

# COMMUNITY



Photo by Michael and Angela Schock

## NEW YEAR COLOR

Michael and Angela Schock, who live on Hood River's west side, write, "We were welcomed into the New Year with a bright set of rainbows."

## Hood River Lions Club plans Christmas Tree pick-ups

The Hood River Lions Club is again volunteering to pick up Christmas trees for recycling on Saturday, Jan. 11 starting at 10 a.m. Lions ask for a donation per tree for local community projects.

Volunteers will cover all streets within the City of Hood River, and will pick up in the Stonegate and Summit View areas off of Frankton Road the streets off Avalon Drive.

Trees need to be at the curb by 9 a.m. on Jan. 11, as Lions make just one pass in each area and move to the next. Sometimes trees are missed because of parked vehicles blocking the view or other reasons.

"If volunteers miss you, leave a comment on the Hood River Lions Facebook

page or send us a message on the Facebook page and we'll make sure it gets picked up," said Lion Greg Simpson.

Please remove all lights, other decorations and stands, as these trees will be recycled into mulch.

"If we can identify which residence the tree came from, we will contact you, or leave a donation envelope if you're not home," said a press release. Donations can also be mailed to Hood River Lions Club, P.O. Box 860, Hood River, OR 97031.

Funds from this project go into Lions Community Fund and are returned to the community in a variety of ways. The club is on target to raise more than \$50,000 this fiscal year, most of which stays in Hood River County.

### Volunteers miss you?

If volunteers miss picking up your Christmas tree, leave a comment on the Hood River Lions Facebook page and someone will come to pick it up.

## Gorge communities plan Martin Luther King Day observances

Gorge residents are invited to participate in a celebration of the life, work and dreams of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 20.

The theme of this year's celebration, sponsored by Gorge

Ecumenical Ministries (GEM), is "Perseverance in the Struggle for Justice."

Events will begin at 4 p.m. with simultaneous workshops: "Get Informed About Immigration Laws" in Spanish and

"Being an Ally for the Common Good" in English.

The workshops will be followed by a celebration with music and guest speakers at 5:30 p.m. and a community potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating in a community Gospel Choir during the 5:30 p.m. celebration is invited to contact Evelyn Charity at 541-380-1815 by Jan. 13.

The MLK events will take

place at Riverside Community Church, located at Fourth and State streets in downtown Hood River.

Events are free of charge and open to the public. Donations will be accepted to support

the community justice work of Gorge Ecumenical Ministries. Childcare and professional Spanish language interpretation will be available.

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