

HAPPENINGS

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AUDITIONS

• **Jan. 25-27 — Senior One Act Plays**, 2 p.m. Jan. 25-26 and 6 p.m. Jan. 27 at Hood River Valley Adult Center. Need five male, 10 female actors for three one-act plays, produced April 16-19. PACT production. More at adultcentertheatre.com or actthegorge@gmail.com.

EXHIBITS

• **Thru Feb. 1 — Dreams at Columbia Center for the Arts.** Dan Pillers in Lobby Gallery. More at columbiaarts.org.
• **Jan. 21-Feb. 8 — Wasco/ Sherman County Elementary Student Art Show** at The Dalles Art Center. **Closing Reception Feb. 8**, 3-4 p.m. Juried competition. **Entries accepted Jan. 14-18**; forms and info at www.thedallesartcenter.org.

ON STAGE

• **Jan. 18 — Columbia Center for the Arts Children's Theater Teen Apprenticeship Program Fundraiser**, 6:30 p.m. at CCA. "Shakespearean Showcase" to raise funds for trip to London. Tickets at columbiaarts.org/events/teenshksprefundr.

• **Jan. 31-Feb. 1 & Feb. 7-8 — The Vagina Monologues**, 7:30 p.m. at Columbia Center for the Arts. **Matinee performances Feb. 2 & Feb. 9** at 2 p.m. **Jan. 31 is Ladies Only Show**; doors open 7 p.m., with Little Black Dress Cocktail Party from 6-7 p.m. CAST and THRIVE production. Tickets and details at columbiaarts.org/events/vagmono; tickets at Waucoma Bookstore and the CCA Gallery.

• **Feb. 7-8, Feb. 13-15, & Feb. 20-22 — Leading Ladies**, 7:30 p.m. at the Bingen Theater, 210 Oak St., Bingen. Matinee performances Feb. 9 & Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. Big Britches Production. Appropriate for all ages. Tickets and info at bigbritches.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).

• **Tuesdays — Chess Club**, 3:30-5 p.m. at the White Salmon Library. All levels welcome, all ages, children to adults. Instructional, fun, lightly competitive and free.

• **Tuesdays thru March 17 — Chess Club**, 5-6:30 p.m. at

the Hood River Library Maker-space. Drop in and instructional; all welcome, ages 7 and up. All supplies provided.

• **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.

• **Fridays thru Jan. 31 — Free Swim Lessons**, 6-6:20 p.m. at the HR Aquatic Center. At beginning of \$1 Friday swims; registration required (spots limited) at 541-386-1303.

• **Jan. 17-18 & Jan. 24-25 — Glow in the Dark Mini-Golf**, 5-8 p.m. Fridays and 2-8 p.m. Saturdays at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Ninth and State. Cost \$5 per person for 18 holes. Fundraiser for middle and high school youth ministries.

EXERCISE & MEDITATION

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

• **Mondays — Meditation & Metta**, noon-1 p.m. at Trinity Natural Medicine, 1412 13th St., Suite 200 (new location). With Rev. Kozen Sampson; more at 541-386-2025.

• **Mon. & Thurs. — Tai Chi**, 2:30 p.m. at the Hood River Valley Adult Center. \$5 a week, all ages. More at 541-490-3738.

• **Wednesdays — Yoga**, 10-11 a.m. at the FISH Food Bank. By donation. For all abilities; mats available. Wear loose clothing, bring water. With Christine Shannon.

• **Wed. & Fri. — Exercise with Arthritis**, 1:30-2:15 p.m. at the Hood River Valley Adult Center.

• **Thursdays — Movement and Yoga**, 9 a.m. at the Mt. Hood Town Hall. With instructor Cindy Hurlbert. Pay what you can, all abilities welcome, props provided. Visit www.yogavisual.com for info.

• **Strong Women Exercise Classes — Strength training program for middle aged and older women.** Contact leaders in advance to get the most up to date information:

• Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9-10:15 a.m. at the Mt. Hood Town Hall; 541-354-1264. Cost \$10/month or \$5/class.

• Mon. & Wed., 10-11 a.m. at the Cascade Locks City Hall, 509-699-0842.

• Tues. & Thurs., 10-11 a.m. (new, 541-386-3343) at Providence Down Manor.

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.

• **Wednesdays thru May**

PICK OF THE WEEK



Photo by David Mackintosh

CAST of The Snow Queen, a CCA Children's Theater production that took place in December. The center's Teen Apprenticeship Program hosts a fundraiser performance of scenes from Shakespeare Jan. 18.

