

# COMMUNITY



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## PARKHURST HONOREE

Several dozen friends, family and co-workers gather Jan. 16 at Parkhurst to surprise Rachele Bisbee, center, for winning the Mission Value Vision (MVV) caregiver award for parent company Enlivant's west division. Bisbee, Parkhurst's activities coordinator, travels to this week Chicago, where she is in line to win the national Enlivant MVV award. "Besides her commitment to community is her sincere compassion for the residents," said Parkhurst Executive Director Tim Dufour, center. At left is Community Relations Manager Terri Hansen. "I see her every day engaging with a resident in need, and the way to describe it is God-driven. Those are the things that carry our values and you were recognized for that and your community outreach," he said. "I'm very proud of her to get to this point — there are the east, central and west conferences and she was chosen to be the one person from west division," which totals hundreds of employees in 47 facilities. Her cousin and co-worker, Lead Medications Aide Laticia Bisbee, accompanied her to Chicago.



## Trivia night

### Library Foundation, pFriem host open contest on Jan. 29

The Hood River County Library Foundation literary and local history trivia fundraiser will be held Jan. 29 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the upstairs library at pFriem Family Brewers.

This event is part of pFriem's fundraiser series that highlights and supports local non-profits in the community. All drinks purchased during the event in the pFriem library will be donated to the Hood River County Library Foundation. Half of all beer-to-go sales (bottles, growlers, or crowlers) placed at the

event will also be donated. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person to play trivia. There will be teams of four, or join a team. Bring a phone or tablet to access the trivia game.

### Sample library trivia night questions:

1. What Steinbeck novel was made into a movie starring James Dean?
  2. Called the first modern detective story, "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" was written by who?
  3. Name the three Bronte sisters.
  4. Bonus harder Bronte question: Name the Bronte sister's pen names.
  5. When did the railroad first come to Hood River?
- (See answers at the bottom of the page.)

## Comments sought for East Fork Irrigation project

Advancements in irrigation efficiency are on the horizon for farmers and orchardists in East Fork Irrigation District pending the completion of a federal environmental planning process that began in October 2018.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has reviewed the potential impacts of the East Fork Irrigation District Infrastruc-

ture Modernization Project and released a Draft Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment (Draft Plan-EA) on Jan. 8.

East Fork Irrigation District proposes to pipe 56 miles of district-owned canals and laterals to conserve water, reduce energy use, improve operational efficiencies, increase public safety, and enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the Hood River Watershed.

By converting open-ditch

irrigation canals into underground, closed-pipe systems, the proposed East Fork Irrigation District Infrastructure Modernization Project would eliminate water losses from end spills, saving an estimated 16.6 cubic feet per second, or 5,287 acre-feet annually, said a press release.

The project is sponsored by the East Fork Irrigation District, with funding and technical

support from NRCS, in cooperation with Bonneville Power Administration, Energy Trust of Oregon, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Hood River Watershed Group and Farmers Conservation Alliance.

NRCS and project partners will host a public meeting Jan. 29 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to discuss the Draft Plan-EA, answer questions about the project, and collect public comments

during a breakout session. The meeting will be hosted at the Pine Grove Grange, 2835 Van Horn Drive, Hood River.

For more information about this and other irrigation modernization projects in Oregon, visit [www.oregonwatershedplans.org](http://www.oregonwatershedplans.org), or visit the NRCS Oregon public notice webpage at [www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/or/newsroom/pnotice](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/or/newsroom/pnotice).

Library trivia night answers

1. East of Eden
2. Edgar Allan Poe
3. Anne, Charlotte, and Emily
4. Acton, Currier, and Ellis Bell
5. 1882



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