

PARKDALE NEWS

Valley Worship Center has permanent pastor

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Parkdale correspondent

Exactly 73 years to the day the church first came into being, life-long valley resident Rev. Don Howell was voted unanimously to become the permanent pastor of Valley Worship Center.

Other than his time away to attend Bible College at Northwest University in Kirkland, Wash., Powell has lived his entire life in Hood River County. He grew up attending the church he is now pastor of in the 1960s, when his grandparents, Dale and Helen Howell, owned and operated the Mount Hood Dairy, just across the road from where the church is located today.

Howell worked for many years with his father Phil and his brothers in the family business, Howell Construction, and during that time also served as the Christian Education Director and Hispanic Ministries Director for at Hood River Assembly of God, now River of Life Assembly.

From 1996 to 2010, Howell served as pastor of Cascade Chapel Assembly of God in Cascade Locks until it merged with the Cascade Locks Bible Fellowship.

For the past four years, Howell has served as a bible teacher at River of Life Assembly as well and filling the pulpit for other area pastors. Pastor Howell and his wife LaRonna have been serving Valley Worship Center in an interim capacity since the middle of October last year.

Parkdale Elementary School is hosting an open house and story time for all incoming Kindergarten students and their families on

May 19 at 6 p.m.

There will be stories, cookies and a tour of the school for everyone who attends.

"If you haven't registered your child for school yet, please stop by the school office between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. any weekday," said Principal Gus Hedberg. For questions, call the school office at 541-352-6255.



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Parkdale Elementary students will be showing off their talents at their annual Talent Show that will be held on Friday, June 5 at 12:40 p.m. in the gym.

Parents and families are welcome to attend the event.

The last day of school is less than a month away, on Friday, June 12, and will be a full day of school for Parkdale Elementary School students.

Much of the Upper Valley community knows Kim Vogel, former principal at Parkdale Elementary for eight years until last year, who split her job between Parkdale and Cascade Locks Elementary for the last three years of that time.

Last year when she officially retired from Parkdale Elementary and Gus Hedberg was announced the new principal, the Hood River School District asked her to remain as Cascade Locks principal and she agreed.

Now Vogel says she is "really" retiring at the end of this school year, after 25 years in the education profession, and sent along a note.

"I wish to say thank you to all the wonderful families that made my eight years at Parkdale Elementary School so memorable," said Vogel.

"Being able to be a part of the Parkdale family was amazing - you will always be in my heart. Perhaps with more 'free time' I will be able to see you more often."

Many of us in the Upper Valley hope she is able to do just that!

As the school year winds down, so are some of the classes at the Mount Hood Town Hall.

Tai Chi for Balance had a successful self-sustaining year through member contributions is now closed until the fall, when classes will resume.

Jill Warila will continue teaching Open Studio pottery classes through May 26, then

will close the months of June, July and August in order to open an artists' cooperative in Hood River.

If any artists would enjoy working with clay over the summer, 25 pound bags of clay can be purchased for \$10 each on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Town Hall until the end of classes for the season.

Open Studio classes will resume in the fall, but a group of people plan of using the studio a few mornings a week over the summer, so if you are interested, contact Bets Stover at bets.stover@gmail.com.

Send items to: wvup-date@yahoo.com.

Student videos capture awards at new festival

Nine HRVHS students screened their current video productions at the Hood River County Education Foundation First Annual Independent Film Festival. Student videos were produced as an extension of a Video Production class taught by Shawn Meyle. Several films featured action across many local sports - snowboard, skiing, kite boarding, and surfing. The Festival was co-sponsored by Second Wind Sports, who provided prizes as well as a professional film of surfing in the Aleutian Islands.

Other sponsors included Zeal Optics, Dakine, and Stoked Coffee.

HRVHS graduate Eric Nance, who created the HRVHS Official Music Video for the Class of 2013, spoke to the students about the post-high school professional opportunities that video production students might consider. The video, "Eagle Nation," a performance of an original song, was also shown.

The "People's Choice" award went to the video "Vision" by Austin Keillor. Audience members voted with tokens to select this winner.

"The quality of these

student films was excellent. The Education Foundation is proud to sponsor this event that focuses on a different aspect of our students' accomplishments," said AJ Kitt, the Film Festival coordinator.

Following the student videos and the Alaska surfing film, prizes were awarded. The winners were:

Grand Prize \$500 College Scholarship - Andrew Clark, "In the Court of the South Moon," a stop-action animation video.

First Runner Up - Willem Dickinson, "Action Reel," local snow board, kite board and skateboard action.

Second Runner Up - Lewis Taylor, "Indi Film 1," the restoration of a surfboard.

Third Runner Up - Austin Keillor, "Vision," kite boarding in Mexico.

