

# THE Porch



Photos by Kirby Neumann-Rea

**SIGNS AT 13TH AND MAY** are from a few weeks ago, but the problem persists: it is illegal to affix signs to utility or sign poles. Meanwhile, the creosote column shown wears a prickly hide of staples, tacks and nails from years of scofflaws. On a lighter note, a sort of Northeast dialect lesson via visiting car's window sticker.

**SEEN AND HEARD:**

elementary students checking seed starts in morning light before school ... bird-spotted bench in front of downtown store ... shop owner flipping cardboard coasters at friends in open car windows, then retrieving his misses ... tomato starts leveled by the wind ... blackberry blossoms already emerging ... new businesses on the Heights gestating behind butcher paper in the windows ...



**WELL DONE:** The community kitchen is up and running at FISH headquarters on Tucker Road; the first of the "Seeds to Supper" class started there Tuesday.

**SAND STATE of Affairs:** The newly created beach at Nichols Boat Basin is not even officially open yet, but you could gaze down at the sand alone and still know you're in Hood River: already there are those disturbing signs that people have exercised their dogs there and failed to clean up after their pets.

**MEANWHILE, Back at the Dock:** On the other hand, things are looking bright at the Event Site public dock, where Sandbar Café and Local Grind outdoor restaurants returned for the season about a week ago. The picnic tables are newly painted a pastel rainbow of colors, and Sandbar Café sports an expanded — and shaded — service counter.

"We were slammed yesterday (Wednesday), the wind was so great," said Sandbar employee Pedro Barerra.

## 'Savor the Gorge' magazine debuts in June

Savor the Gorge, a new publication celebrating fresh, local food, debuts in early June. Inside the publication, which comes out in June and September, you'll find stories on local

food producers, on farming and gardening, and on how to support local farmers, ranchers, producers and restaurants that fill their menus with local food. You'll find stories on

the people who are working hard to bring fresh local food to market. There are even recipes that call for fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Settlers of Hood River and The Dalles in the mid-1800s planted fruit trees, and things grew (so to speak) from there. Savor the Gorge will document the widespread modern shift to eating local food.

## Hearing delayed for marina shooting suspect

By **PATRICK MULVIHILL**  
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A Kamiah, Idaho, man suspected of shooting a Eugene man at the Hood River marina in April won't face a hearing until late June.

Tyson Sackett, 29, of Kamiah, who was charged with shooting Mark Wright, 60, of Eugene, at the marina on April 25, will make his next appearance at the Hood River County Courthouse on Wednesday, June 24 for a status check — a pre-trial hearing to determine the defen-

dant's next move.

Sackett, a former Parkdale resident, was charged on April 27 with attempted murder, assault first degree and tampering with evidence. If convicted, Sackett faces up to life in prison for attempted murder and a minimum of 7.5 years for assault first degree.



Tyson Sackett

Sackett has remained in Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Facility in The Dalles since his arrest in April. His bail is set at \$50,000.

On Wednesday, Sackett appeared from the jail via video feed. Judge John Olson, Sackett's attorney, Brian Starns, and Hood River District Attorney John Sewell discussed future appearances for Sackett leading up to his ultimate plea.

Starns said he would need more time to prepare the

case. He indicated that several necessary pieces of evidence for the case had not yet been discovered, though he had just received some new information.

"I've received an additional packet of reports just yesterday," said Starns.

Starns did not mention the content of the reports. Olson set Sackett's status check for June 24. On that date, Sackett will appear in court again and his attorney will either enter a plea or request an additional pre-trial hearing.

## LIONS

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River Lions encourages people who have been supporting the Leos to continue doing so.

The Hood River Lions Club, however, realized that it isn't always easy for dedicated bottle-deposit donors to remember that date. The club also believes far more deposit containers can be collected if opportunities are expanded. The Club is working with other property owners to secure trailer sites.

"We wanted to provide time-strapped people an option," said Dave Waller, president of the Lions Club. "In exchange, we will be working with Opportunity Connections to sort, bag and recycle those containers."

Proceeds from redemption of donated cans and bottles will be shared with Opportunity Connections. The portion retained by the Lions Clubs will offset collection costs and add to the annual contributions the club makes to local service and youth projects.

In addition to that benefit, the effort to expand container collections has an environmental benefit, Waller noted.

According to the DEQ, container collections around Oregon saved three trillion

BTUs of energy, equivalent to the amount of energy in 24 million gallons of gasoline. That recycling also reduced greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 200,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalents — equal to the amount of carbon

dioxide produced by 40,000 cars. For more information about the Oregon Bottle Bill and deposits, visit the Know Your Nickel web site (knowyournickel.org) prepared by the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative.

## The Next Door renews 'parenting' photo contest; deadline June 30

Once again this year, in celebrating "Oregon Parenting Education Week," the Columbia Gorge Parenting Education Program of The Next Door seeks photos of children from birth to eight years interacting with an adult in a healthy activity. Activities can include a family outing, playing, eating, story time, making a craft, playing at a park, or any other healthy adult and child interaction.

Plan to submit photos by June 30. Photos can include a parent, grandparent, child care provider, preschool teacher, or other adult. Submissions can include up to five photos. Eight photos will be chosen for a community photo display, and each of those eight photographers will receive a \$50 gift certificate from G. Willikers Toy Store. Only one winner will be allowed per family.

Photos must show an adult and a child interacting together, and must include a child age birth to eight years.

All photos must be in JPG format, with a minimum of 300 dpi.

Download an entry form at [www.nextdoorinc.org/photo](http://www.nextdoorinc.org/photo).

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