

GATHERINGS



EARTH WEEK NETWORKING

Winners of the first Business Competition by Gorge Owned drew 125 or so people to The Pint Shack Thursday, where five businesses gave their pitches and three earned enough audience votes to snare the right to apply for a no-interest Kiva Zip non-profit loan for start-ups. Emily Reed's on-line social networking app got the nod, along with Nicole Basset, center right, and McKenzie Guinon, right, for the garment-reuse project Re-Make; with them is Gorge Owned board member Becky Brun. The third winner was Ari Bacharach of Opa's Goat Grove farm and ranch in Mosier, at left, with fellow applicant, photographer Michael Peterson of Pro Media in Hood River who tells Bacharach, "We should do some work together."

Tod LeFevre Sustainability Awards were announced April 22 at Columbia Center for the Arts. Susan Hess of Envirogorge, and Suzanne Baumhackl (with son, Rune) accept the Individual and Business awards.



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'BIG' JAMES BRAUER and his Little, Robert, take a break from trying to stand on a foam fish at Hood River Aquatic Center.

'Bigs' and 'Littles' splash together

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Columbia Gorge hosted its semi-annual pool party on Sunday, April 12 at the Hood River Aquatic Center.

Approximately 20 program participants, composed of Bigs and Littles, from Hood River, Klickitat, and Wasco counties attended the event, where they splashed in the pool, swung from the rope swing, and slid down the waterslide.

Little Sister Harlie said that the best part about the Big Brothers Big Sisters pool party is playing in the water with her Big Sister Courtney. The two, matched since July 2014, had a blast playing basketball in the water with

other Big/Little pair Katie and Nevaeh.

Little Brother Robert and his Big Brother James were all smiles after their failed attempts to stand together on a giant foam fish. The fish sunk under the weight, leaving the duo to suffer the same fate, only to emerge in boisterous laughter.

Big Brothers Big Sisters, a program of The Next Door, provides children ages of 6 and 14 with one-on-one mentoring relationships with adult volunteers.

For more information, contact Justine Ziegler in Hood River and Klickitat counties at 541-490-9979 or Courtney Reyes in Wasco county at 541-993-9022.



HRVHS junior Charley Boonstra accepts the LeFevre Student award. With her are LeFevre's daughter, Sutton, and Gorge Owned board member Lindsay Miller, right.

Recycle Tips

METAL

- Steel, tin and aluminum cans, rinsed, do not flatten, do not place lids loose (crimp inside a can).
- Paper labels can be removed and recycled as scrap paper.
- Small metal items (bottle caps, steel wool, paper clips, nails, 2" or less in length): Place inside a metal can and crimp it shut.
- Aluminum foil ("balled up") and aluminum trays (clean)
- Large metal items up to 30" x 8" and up to 30 pounds
- Empty aerosol cans, Remove cap but not nozzle. Do not puncture or flatten can.



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HR READS CONCLUDES

Hood River Reads concluded Saturday with a talk by author Luis Urrea (right) of "Into the Beautiful North" in the main reading room at Hood River Library. At left, HR Reads project coordinator Helen James, center, talks with committee members Leighton Hazelhurst, left, and Mole Schaefer, right. About 100 people attended the event, co-sponsored by the library and Waucoma Bookstore. Patricia Schmuck introduced Urrea, who started his talk with a humorous, yet tense, account of his efforts to conduct research with the reluctant assistance of the U.S. Border Patrol.

Deadline for 'Big Art' is May 15

Art of Community was established in 2014 by artists to build on this dynamic relationship, engage the community with art and work collaboratively to further promote and develop public art throughout the Gorge making it available to people of all ages and backgrounds.

Visit art-of-community.com to learn more, including Artist Response information (deadline May 15).

Selections are scheduled to be made by June 1 and the 2015-16 works installed by late August, in time for the Sept. 4 opening reception.

In its second year, the Art of Community program, aka "Big Art", consists of up to

25 sculptures on loan from artists (and for sale) for a period of one year.

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