Hood River County Education Foundation provided the organization and funding for the Film Fest. HRCEF is a local foundation, funded by donors, that provides college scholarships, teacher grants and special programs for students in the school district.



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LARONNA and Rev. Don Howell of Valley Worship Center.

Climbing Wall Rodeo May 26

Gorge Grippers Climbing Team presents Climbing Wall Rodeo May 26 at the Hood River Middle School gym, located at 1602 May Street.

The rodeo is for beginners and experienced climbers alike. Children ages 6-8 will climb from 4-6 p.m., and those

9-11 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$10 per climber.

Prizes will be awarded. Register at the event or by visiting www.hrcommunityed.org, or call Community Ed at 541-386-2055.

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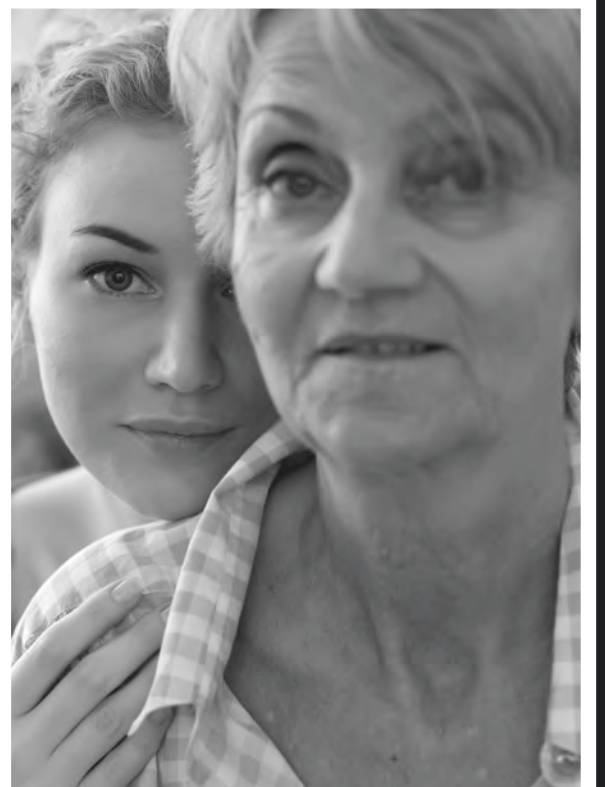
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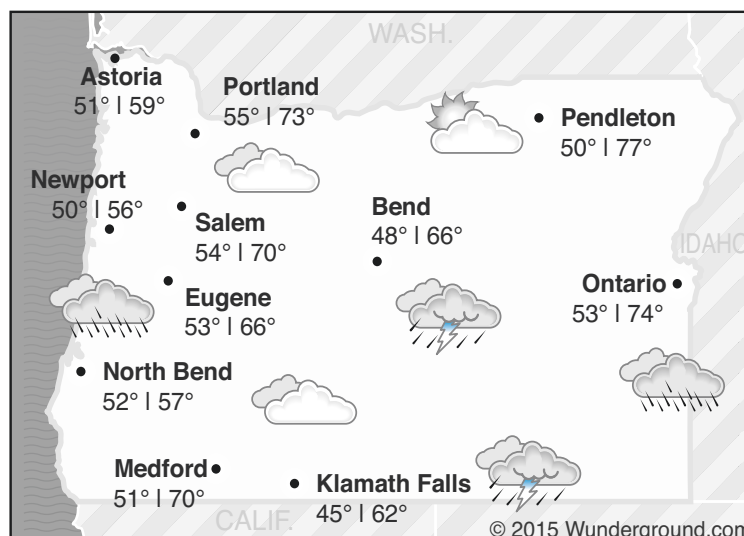
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Hood River Weather Forecast

Date	Forecast	Daytime / Overnight High / Low (°F)
Today May 20	Partly Cloudy	82° / 58°
Thurs. May 21	Isolated Thunderstorms	78° / 59°
Fri. May 22	Sunny	77° / 56°
Sat. May 23	Partly Cloudy	74° / 55°
Sun. May 24	Partly Cloudy	77° / 56°
Mon. May 25	Partly Cloudy	78° / 57°
Tues. May 26	Mostly Sunny	79° / 56°

Oregon Weather Map



Today's Forecast

A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 11am. Partly sunny, with a high near 76. West wind around 8 mph.

Humidity 96%
Wind Speed S 1 G 4 MPH
Barometer NA
Dewpoint 48°F (9°C)
Visibility NA
Last update 18 May 6:00 am PDT

Actual High / Low

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- May 11 - 58/47
- May 12 - 57/46
- May 13 - 62/47
- May 14 - 72/43
- May 15 - 63/47
- May 16 - 62/53
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