

ENTERTAINMENT Update

Bob Connolly schedules shows



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Singer-songwriter Bob Connolly is back in the Gorge this month with two solo shows: Saturday, May 9, at Volcanic Bottle Shoppe (music starts at 7 p.m.) and Saturday, May 16, at the Lyle Hotel (music starts at 6 p.m.) Expect originals and country, rock and pop covers. Volcanic Bottle Shoppe, 1410 12th St., Hood River; 541-436-1226. The Lyle Hotel, 100 7th St., Lyle, Wash., 509-365-5953.

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.

'Anita Margarita' at CEBU May 8

Friday, May 8, Anita Margarita & The Rattlesnakes, 9:30 p.m. This newish all-star "Jazzabilly" band features Portland legends Jon Koonce (Jonny & The Distractions), David Reisch (Holy Modal Rounders, Freak Mountain Ramblers) and Turtle Vandemarr (Dan Hicks & His Hot Licks). Vocalist Jasmine Vandemarr leads this string-band through swing-era dance tunes. Coming up on Friday, May 15, The Lowest Pair. Best Western Plus Hood River Inn, 1108 E. Marina Way; 541-386-2200.

'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.

Deadline for 'Big Art' is May 15

In its second year, the Art of Community program, aka "Big Art", consists of up to 25 sculptures on loan from artists around the country. Artists are asked to submit applications by May 15 at www.art-of-community.com to learn more.

Floria at House Concert May 8

"Kay Floria on keyboard and vocals and Randy Bell on Cajon have been making music together for the past three years." 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.

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'GOOD PEOPLE' AT CAST



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

Assumptions can be as fragile as the vase that's a focal point in the drama "Good People," on stage at Columbia Center for the Arts. Judie Hanel directs the David Lindsey-Abair play about a circle of friends from South Boston and the fortunes and choices that influence their lives. The play opened May 8 and continues May 9 and May 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. and May 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. in the CAST Theater at the Center for the Arts. Tickets are available online, at Waucoma Bookstore, and in the gallery at Columbia Center for the Arts, 215 Cascade Avenue in downtown Hood River. Prices are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors 62 and over, and \$12 for groups of

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PARKER

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band plays my songs, like on the new single "When," it's always fun to see where the band takes it, Parker said.

Pamela chose her music path after having an "epiphany that music was her calling" moment after a roadtrip with friends that took her from Oklahoma to California.

"I had one of those moments in time that I didn't know what I wanted to do. I tried to study art — painting, sculpting and metal work type art, but my dad wasn't too sure of what to make of that. So he encouraged me to take one semester off from school so I could go try and find myself, and encouraged me to do what I really, really

love, so I did," Parker said. Since she couldn't take her childhood drumset or piano to college, she opted for an old classical guitar her mom gave her, and eventually taught herself to play. Now, with at least five albums behind her, Pamela stays busy at the studio, with the benefit of getting to produce her own music as well. "Our plan is to release one single a month for the next 6 months, and then drop an album, because that's what everyone seems to be doing now," Parker said. I expect Pamela's solo CD, and everything else she's involved in, will reflect 100 percent of what she wants you to hear: I got the feeling she's not about to let anyone stand in her way. "In tenth grade, I decided to quit violin because my teacher was really mean. If you have a fun teacher, it makes all the difference."

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