

GATHERINGS



Photos by Kirby Neumann-Rea

TRAIL OF TUTUS

Mark Hatfield Trailhead, east of Hood River, was the county's busiest place on Saturday morning, with the Lila May Tutu Trot — "Help the Dancer Beat the Cancer" — a fun run and walk held to raise funds to help Lila May Schow and her family contend with costs connected to the four-year-old's cancer treatments. (See article page B1.) Walkers start the route with the cliffs of the former quarry, now a state park, rising in the background. In left, Lila May stops for a photo and says, "One picture," before dashing off to get ready for the kids' race, which she completed with the help of her stepdad, Blake Hall. Adding to the party-like atmosphere was the prevalence of versions of Lila May's favorite garment, the tutu. Costume winners, chosen by Lila May: Most Creative, Bryan Mears; Best Male, Michael Clement; Best Female, Nancy Clement; Best Kid, Jacy Johnston.

Tea party a benefit for Opportunity Connections

The fifth annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party, a benefit for Opportunity Connections, is about to begin! Inspired by Lewis Carroll's classic story "Alice in Wonderland," tea will be served at the elegant Columbia Gorge Hotel in Hood River, accompanied by delicious canapés, cakes and sandwiches. The mad Hatter, Alice, and the White Rabbit, along with Lewis Carroll, will mingle with guests in their best tea-time attire.

You can take part in a game of lawn croquet with the pink flamingos and try your chance at Alice's cake-walk. Silent auctions of treasures and raffles offered for your enjoyment.

There will be a hat and attire contest, along with something new — a themed "Once Upon a Cake" decorating contest for all enthusiasts ranging from children to professionals.

Tea time is 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Opportunity Connections website, Facebook or

call Katie Maple at 541-386-3520 ext. 7003. Tickets are \$25 and on sale at Klints and Waucoma book stores.

All cake decorating enthusiasts can show off their talents and compete for four \$100 cash prizes by entering the "Once Upon a Cake" decorating contest as a part of the fifth annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party. The Alice in Wonderland-themed cake decorating contest will have four categories with cash prizes open to all ages and abilities, ranging from children five years of age up to professionals. The cakes are sure to add more imagination to this already storybook afternoon.

For more information and how to enter the "Once Upon a Cake" decorating contest and for tickets to the Mad Hatter's Tea, contact Opportunity Connections via website, Facebook, or call Katie Maple at 541-386-3520 ext. 7003. Tickets for the Tea Party are on sale at Klints and Waucoma bookstores.

Extension 'Whole Grains' Tour planned for May 21

OSU Extension Service's Mid-Columbia Family and Community Education Study Groups will hold their 2015 spring tour on May 21, at Bob's Red Mill in Milwaukie and OMSI in Portland — aptly titled the "Whole Grains and Wonders of the World" tour.

Tour and lunch at Bob's Red Mill Grain processing facility (and opportunity to stock up on some of their products at the restaurant), and then Oregon's Museum of Science and Industry, to wander in wonder and take in a film at the Imperial Theater.

Cost is \$55 for FCC members and \$60 for nonmembers; includes all costs for transportation, entry fees, lunch, gratuity and member-

ship for non-FCE members. Prepaid registration is required and must be received by May 14. For more information or to make reservations, call the extension office at 541-386-3343.

Itinerary:

- 8 a.m. — Depart Best Western Plus Hood River Inn
- 8:30 a.m. — Depart Best Western Columbia River Inn, Cascade Locks
- 9:30 a.m. — Arrive at Bob's Red Mill Processing Facility for tour
- 11:30 a.m. — Arrive at Bob's Red Mill for lunch
- 1 p.m. — Arrive at OMSI
- 4:30 p.m. — Arrive at Best Western Columbia River Inn, Cascade Locks
- 5 p.m. — Arrive at Best Western Plus Hood River Inn



GORGE GROWN

Community members take time to talk and stock up at Gorge Grown Farmers Market on May 7, the opening market for the season. Tim Counihan and his wife, Jen Bayer, reach for favored mushrooms, while Dan Thall of Hood River Organics stands by. The market features plenty of early season produce and flowers, as well as bread, meat, honey, vegetable starts, and prepared food vendors, along with music and kids' games.



THROUGH JUNE 11, Farmers Market runs 5-8 p.m. at Hood River Middle School. The schedule changes to 4-7 p.m. once school is out for the summer. Meanwhile, Hood River Saturday Market, also a project of Gorge Grown, moves to the British Pub parking lot, Oak and Fourth streets, June 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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