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Kate Brown

Governor here Friday for first visit to Hood River

Kate Brown will sign affordable college bill at CGCC, tour pFriem

By **PATRICK MULVIHILL**
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Oregon Governor Kate Brown will pay Hood River a visit Friday. The trip, which marks Brown's first stop in Hood River as governor, will give her a brief survey of

local strides in education and business.

First, Brown will hit CGCC's Indian Creek Campus in Hood River, where she will sign the affordable community college bill, Oregon Promise, which just cleared the Oregon House and Senate. The signing is slated for 9:30 a.m. and is open to the public.

Oregon Promise, SB 81 is a bill sponsored by Sen. Mark Hass (D-Beaverton) and co-sponsored by local representative Rep. Mark Johnson (R-Hood River). The bill

allows Oregon high school graduates with at least 2.5 GPA who enroll in community college to get free tuition, paid by the state. Johnson said the goal is "to make community college affordable for all Oregon students." (See page A4 for Johnson's comments on the bill.)

At Indian Creek, Brown will also meet with local school faculty and administrators in a roundtable setting, discussing career and technical education.

After the college stop, Brown will speak at the Leaders for Tomorrow

(LFT) brunch at the Best Western Plus Hood River Inn. The organization is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a lineup of alumni speakers. The brunch starts at 10 a.m., with Brown expected to speak during the middle of the event, around 11:15 a.m. (Due to space limitations, the event is not open to the general public.)

Kristin Reece, program coordinator, said she was "surprised" and excited to have Brown speak at the

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Photo by Ben Mitchell

KB4C PARADE OF KITES

Kiteboarders take to the Columbia River during Saturday's kite derby, part of the many activities that composed this weekend's 9th Annual Kiteboarding 4 Cancer (KB4C) event. The derby, which lasted six hours, saw great wind and drew 225 kiteboarders — the most in the event's history. As of press time, fundraising totals neared \$115,000 — surpassing last year's final tally of \$112,000. All proceeds from KB4C go to Athletes 4 Cancer: a nonprofit that funds adventure camps for cancer survivors age 18-40. For more information on the event, turn to Sports on page A7.

Is 3rd time the charm?

LUBA again upholds City's right to deny Walmart expansion

By **KIRBY NEUMANN-REA**
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Walmart, round 3, goes to the City of Hood River.

Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) ruled Friday in the city's favor on Walmart corporation's latest appeal of the city's determination that the company does not have the right to expand its West Cascade store.

City attorney Dan Kearns informed City Council of the decision Monday. Kearns said that he is certain Walmart will appeal the LUBA ruling; the company has 21 days to do so, according to

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Hood River Art Club celebrates 66 years

By **TRISHA WALKER**
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The Hood River Art Club — started in 1949 by a group of local artists — is celebrating its 66th anniversary with an art show July 10-18 at the History Museum of Hood River County.

The show, which will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed Sunday) in the upstairs balcony, will feature special works from each of the club's current members, some of which will be for sale.

On the lower level will be paintings from some of the founding members, including Norman Tucker and Gilbert Clarke.

To conclude the celebration, an artists' reception will be held July 18 from 1-4 p.m., with refreshments and exhibits. Around 2:30 p.m., Marilyn Avolio, granddaughter of Percy Manser, will give a short talk about Manser, and at 3 p.m., artist Gayle Weisfield will relate stories about the classes she took with Phil Tyler.

IN THE BEGINNING

In 1949, a group of local artists put out the word that they would be meeting in the upper floor of Norman Tucker's father's feed store (now Discover Bicycles) in hopes of starting an art club.

More than 100 people showed up — both artists and those appreciative of the arts — and the Hood River Art Club was born.

Other founding members included a number of locally (and sometimes nationally) renowned artists such as Lois Talbot, Phil Tyler, Betty Dobson, Aatto (Otto) Annala, Percy Manser and Gilbert Clarke. They held "spring and summer paint-outs," art shows and classes, and membership steadily grew.

Annala was a noted sculptor; Tyler, for his landscapes and Western scenes; Tucker, for his country-living and historical buildings; Manser, for his watercolors; and Clarke, for his colorful landscapes.

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Photo by Patrick Mulvihill

THE HISTORY MUSEUM is hosting an art exhibit through July 18. Art Club member Joyce Uzen hangs works in the mezzanine of the museum, located on Portway Avenue next to the marina. An artist's reception takes place Saturday. Diverse Hood River Art Club works are on display including "Daisies" by Aileen Hopkins. Turn to page A10 for more photos

Four To Go

GTA kicks off Hardham Scholarship drive

Gorge Technology Alliance (GTA) is about to launch another initiative to positively impact STEM education in the Gorge.

Ten years ago, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District brought together the tech businesses in the five-county region to work on a plan to help them grow. A new scholarship is being hosted with the Gorge Community Foundation and named the Corwin Hardham Memorial Scholarship. Fundraising for the scholarship is kicking off on July 31, 6 p.m. at the Columbia Gorge Hotel with a dinner and auction event sponsored by Insitu. In addition to hands-on demos from high school students and businesses there will be music, food and auction items including quadcopters and sailing trips. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are on sale now (\$55 each) at crgta.org/robot-rendezvous or by calling 541-296-2266.



HR Transportation District has opening

Hood River County Transportation District is seeking interested persons in Hood River County to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors. One opening extends to June 30, 2017. To apply for appointment send a letter of interest and a resume and/or a short biographical statement by Aug. 7 to: Dan Schwanz, Executive Director, Hood River County Transportation District, Columbia Area Transit, P.O. Box 1147, Hood River, OR 97031.

CL Action Team meets Thursday

The Cascade Locks Action Team gathers every month for a no-host lunch in a local business to share updates on current projects, progress, and problems impacting our community. The meeting happens on the third Thursday of each month at noon, with the next meeting on July 16 in the back room of the Cascade Locks Ale House. All are welcome.

Relay for Life is Saturday

Relay for Life Columbia River starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday with the Survivor Breakfast, registration at 9 a.m. and opening ceremonies at 10. The fundraiser for the American Cancer Society moves to Hood River Fairgrounds this year. The community is welcome to support the 20 teams and dozens of walkers, and participate in events including silent auctions at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., White Salmon Jazz Band performs at 11 a.m. and benefit lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. The event concludes at midnight.