

## ENTERTAINMENT Update

### Ben Ballinger returns May 7

Singer-songwriter Ben Ballinger is coming back to Hood River on Thursday, May 7 — this time with a full band. Touring in support of his new album, "The State I'm In," Ballinger has Austin music critics saying his songs are ranking in the top for Best Americana of 2014. River City Saloon, 207 Cascade Ave., Hood River; 541-387-2583.

### Wasco Bros. play May 9

The Wasco Bros. will be bringing their original Gorge Honkabilly, country and rock to Double Mountain on Saturday, May 9, starting at 9 p.m. Featuring Jeff Minnick, Kerry Williams, Larry Wyatt, Mark Womble and Ed Dietrich the band is for those who love "twangin' guitars, vocal harmonies and danceable tunes." Double Mountain Brewery, 8 Fourth St., Hood River; 541-387-0042.

### Floria at House Concert May 8



Kay Floria

"Kay Floria on keyboard and vocals and Randy Bell on Cajon have been making music together for the past three years. Their blend of blues, jazz, and soulful ballads has been keeping audiences and dancers entertained throughout the Gorge." Enjoy a house concert from the duo on Friday,

May 8, starting at 7 p.m. 401 Montello, Hood River. For more information call Paul Blackburn at 541-387-4011.

### 'Voltage' rocks Eagles May 9

Dirty Voltage, a tribute to AC/DC, comes to The Dalles Eagles Lodge on Saturday, May 9, show starts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5, 21 and over only.

The band puts together the sound, the look, and all the swagger of the mighty AC/DC. With tons of energy and personality, Dirty Voltage delivers the goods. Expect a high energy performance with perpetual movement and pinpoint guitar wizardry. Opening set of rock covers from Boomstick.

### Bookstore Day celebrates May 2

Join Waucoma Bookstore in celebrating Independent Bookstore Day on Saturday, May 2 from 1-4 p.m. The event will feature authors Scott Cook and Aimee Wade, (PDX-Centric and Curious Gorge), Vikki Clafin (Shake, Rattle & Roll With It), Dale Bradenburger (Grizzly Trade). Meet the authors for a book signing and browse exclusive merchandise only available on Bookstore Day. Waucoma Bookstore, 212 Oak St., Hood River.

Entertainment listings can be e-mailed to [jdake@hoodrivernews.com](mailto:jdake@hoodrivernews.com)

## 'Tutu Trot' helps Lila May, 4, in cancer fight

How much can we inspire a community to give when its most talked-about little girl is facing the cancer fight of her life, always smiling despite the grim odds? In Hood River and beyond, that's the question that's been on the minds of hundreds of people, particularly those who are making tutus and planning to wear other fun costumes to show their spirit and support in the 2nd Annual Lila May Tutu Trot.

The walk/run, scheduled for May 9, at Hood River's Mark O'Hatfield Trail and Tunnel, will mark the second time that residents of the Gorge region and throughout Oregon will gather for this kids' race and 3k/5k/10k walk/run fundraiser.

The proceeds will benefit Lila May Schow, a local 4-year-old who has been undergoing arduous, expensive treatments for neuroblastoma since she was diagnosed a month after her second birthday. For the past year, she's repeatedly travelled to both Portland and New York hospitals for medical treatments.

However, in light of recent hurdles, she is now participating in a clinical, costly trial that her family, friends and all those who know about her can only hope will save her life.

"As a parent, you will go to the end of the world and back if its means your sick child gets her right to live, not to mention be healthy enough to take another ballet class and dance alongside her many friends," said Heidi Hall, Lila May's mother.

### TUTU TIME MAY 9

Advance registration is strongly encouraged, and packet pickup for runners is at Shortt Supply (Friday, May 8, 3-6 p.m., 116 Oak St., Hood River) the day before the event. Kids 12 and under walk/run for free.

"The support and love have been amazing, but the journey is not over. We simply refuse to stop hunting for or pursuing viable options no matter the cost. We are equally grateful that so many are validating our feelings and the need to do this ... it's so very humbling and hard at times to keep asking for this vital help. But we are grateful beyond words."

According to Jenny Brown Lorenzen, a local nurse, friend of Lila May's and her family, and the Tutu Trot's lead organizer, this year's event turnout is expected to far surpass last year's. A good "problem" to have, this is driving costs up for insurance, liability and other fees in spite of some relief being provided by local sponsors, including A Kids' Dental Zone, Shortt Supply, Katie's MoJava, Stearns Lending, LLC, Columbia Gorge Graphics, G. Williker's Toy Shoppe and Rosauers.

"We are so grateful to these businesses — those named as well as the few wishing to remain anonymous," Brown Lorenzen says.



Photo by LisaAnn Kawachi

LILA MAY wore other finery for the 2015 Easter Egg hunt, but plans to put on her favorite tutu for the May 9 event.

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