

HAPPENINGS

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CALL FOR ARTISTS

■ **July 15-31 — “Gorge Artists Create”** annual open juried show, The Dalles Art Center. Theme “Fruits of Our Labor.” Artists encouraged to be creative and explain how work relates to theme upon submission. All media welcome. Cash prizes. Submissions accepted Tues. thru Sat., 11-5 p.m. May submit up to three pieces. \$20 entry fee first, \$10 subsequent pieces. More at www.thedallesartcenter.org.

ON STAGE

■ **July 17-18, 23-25 — Next to Normal**, 7:30 p.m. at Columbia Center for the Arts. Matinee July 19 at 2 p.m. Directed by Mark Steighner. \$18 adults, \$12 groups of 10 or more. Tickets available at Columbia Art Gallery and Waucoma Bookstore.

FOR CHILDREN

■ **Story Time at Hood River Library:** Baby/Toddler and Big Kids story time, 10:30 a.m. Thursday mornings.

■ **New Parent Services Playgroups.** For parents and their children ages newborn to 5; for more info contact Nancy Johanson Paul at 541-436-0319 or nancyp@nextdoorinc.org. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Cascade Locks City Hall gym. Tuesdays, 9-10:30 a.m. at Hood River Alliance Church, 2650 Montello Ave. (Contact the church at 541-386-2812 for details.) Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m. at HR Early Childhood Center (former Pine Grove School), bilingual, with developmental specialists available (follows school calendar). For more info call 541-386-4919.

■ **July 15 — Underwater Puppet Show**, 5:30 p.m. at the Hood River Library. Join Seahorse and Stingray on their underwater adventure. Performed in real water.

■ **July 16 — Crafternoon** at the Hood River Library, 2 p.m. Come out of the heat and enjoy a fun, free craft.

■ **July 17 — Splash party free swim day**, 1-5 p.m. at the Hood River Aquatic Center. Sponsored by A Kidz Dental Zone. Free barbecue noon-1. Free admission kids 0-18, snow cones, popcorn, games, prizes.

■ **July 20-23 — Summer art experiences** at Columbia Center for the Arts, 9-noon. Mon.: Introduction to visual journals; ages 9-15, \$30. Tues.-Thurs.: Learn to draw what you see; ages 6-12, \$75. Scholarships available. More at columbiartaarts.org/SummerArtExperiences

■ **July 20-23 — Summer art experiences** at Columbia Center for the Arts, 1-4 p.m. Handmade books of all shapes and sizes. Ages 9-12. \$105. Scholarships available. More at columbiartaarts.org/SummerArtExperiences

■ **July 20-23 — Summer art experiences** at Columbia Center for the Arts, 1-4 p.m. in the theater. Physical theater. Ages 7-12. \$85. Scholarships available. More at columbiartaarts.org/SummerArtExperiences

EXHIBITS

■ **July 10-18 — Hood River Art Club exhibit** to celebrate its 66th year at the Hood River County Historical Museum, 11-4 p.m. daily. Artists reception July 18 from 1-4. Refreshments, exhibits and short program by Gayle Weisfield at 3. More info at 541-386-6772, thehistorymuseum@hrcn.net.

■ **Through Aug. 2 — Best of the Gorge** at the Columbia Center for the Arts. Showcasing 2D and 3D media, including drawing, painting, photography, glass, ceramics, sculpture, and mixed, by Mid-Columbia artists.

Juried by Jennifer Zika.

■ **Through Aug. 29 — Outdoor Recreation:** The Heart of Hood River County, The History Museum of Hood River County. Featuring “The Darby Board,” Newman Darby’s iconic “wind sailing” invention, how HR County’s trails were formed, how Timberline was built, what to pack for a hike and more.

■ **Through Aug. 31 — Sorcha Meek** at the Hood River Library. Small and large oil paintings. More info at 541-490-7691 or www.sorchameek.com; contact the library at 541-386-2535, info@hoodriverlibrary.org, or hoodriverlibrary.org.

REUNIONS

■ **Aug. 21-22 — HRVHS Class of 1995** will hold their 20 year reunion. Pre-registration begins June 1. Those interested in attending or know how to contact classmates are asked to email hrvhs1995@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

■ **July 15 — Breastfeeding Support Group**, 12-1 p.m. at Riverside Church, Fourth and State. Mother-to-mother support led by Columbia Gorge Breastfeeding Coalition and facilitated by a Certified Lactation Consultant. For more info call Jennifer McCauley, RN, IBCLC, 541-387-6344.

