

Gregg Rolie performs at the Columbia Gorge Hotel July 19

The Columbia Gorge Hotel and Spa is proud to present the return of Gregg Rolie on Sunday, July 19, to kick off its outdoor summer concerts overlooking the Columbia River. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the show will start at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Gregg Rolie was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a founding member of Santana. Throughout his 30 year music career, he has played with The Storm, Abraxas Pool, and Journey, for whom he was the original keyboard player. Gregg and his band played at the Columbia Gorge Hotel in 2012 to a sold out crowd so get your tickets early.

Columbia Gorge Hotel, 4000 Westcliff Dr., Hood River; 541-386-5566.

Lavender DAZE July 18-19

The 11th Oregon Lavender DAZE Festival returns July 18 and 19. Make plans for the annual event that features free admission, live music, food and wine vendors, craft classes, U-pick lavender, and kid's activities. Tour groups welcome. Music schedule: Saturday: MacMillan, Keith & Bell 10:30-Noon; Moe Dixon 2:30- 5 p.m. Sunday: Kay & Randy 10:30- Noon; Larry and Raven 12:30-2 p.m.; Richard Tillinghast & Onehum 2:30- 5 p.m. Hood River Lavender Farm, 3801 Straight Hill Road, Hood River; www.lavenderdaze.com

White Salmon Art & Wine Fusion

On Saturday, July 25, the 2015 White Salmon Art & Wine Fusion street fair returns. The music stage will be set up outside Everybody's Brewing and will feature acts such as Dirty Revival, Ezza Rose, Sidestreet Reny, Matthew Zeltzer Band and more. Expect soul, roots-rock, Hip-Hop, Urban Blues, Quirk-Folk — there's a little something for everyone.

Blues master MacLeod returns to The Pines July 24

A "master of original acoustic blues," Doug MacLeod won the Blues Music Foundation Best Acoustic Player & Album for 2014. Sing Out Magazine says "MacLeod is preserving a lost art ... a must for any serious fan of the blues and any soul who needs the healing of the blues." The Pines Tasting Room in Hood River, Friday, July 24, 7 p.m. \$20 at Waucoma Bookstore, 21 and over only.

Weird World of Science camp

Columbia Gorge Discovery center hosts the Weird World of Science day camp for kids, Tuesday, Aug. 4 through Friday, Aug. 7 for children 1st to 6th grade. Kids will have fun while exploring the science behind the nature all around us. Session 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon is for kids in grades 1-3. Session 2 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. is geared for kids in grades 4-6. For more information, call 541-296-8600 x 201 or visit www.gorgediscovery.org.

Concerts at Balch Hotel

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the Balch Hotel Summer Concert Series in Dufur. Mark your calendar for these monthly super-fun family-friendly events:

- July 25 The Fireweeds Trio 5-8 p.m.
- Aug. 22 McDougall 5-8 p.m.

Sept. 19 – Kory Quinn - 4-8 p.m.
Balch Hotel, 40 S. Heimrich St., Dufur; 541-467-2277.

Laurie Lewis, Sierra Hull



Wine Press features blues woman Barr

The latest issue of Oregon Wine Press features local blues musician/wine maker Tess Barr on the cover. Tess and her husband, Patrick, run Hood Crest Winery on Orchard Road in Hood River.

The winery has recently been awarded a silver medal for its 2012 Merlot in the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, and a bronze for its 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon. The winery offers Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Riesling, and a host of others.

Hood Crest celebrated the Memorial Day Weekend with music from the Tess Barr Blues Band and photos from that day were used in the magazine.

In a recent thank-you email Tess wrote:

"Dear everyone, I am so grateful to you for all your efforts and inviting me to be on the cover of the wine press this month! It means so much to me, as well as my family we are so proud!

I am not sure how I can ever thank you as words can not describe my gratitude. The article and photography are just amazing and I have been getting calls all over the state congratulating us!

I just wanted you to know that as a winery owner and performer, I know how lucky and special this is, I will never, never forget it! It is just what I needed in many ways. I would love for you all to visit sometime!" You can read the article online at www.oregonwine press.com

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810 12th St., Hood River Conference rooms 1 and 2 *Friday, July 24, 1 p.m.*

play CG Bluegrass Festival

2015 marks the 32nd anniversary of the Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival, and the celebration boasts some of the biggest stars in bluegrass- Sierra Hull, Laurie Lewis & the Right Hands, Jeff Scroggins & Colorado. They join The Caleb Klauder Country Band, the Downtown Mountain Boys, North Country Bluegrass and Jim Faddis with Farmstrong beginning July 23-26 when the event hits the Skamania County Fairgrounds in scenic Stevenson, Wash. Tickets and camping are on sale at www.brownpapertickets.com.

Fort Dalles Rodeo on tap

The Fort Dalles Pro Rodeo is July 16-18 featuring performances by Amanda "Mandy" Payne of the "One Arm Bandit and Company" — a highly rated western show featuring riding on a moving horse trailer and herding longhorn steers onto the roofs of vehicles. Shows are 7:30 p.m. at the rodeo arena in The Dalles.

Entertainment listings can be e-mailed to jdrake@hoodrivernews.com

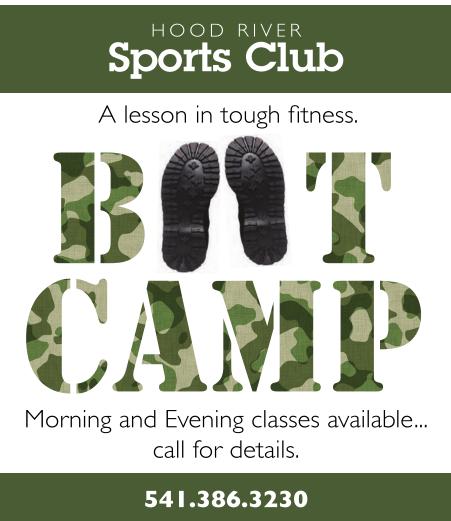


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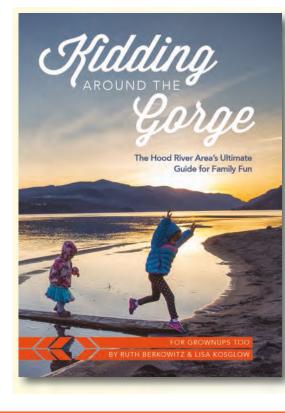


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