

HAPPENINGS

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EXHIBITS

• **Thru Feb. 1 — Dreams** at Columbia Center for the Arts. **Opening reception Jan. 3, 6-8 p.m.** More at columbiaarts.org.

CHILDREN & TEENS

• **Story Time at Hood River Library — Baby/Toddler and Big Kids story time**, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

• **Story Time at the Parkdale Library** — Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

• **Family Services Playgroups** — For parents and their children ages newborn to 5; for more info contact Elisa Cartwright at 541-296-8118 ext. 210. **Tuesdays**, 9:30-11 a.m. at Hood River Alliance Church, 2650 Montello Ave. (Contact the church at 541-386-2812 for details.) **Wednesdays**, Cascade Locks School, 300 WaNaPa, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Info at 541-490-0659. **Fridays**, 10-11:30 a.m. at HR Early Childhood Center (former Pine Grove School), bilingual, with developmental specialists available (follows school calendar).

• **Wednesdays — Cascade Locks Play Group**, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Cascade Locks Elementary. For babies and children 0-5. Meet other parents, enjoy playtime, exchange ideas, breastfeeding and other support. Free. More at 509-637-5717. Newcomers welcome.

• **Fridays — Magic Club**, 4-5 p.m. at Hood River Hobbies. Drop-in fee \$5. Parents must register the first time. Ages 10-15. Bring cards; loaner decks available. More at www.hoodriverhobbies.com.

EXERCISE & MEDITATION

• **Mondays — Movement and Yoga**, 10 a.m. at the FISH Food Bank, 1130 Tucker Road. With Cindy Hurlber. Donation class (part of proceeds donated to FISH). All abilities welcome.

• **Mondays — Meditation & Metta**, noon-1 p.m. at Trinity Natural Medicine, 1412 13th



Photo courtesy of Gorge Rocket Club

AN ALL-AGES rocket launch at Westside Elementary will kick off the New Year.

Rocket build and launch Jan. 1

Gorge Rocket Club hosts its annual New Year's Day rocket launch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 1 at Westside Elementary School.

Rocket building kits will be available while supplies last for \$15 (cash only)

and include one engine for launch.

This is an all-ages event, but parents must accompany and supervise children.

The Gorge Rocket Club is a National Association of Rocketry official club and

is run by volunteers. Additional "bring your own rocket" launches will be held monthly at Wy'east and Parkdale Elementary.

For more information, visit www.gorgerocketclub.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

• **Daily Mon. thru Fri. — Senior Meals**, noon-12:45 p.m. at the Hood River Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling. Open to public, all ages. For transportation, call CAT at 541-386-4202. Suggested \$5 donation. Supports seniors.

• **Jan. 1 — Wellness Wednesday** at Rite Aid. For seniors; free BMI and blood pressure checks, free samples, walk-in vaccinations, more. First Wednesday of each month during regular business hours.

• **Jan. 2 — Hood River Art Club**, 10-11 p.m. at the FISH Food Bank meeting room, Tucker Road. Open to public.

All levels and mediums. Bring project, lunch, supplies and \$1 for coffee & misc. More info at www.hoodriverartclub.com, on Facebook, or HoodRiverArtClub@yahoo.com.

• **Jan. 2 — Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting**, 4 p.m. at the OSU Extension Office meeting room. Board meetings are open to the public and held on the first Thursday of the month.

• **Jan. 2 — Harmony of the Gorge Women's Chorus**, 6:30-9 p.m. at Valley Christian. Four-part harmony, no need to read music. Call 541-490-2481 if weather looks bad.

• **Jan. 4 — Lyle Lions Pan-**

cake Breakfast, 7-10 a.m. at the Lyle Lions Community Center, corner of Highway 14 and Fifth. Everyone welcome.

• **Jan. 4 — Hood River Indoor Farmers' Market**, 10-1 p.m. at May Street Elementary cafeteria/commons. First and third Saturday of the month. Free parking.

• **Jan. 4-5 — Wild Bill's Bingo at the Elks Lodge**, 7 p.m. Fundraiser for Elks scholarship programs. Open to the community. Hosted by the Elks and the Mid-Columbia Knights of Columbus.

• **Jan. 4-5 — Sam Baker: The Go in Peace Symphony**, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 4 and 2 p.m. Jan. 5 at the Wy'east Middle School Performing Arts Center. Presented by Sam Baker and Columbia Gorge Orchestra Association's Sinfonietta. Tickets at the door or online (recommended) at gorgeorchestra.org; \$30 adults (\$25 CGOA members), \$10 youth/children.

• **Jan. 7 — Senior Meals**, noon at the Lyle Lions Community Center, corner of Highway 14 and Fifth. Everyone welcome.

• **Jan. 8 — Alzheimer's Support Group**, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Hood River Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Place, Hood River. More at 541-386-2060.

• **Jan. 8 — Hood River County Democrats Meeting**, 6 p.m. in the Hood River County Library downstairs meeting room, 502 State St. More at hoodriverdemocrats.org.

• **Jan. 9 — Hood River Art Club**, 10-11 p.m. at the FISH Food Bank meeting room, Tucker Road. Open to public. All levels and mediums. Bring project, lunch, supplies and \$1 for coffee & misc. More info at www.hoodriverartclub.com, on Facebook, or HoodRiverArtClub@yahoo.com.

• **Jan. 9 — Lunch and Learn**, 1 p.m. at the Hood River Library. White Allyship in Close-knit Communities with Oregon Humanities Project facilitator Alexis James. Free.

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