■ **July 15 — Grave Matters discussion series:** Funeral practices and green burials, 5:30 p.m. at the Hood River Library. With Jodie Buller and Denise Urban from White Eagle Memorial Preserve Cemetery at Ekone Ranch. More at 541-386-2535, info@hoodriverlibrary.org, or hoodriverlibrary.org.

■ **July 16 — Gorge Grown Farmers’ Market**, 5-8 p.m. at Hood River Middle School. Locally raised fruits and vegetables, meat, fish, cheese, eggs, bread and more, with hot food vendors, local musicians, cooking demonstrations, and children’s activities.

■ **July 17 — Friday Fun Lunch** with The Simcoe Boys, 11-1:30 p.m. at HR Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Place, off Brookside Drive. Dancers and listeners welcome!

■ **July 18 — Fourth Annual Wild Woman Marathon**, 50K, and Relay, Trout Lake, Wash. Trail run created by and for women. We invite you and your girlfriends to join us for an endorphin filled weekend: trail run, yoga, good food, and friends. Come for the ultra, the marathon, or the relay! Stay for the at our Mt. Adams base camp. Bring your tent (or RV), your family, your friends. \$55; more info call Steph Irving or Betsy Scott, 509.395.2065 or 509.395.2509.

■ **July 18 — Relay For Life of Columbia Gorge**, 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. at the HR Co. Fairgrounds. For more info visit www.relayforlife.org/columbiagorge or call 1-800-227-2345.

■ **July 18 — Hood River Saturday Market**, 10-2 p.m. at Oak Street Pub, 4th & Oak St. Market showcases work and products from some of the finest artisans and growers anywhere! We also feature some of the best live music!

■ **July 18 — Mercado del Valle**, 3-6 p.m. at Mid Valley Elementary. Local farmer and food producers, artisans, hot food vendors, and musicians are waiting to share the bounty of the Hood River Valley! Stop by and see what this market is about!

■ **July 18 — Wild Bill’s Bingo at the Elks Lodge**, fundraiser for Elks scholarship programs, 7 p.m. Open to the community. Minimum \$250 progressive blackout each week. Hosted by the Elks and the Mid-Columbia Knights of Columbus. Dinners, starting at \$8.50, are available from 5-7 p.m.

■ **July 18-19 — Lavender**

DAZE, 10-5 p.m. at Hood River Lavender, 3801 Straight Hill Rd. Free admission. Live music, food and wine vendors, craft classes, U-pick lavender, kids’ activities. See www.lavenderdaze.com.

■ **July 18-19 — Cherry Celebration** at local farms on the Fruit Loop. Activities, cherries, wines, lavender, jams and other cherry treats. Admission to most farms are free; most are open from 10-5 p.m.

■ **July 19 — Presentation by Linda Wilson**, 2-4 p.m. at Riverenza Café, 401 E. 10th St., The Dalles. On Blanche McCaughey Sammis, Wasco County Bronco rider, bull and steer roper in the early 1900s. Also: silver-smithing and saddle display. Co-sponsored by the Wasco County Historical Society, Ft. Dalles Museum and the Wasco County Original Court House, the event is free although donations are welcomed. Refreshments and a no-host bar.

■ **July 19 — Mosier Farmer’s Market**, 4-7 p.m. at The Rack and Cloth, 1104 1st Ave. Downtown Mosier. Food vendors, artists, musicians, kids’ activities & events. Come dance and chat among the veggies. For kids, oldies and anyone who eats! We accept SNAP and DEBIT card transactions.

■ **July 21 — Senior meals**, noon at the Lyle Lions Community Center, 5th and Hwy. 14. Everyone welcome.

■ **July 21 — Disaster Preparedness presentation**, 1 p.m. at the History Museum. Light snacks provided. Learn to prepare for natural disasters.

■ **July 21 — Big Bingo** at the HR Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Place, off Brookside Drive. Doors open and food available at 5 p.m.; games begin promptly at 6 p.m. Funds raised support the Meals on Wheels program.

■ **July 22 — American Red Cross blood drive**, 1-6 p.m. at the HR Inn, 1108 E. Marina Way. Register at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

■ **July 23 — Green Drinks at Aniche Cellars**, 5:30-7 p.m., 71 Little Buck Creek Rd., Underwood. Meet winemaker and owners; learn about water conservation projects in the region. Suggested \$5 donation.

