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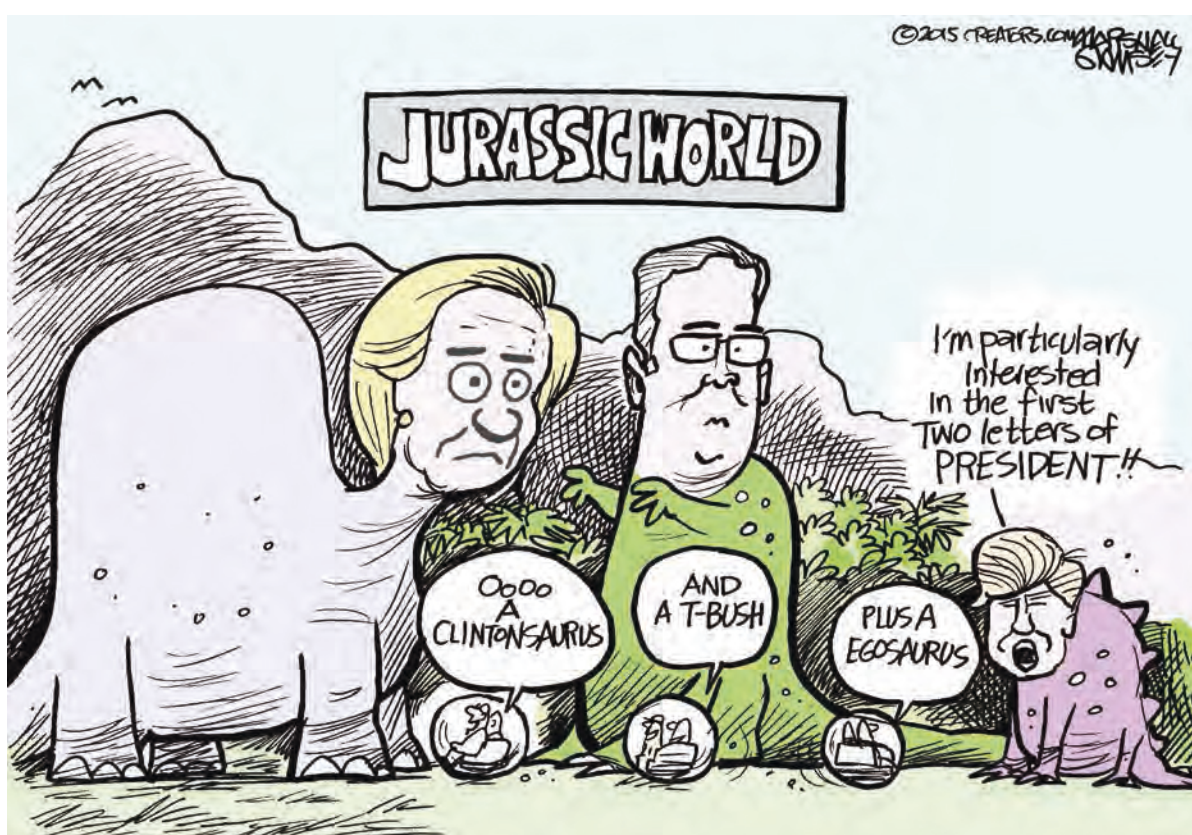


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ON THE AGENDA

These are the regular meeting times of governing bodies for these agencies:

Cascade Locks

Cascade Locks City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 140 W. WaNaPa St., second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Cascade Locks Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 140 W. WaNaPa St., second Thursday of the month.

Cascade Locks Port Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 140 W. WaNaPa St., first and third Thursdays of the month.

Hood River

City of Hood River Planning Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m., Hood River City Hall Council Chambers, 211 Second St., generally the first and third Mondays of the month. Place and dates subject to change.

Hood River Port Commission, 5 p.m., 100 E. Port Marina Drive, board room, first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Hood River City Council, 6 p.m., Hood River City Hall Council Chambers, 211 Second St., second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District, 6 p.m., Aquatic Center, 1601 May St., third Wednesday of the month. Place subject to change.

Hood River County

Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors meeting, 4 p.m., OSU Extension Service Building, 2990 Experiment Station Road, first Thursday of the month.

Hood River County Board of Commissioners regular session, 6 p.m., 601 State St., first floor conference room, third Monday of the month. Time subject to change.

Library District Board meeting, 7 p.m., 502 State St., conference room, third Tuesday of the month.

Hood River County Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m., 601 State St., first floor, generally second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Hood River County Water Planning Group, 2 p.m., 601 State St., first floor conference room, generally first Wednesday of the month.

Hood River County Commission on Children and Families Board meeting, 5:15 p.m., Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital boardroom, generally first Tuesday of the month.

