Reynolds of Casa Verde helped students construct special aquaponics barrels that the visiting schools could take back with them to keep.

The afternoon consisted of a presentation fair, where schools showed off the gardening projects they have been working on during the year. Projects included vermiculture, constructing a beehive, exploring the benefits of nettles, and a history lesson of the school garden.

"The presentation fair is a chance for everyone to show off what they have been up to all year; get new ideas, and collaborate on projects together," Ladwig said. "Above all, it's a great day to get kids outside and excited about getting their hands dirty in an outdoor classroom!"

Four To Go

Honey by the People kick starts May 1

Honey by the People, a community-supported bee-keeping venture, launches a Kickstarter campaign on May 1 at Butler Bank Building, 301 Oak St. The free event is from 7-9 p.m. Light appetizers — made with honey — from Boda's Kitchen, and beer and wine, will be served. Cait Ride is founder and chief beekeeper. She plans to purchase equipment to increase honey production. Meet the farmers, taste honey, and find out how to contribute. Ride partners with farmers who want to host beehives on her property. (honeybythepeople.com)



Master Gardener Association plant sale May 9

The annual OSU Central Gorge Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale will be on May 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at OSU Extension, 2990 Experiment Station Road. Plants include over 3,000 vegetable starts, flowering perennials, native trees and shrubs, ground covers, herbs and ornamental grasses. Master Gardeners will be available at the sale to answer questions, and look for a supply of worms for sale for those interested in vermiculture. Hood Hoppers 4-H club will sell snacks and drinks.

Free Veterans seminar offered April 30 at Parkhurst Place

Hood River County Veterans Service Office hosts a free Veterans seminar at Parkhurst Place, 2450 May St., on April 30 at from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Several speakers will be featured from the Portland VA, including a Choice Preference Card Champion, explaining how to use the white preference choice card that was mailed to veterans. Topics will include nutrition, exercise, diabetes and tobacco. Also on hand will be the American Legion, Post 22 and VSO, with information on how they serve veterans.

Parkdale School accepting donations for displaced family

A Parkdale family is recovering from a fire that destroyed their home and two cars. Rigoberto and Mayra Rodriguez and their two children lost most of their belongings in a fire Sunday, April 19. The Rodriguez family is currently staying with family members in Odell. Parkdale Elementary School is coordinating a donation fund for the family. Cash and check donations can be brought to the school's front desk or mailed to PO Box 69, Parkdale, OR 97041. For more information call the school at 541-352-6255.