■ **July 22-25 — Hood River County Fair** at the fairgrounds, 3020 Wy’east Road. Gates open at noon daily; carnival rides at 1. General admission \$7 for adults Wed.-Fri. and \$10 Sat. Children 6-12 \$2. Senior Day Wed., \$5. Free parking.

■ **July 23 — “Darkness to Light:”** Free child sex abuse prevention training. Learn the steps to protect children. Class size is limited; to register contact Michelle Tremblay at 541-806-0901. Sponsored by Columbia Gorge Children’s Advocacy. Sessions planned through June 2016.

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■ **July 24 — Friday Fun Lunch** with The 9 String Band, 11-1:30 p.m. at HR Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Place, off Brookside Drive. Dancers and listeners welcome!

■ **July 24 — Movies in the Park at the Cascade Locks Marine Park.** Starts at dusk. “Mr. Peabody and Sherman,” rated PG. Blankets and low folding chairs encouraged. Drugs, alcohol and tobacco are prohibited.

■ **July 25 — NAMI support group**, 10 a.m. at the



Photo by Patrick Mulvihill

DAN GOODMAN (PETER TAPPERT) and his wife, Diana (Emily Vawter) look at a family photo album to restore Diana’s memories after she underwent electroshock therapy. With them is their daughter, Natalie (Ariana Bloodgood). Also in the cast: Ari Bloodgood, Joe Garoutte, and Duncan Krummel.

PICK OF THE WEEK

‘Next to Normal’: Casting some light through darkness

CAST Theater’s summer play is anything but ordinary — ‘Next to Normal’ covers the dark terrain of mental disorder and family dysfunction, but treads with humor and tenderness. The musical continues this weekend at the Columbia Center for the Arts Friday.

Director Mark Steighner described the play as “not purely escapist fantasy, but rooted in reality,” reporter Patrick Mulvihill wrote in the July 8 feature on the play.

“Next to Normal,” with

story and lyrics by Brian Yorkey and music by Tom Kitt, won three TONY Awards in 2009, including Best Musical Score and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize.

It was also chosen as “one of the year’s ten best shows” by critics around the country, including The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, Rolling Stone and The New York Times.

“Although the subject matter is serious, it is handled with a great deal of humor,” said Steighner. “It’s not that the writers

make light of mental illness, but that they show characters dealing with their challenges with a sense of irony and humor, the way many people do.”

Shows are July, 17, 18, 23, 24, and 25 at 7:30 p.m.; July 19 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors 62-and-over; and \$12 for groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available online, at Waucoma Bookstore, and in the gallery at Columbia Center for the Arts, 215 Cascade Ave in downtown Hood River.

Hood River Library. National Alliance on Mental Illness; new group meets fourth Saturday of every month at 10. For those with mental illness and their families. More info at susanbgabay@gmail.com.

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■ **June 25 — Make a scrapbook at the library**, 2 p.m. at the Hood River Library. With Pam Sanchez. Free and open to all. More info at info@hoodriverlibrary.org, or hoodriverlibrary.org.

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promptly at 6 p.m. Funds raised support the Meals on Wheels program.

■ **July 28 — HR Watershed Group picnic**, 5-9 p.m. at Tollbridge Park, Parkdale. Food and fun. Bring a dish to share. More at megan@hoodriverswd.org.

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■ **July 31 — Columbia Gorge Paranormal presentation**, 7 p.m. at the Hood River Library. Learn about the local non-profit who investigates locations of possible paranormal activity in the Gorge. More info at columbiagorgeparanormal.com, or contact the Hood River County Library District at 541-386-2535, info@hoodriverlibrary.org or visit their website at hoodriverlibrary.org.

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■ **Aug. 1 — Century Farm/Ranch Series Continued**, 2-4 p.m. at the Rorick House, 300 W. 13th St., The Dalles. Mosier’s Root Family will share their history with their Root Orchards Century Farm, which had its beginning in 1878. Free; open to public. Sponsored by Wasco County Historical Society; refreshments.

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■ **Aug. 2 — Free concert** at the Hood River Waterfront Park’s amphitheater from 5-7 p.m. Sponsored by Tom and Charlotte Bell. With country singer Joni Harms. Bring a picnic! For kids and adults.

■ **Aug. 3 — “To Hell and Back,”** 7 p.m. in the Hood River Library. 45-minute one man performance showcases WWII adventures of Audie Murphy, his life and his crusade to help vets with PTSD. Free. More info at 5 4 1 - 3 8 6 - 2 5 3 5 , info@hoodriverlibrary.org, or hoodriverlibrary.org.

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