Hood River County School Board, 6:30 p.m., meets at schools and district facilities on a rotating schedule (visit hoodriver.k12.or.us for location), second and fourth Wednesdays of the month unless school vacations or other holidays interrupt the schedule.

Hood River County Transportation District, 9 a.m., Hood River County Transportation District Board Room, 224 Wasco Loop, second Wednesday of the month.

Our readers write

ODOT praise

As ODOT projects go, painting the white fence along the switchbacks on the Columbia River Road across Highway 35 leading to the Hatfield Trail was not one of the largest or most significant projects ODOT has attempted. However, sometimes small efforts reap big benefits as this one has. Driving by that newly pressure washed and painted fence each day is uplifting and sends a message that Oregon pays attention to its byways. This is a route frequently used by cyclists, hikers and bikers who are locals as well as visitors to the area. That small project enables the community to put its best foot forward.

So painting the wooden fence and thus sprucing up Columbia River Road may not equal the size and scope of any of ODOT's 75 other projects this summer, but it certainly means a whole lot to members of this community. We are grateful for ODOT's efforts.

Rebecca T. Kirkland, MD
John L. Kirkland, MD
Hood River

Keep parade safe

July 4 is nearly here and a few people have asked me about distributing candy during the parade. We stopped allowing candy to be thrown or distributed for several reasons. For many years when candy was thrown from the parade entries, the children went so far out into the streets that it became dangerous for them and troubling for the Hood River Lions Club, which is required to take out insurance for the parade.

Then, for two years in a row, we tried to have people hand candy at

the curb as they walked with their entry. Unfortunately, more people opted to continue to throw the candy from their vehicle. We also had some hot rodding of vehicles and people riding on top of a vehicle's cab, so we decided to write some parade rules as part of an application. That year the kids weren't in the street but were watching the parade. There was almost no litter on the streets, which ODOT requires the Lions to make sure the street is cleaned after the parade.

Also that year, with the generosity of about eight businesses and the Hood River Rotary Club, we were able to have ice cream for the children along with face painting and balloon artistry. Since then two bounce houses have been added. We are looking for a balloon artist for this year's event.

I'm looking forward to another great parade and a fun time in the park with delicious food from the Hood River Fire Department and other vendors. For more details look for posters distributed at businesses throughout Hood River, Odell and Parkdale. Parade applications are available at www.gorgelions.org.

Tom Yates
Parade Chairperson
Hood River

Recycling trailer serves community

I want to thank the Hood River Lions and Hood River Supply for making available a convenient way to recycle bottles and cans on the Heights.

The trailer is very professional, attractive and makes possible a way

to recycle deposit bottles and cans without dealing with the machines at the grocery stores. It is also great that the Lions take the proceeds from this project and return them to the community.

Opportunity Connections also benefits from the project by being compensated for sorting and storing the containers. I understand the Lions hope to expand to other locations within the community creating a convenient way to recycle your containers.

Tony White
Hood River

ABOUT LETTERS

Hood River News reminds letter to the editor writers that shorter is better. Concise letters are not only better-read, they are more likely to be published because limited space is available.

Almost any point can be made in 350 words or less, so this is set as an upper level for length. Letters exceeding 350 words will either be edited to 350 or returned to the writer for editing and resubmission.

Unsigned letters, letters signed with fictitious signatures and copies of letters sent to public officials are not accepted.

We limit letters on a subject when we feel it has been thoroughly aired, to the point of letters becoming repetitive.

Also rejected are letters that are libelous, in bad taste or personal attacks on individuals or private businesses. Writers must include addresses and telephone numbers. These are for identification purposes only and will not be published.

BRING YOUR OWN CUP

Win prizes in Envirogorge 'coffee cup challenge'

The Hood River information and advocacy group Envirogorge invites the community to join the "coffee cup challenge".

When you go to your favorite spot to get a cup of coffee, ask for a mug or bring your own.

If you snap a photo of it and send it to Envirogorge, they'll enter you in a weekly drawing to win a gift certificate to a favorite coffee shop. You could win it for yourself or ask us to donate to the food bank. Send photo: text 321-236-8476 - Instagram or Facebook: @envirogorge

Envirogorge founder Susan Hess said "We care because paper cups, stir sticks, paper sleeves or second cups, and lids are a lot of waste. The worst part is, for the most part it's not recyclable

"Those paper cups are lined with wax or plastic, and though it's technically recyclable few facilities have the capability to remove the layers," Hess said. Recyclers in the gorge do not accept disposable coffee cups for recycling. And those single-use cups take a lot of energy to produce."

According to the Environmental Defense Organization, the U.S. could power 53,000 homes with the energy we consume through our paper cup consumption.



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