Shakespeare Showcase Fundraiser Jan. 18 at CCA

Columbia Center for the Arts' Children's Theater Teen Apprenticeship Program is producing a showcase of scenes from Shakespeare to raise funds for a trip to London, the old stomping ground of the Bard and friends.

The fundraiser takes place Saturday, Jan. 18; doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the performance at 7 p.m.

"Come on out to join fellow theater lovers in appreciation of the Children's Theater teens as they showcase their talents, delighting the audience as they

work hard toward their fundraising goal," said a press release.

All donations will be gratefully accepted; suggested donation is \$15. Tickets are available online at www.columbiaarts.org/events/teenshksprefundr.

About the Teen Apprenticeship Program

CCA began its first Teen Apprenticeship Program in 2019. This program aims to provide theatrical training for teens in the Columbia River Gorge. Its purpose

is to create a supportive ensemble of skilled, professional teen collaborators who are knowledgeable in a variety of theatrical disciplines and ready to take on leadership roles within CCA Children's Theater and other environments.

The program prepares students for future rigorous training in a college or conservatory setting, while allowing them to explore personal interests in theater and related fields.

Applications are available at www.columbiaarts.org.

— **Locals Wednesday Downtown**, 3-6 p.m. in downtown Hood River. Free parking, store activities, more.

• **Thru March — PERIOD@HRV Fundraiser** at Slopeswell Cider. Community tap of One Breath Kombucha; \$3 for every tap will go to PERIOD@HRV to supply menstrual products to menstruators at FISH, Helping Hands and the Warming Shelter.

• **Jan. 15 — Hood River Valley Parks and Rec Board meeting**, 6 p.m. at the Aquatic Center, 1601 May St.

• **Jan. 15 — Documentary, "Inside Montessori"**, 6:30 p.m. at Andrew's Pizza and Skylight Theater. Tickets \$10, advance only, www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4487965. Proceeds benefit Little Oak Montessori School Scholarship Fund.

• **Jan. 15 — Sense of Place Lecture Series**, 7 p.m. at Columbia Center for the Arts. Maija Yasui, Finnish history of Hood River. Suggested \$5-\$10 donation.

• **Jan. 15 — Columbia Gorge ESD Board Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the ESD Board Room, 400 E. Scenic Drive No. 2.221, The Dalles. All welcome.

• **Starting Jan. 16 — CERT Training** at Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue, 1400 W. Eighth, The Dalles. Meets Thursdays thru Feb. 20. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Register at 503-806-7132 or lynette.black@oregonstate.edu.

• **Jan. 16 — Hood River Art Club**, 10-1 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. 16 — Lunch and Learn**, 1 p.m. at the Hood River Library. Gender Identity, facilitated by the Columbia Gorge Pride Alliance. Lunch provided. Free, open to all.

• **Jan. 16 — Community ID Registration**, 4-7 p.m. at Full Sail Brewing Co. Enroll in the program and learn about discounts and benefits for card holders. More info at hrcid@nextdoorinc.org or 541-436-0334.

• **Jan. 16 — Urban Renewal Advisory Committee Meeting**, 5:30 p.m. at Hood River City Hall, 211 State St.

• **Jan. 16 — Hood River Republicans Meeting**, 5:30 p.m. at China Gorge. Meets every third Thursday of the month.

• **Jan. 16 — Film, "Maiden"**, 6:30 p.m. at Hood River Cinemas. Presented by HRVHS Girl Up; all proceeds to United Nations Foundation in support of girls around the world.

• **Jan. 16 — 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. 16 — Wind-Masters**

Men's Chorus, 6:30-9 p.m. at Valley Christian Church, 975 Indian Creek Road. Four-part harmony, no need to read music, lessons provided. Call 541-490-6680 if weather looks bad.

• **Jan. 16 — Writer's Talk**, 7 p.m. at The Dalles Art Center, 220 E. Fourth St., The Dalles. Music at 6 p.m., talk follows. With Dale Brandenburger, author of "Grizzly Trade." Free and open to all.

• **Jan. 18 — Eagle Watch**, 9-3 p.m. at The Dalles Dam Visitors Center. Tenth annual; live raptor presentations and eagle viewing. Bring own scopes and binoculars (some will be provided). Free, open to all and accessible to those with disabilities.

