

COMMUNITY



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FFA PRESENTS

FFA's Celilo Brun presents her speech (article, A1) as County Commissioner Les Perkins listens. At Saturday's FFA Week Farmers' Breakfast, free to the community as part of FFA Week, Clara Rice, standing, catches up with Art and Diana Carroll. Above, sitting down to fresh plates of pancakes, eggs and sausage are Beau Sterrenberg and Jessica Peterson, left, of Hood River, and Devinn Ward of The Dalles and her children, Tyson and Lexie.



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MASTER DANCER

Emelia Gendreau of Hood River was among featured dancers in Muhlenberg College's Master Choreographers performances last month at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Penn., where the HRVHS graduate studies. The event showcased new dance works by critically acclaimed guest artists and faculty, on the Empie Theatre stage. Artists were Bill Evans and Yoshito Sakuraba, award-winning choreographer and founding artistic director of Abarukas dance company.

Two local events examine socially responsible investments and environmental policy

How are our values reflected — or not reflected — in current local, national, and global environmental policies?

How can citizens make personal investments based on values?

These are questions that two events, unrelated but with similar missions, will attempt to answer this week.

'Socially Responsible Investing'

A "Socially Responsible Investing (SRI) Educational Forum" is planned March 11 at Riverside Community Church on March 11 at 7 p.m.

SRI was formerly known as Ethical Investing or Faith and Values Based Investing and originated from people of faith because of a desire to seek justice (including in their financial decisions) for all who are more vulnerable.

The event will cover:

- The history of socially responsible investing and the divestment movement
- The methods and metrics to determine environmental, social, and governance factors
- UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Shareholder advocacy, which has pushed corporations to responsible and ethical change
- Greenwashing, deceptive marketing strategies
- Comprehensive SRI financial planning: EVs, solar, ad banking

Presenters are:

▪ Erin Gray, advisor, Institutional and Client Relations Manager of Green Century Funds, which has the first family of fossil fuel-free, diversified mutual funds in the U.S. and has been a leader in shareholder advocacy.

▪ David and Michelina Roth, co-owners of Gorge Sustainable Investing, a locally based independent financial planning firm, providing customized sustainable financial planning for the good of all people, communities and our Earth.

▪ Craig Churman, vice president Product Development of Saturna Capital which has been dedicated to values-based investing for more than 30 years.

'Conversation' on policy

"How Do Our Values Influence Environmental Policy?" is a free conversation with Monica Mueller on March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hood River Library, and part of the Oregon Humanities' ongoing Conversation Project.

Mueller notes, "Most of us would agree that natural resources and our surrounding environment have value, but what that value is — and how to protect it — are usually up for debate. Given competing interests and visions of the public good, how do we protect our common resources such as land, water, and air?" This is the focus of the program hosted by Columbia Gorge Tourism Alliance and sponsored by Oregon

Humanities.

Mueller is an instructor of philosophy at Portland State University and specializes in ethical and political philosophy. She published the book "Contrary to Thoughtlessness: Rethinking Practical Wisdom" and is interested in discussing the seemingly overwhelming problems of living together in a world with others.

Through the Conversation Project, Oregon Humanities offers free programs that engage community members in

thoughtful, challenging conversations about ideas critical to our daily lives and our state's future. For more information about this free community discussion, contact Emily Reed at 503-360-3532 or emily@columbiatorgourismalliance.org.

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A morning shower in the area	Dull and dreary	A morning shower; cooler	Snow or flurries possible	Cloudy	A couple of showers possible	A couple of showers possible

Actual High/Low

February 26-March 2

Wednesday	60/36
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