• **Jan. 17 — HRV Nordic Team Fundraiser**, 6-9 p.m. at Kickstand Coffee. All invited; silent auction, homemade pies for sale. Raffle (tickets \$5 each or five for \$20) on sale at Kickstand and at event.

• **Jan. 18 — Gus Fletcher Memorial Fundraiser**, 10 a.m. at the Hood River Sportsman club, 2292 Tucker Road. Family-friendly. Live band at Tabby's Hole in One Clubhouse to follow (old golf course). For more info, visit www.facebook.com/events/535019147096145.

• **Jan. 18 — 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. 18 — 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. 20 — Rotary Ski Night**, 3-9 p.m. at Mt. Hood Meadows. Tickets are \$20 online at skihood.com (click Rotary Night box on Home page) or \$25 the day of the event. Fundraiser for local scholarships.

• **Jan. 20 — Martin Luther King Day Observance** beginning at 4 p.m. at Riverside Community Church. Workshops followed by guest speakers and a community potluck at 6:30 p.m. Free, open to all. Sponsored by GEM. Childcare and professional Spanish language translators available.

• **Jan. 21 — Senior Meals**, noon at the Lyle Lions Community Center, corner of Highway 14 and Fifth.

• **Jan. 21 — City of Hood River Planning Commission Meeting**, 5:30 p.m. at Hood River City Hall, 211 State St.

• **Jan. 22 — Author Talk**, 6:30 p.m. at the Hood River Library. Peter Marbach, "Healing the Big River." Free and open to all.

• **Jan. 23 — Hood River Art Club**, 10-1 p.m. at the FISH Food Bank meeting room, Tucker Road. With artist Nancy Houfek-Brown; cost is \$15 for nonmembers and \$10 for members. All welcome.

ROOTS: Learn more about Finnish history in the valley Wed.

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resided. I had enough difficulty tracing the family names on this side of the Atlantic. Changes occurred at point of entrance into this country, either Ellis Island or Boston for my ancestors. Although the Finnish immigrant was highly literate, officials did not understand the Finnish language, spelling or pronunciation as well as interpreting the handwriting. Additional changes occurred with the recording of homestead lands, census documentation and in newspaper articles.

My father's paternal great grandfather, Jacob Danielsson Huntus married a woman named Maria (Eliadotter) of

Jokela. Their son Jacob Jacobsson Huntus also married a woman named Maria (Eriksdotter Greus) of Jokela. When Jacob and Maria moved to the Ahiholm farm, they became Jacob Jacobsson Ahiholm. After the death of three of their children during a smallpox epidemic, they escaped to the Annala farm. They lost another infant but Maria, Jacob and their three surviving sons, Jacob, Johannes and Zacharias, all took the surname Annala.

Jacob Jacobsson Annala and Maria Annala were my father's paternal grandmother and grandfather. Their son, Jacob Jacobsson Annala, was my fa-

ther's father. Thank goodness he married a woman named Selma Sofia Seppa rather than another Maria.

In October 1879, 20-year-old Jacob Annala left Kokkola, Finland, for America to seek his fortune and that of his family. Two months, later he arrived in Boston, where he was recruited to work in the gold and copper mines in Michigan and later the iron mines in Ironwood. As a child in the '50s, I was fascinated by a meticulously carved root that sat on the sideboard shelf at my Uncle Alva's home, the Annala homestead in Oak Grove. The root was silken to the touch, twisted like an ancient pine on

the windswept coast, one root ending in a horse's hoof, another a cow's hoof, a third a high heel shoe, all crested with a salamander. A vial was embedded in the center holding a thread of copper and nugget of gold. It had been carved by Jacob Annala, as a memento of his months in the bowels of the mines in Michigan and Wyoming, a series of incredibly dangerous, backbreaking jobs that nonetheless proved to be extremely lucrative. A symbol of success in reuniting his family in America.

In less than two years, he was able to send for his brother, Johan, in 1882 and, shortly thereafter, their mother, father

and younger brother, Zacharias, to America. At the suggestion of members of the Hukari and Jamps families, the entire Annala family reunited in the Dakota territory to homestead in the Finnish settlement of Savo Township, near Frederick, S.D. It would be 27 more years before the Annala families would come to the Hood River Valley and homestead in the Oak Grove area.

Weather permitting, the saga of the Annala families and their intersection with the Hukari and Jakku families will continue tonight, Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at Columbia Center for the Arts. I hope you will join us.

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