

# GATHERINGS

Gatherings is a free service of the Hood River News and may be edited for length. Listings may also be found online at hoodrivernews.com; click the Events tab.

**Please note:** Due to executive orders for public health regarding the novel coronavirus/COVID-19, all gatherings are currently suspended. It is recommended to call before attending to confirm an event is on as scheduled.

**Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug (ATOD) Prevention Coalition** meeting the first Wednesday of each month at Grace Su's China Gorge, 3:30-5 p.m. Please contact 541-386-2500 for more information.

**Alzheimer's Support Group**, second Wednesday of the month from 2:20-3:30 p.m. at the Hood River Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Place, Hood River. More at 541-386-2060.

**Area Agency on Aging, Senior Advisory Council (SAC).** The public is welcome. Discusses senior programs, services, budget and area plan for the counties of Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler. For questions, contact Scott McKay at 541-980-4645; call for meeting times.

**Coastal Conservation Association Columbia Gorge Chapter** meets the third Tuesday of the month at Cousins Restaurant, 2114 W. Sixth, The Dalles. Open to public. For more information, contact President Charles Parker at 541-806-3669 or charlesparker2@embarqmail.com.

**Columbia Fibres Guild** meets at 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, September through June, at The Dalles-Wasco County Library, The Dalles. Check location before attending. Promotes crafts of spinning, weaving and fiber arts by providing encouragement and education with programs, demonstrations, classes, mentoring and community outreach. Members from novice to professional welcome. For more information, email ColumbiaFibresGuild@gmail.com or call Anne Kramer at

541-786-3378.

**Columbia Gorge Beekeepers** meets the third Wednesday of each month (no meetings in December and January) at OSU Extension, 2990 Experiment Station Drive, Hood River. Pre-meeting from 5:30-6:15 p.m. (demonstration of beekeeping technique); regular meeting 6:15-8 p.m. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in beekeeping or bees.

**Columbia Gorge Postpartum Support Group** meets Wednesdays at 3 p.m. at Dog River Coffee. Led by Beth Waters, IBCLC. Meet friends, get support with common postpartum issues. Free. Siblings welcome. More at www.facebook.com/gorgepostpartum.support, beth@honeysuckleL.C.com or 541-444-0863.

**Columbia Gorge Threshold Singing Circle** meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Join voices for non-performance songs of the times and for thresholds of all kinds. Gather at 6:30 p.m., sing from 6:45-8:30 p.m. Contact Beth at ColumbiaGorge@thresholdchoir.org for location, as it alternates between White Salmon and Hood River, or with other questions.

**Domestic Violence Support Group**, Tuesdays at noon. Free; for women survivors. With Rebecca Hunter, MSW, in partnership with Helping Hands Against Violence. Call for location, 541-400-0186.

**Friends of the Library** meets the second Tuesday of each month (except for July, August and December) at noon in the Gaulke Meeting Room at the Hood River Library. The library is currently closed to all activities.

**Gorge Photography Club**, second Monday of the month in The Dalles, at Northern Wasco County PUD, 2345 River Road, and fourth Monday of the month in Hood River, Next Door Meeting Room, 965 Tucker Road. Social time at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. More at susan77@gmail.com.

**Gorge Rebuild It Center Board Meetings**, second Tues-

day of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m. at 995 Tucker Road (the office building on the property of Gorge Rebuild It Center). All welcome.

**Gorge Sinfonietta Orchestra:** Community orchestra under the direction of Mark Steighner. Meets Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the band room of Hood River Valley High School. More information at gorgeorchestra.org

**Gorge Women in Black**, Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. at the corner of Fifth and Oak. Standing in silence for peace and justice. More on Facebook.

**Happiness Group**, meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Hood River Library to discuss the topic of happiness in all its forms, from the latest science to habits we've tried and thoughts from interesting authors. Moderated by Lucy Mason. All are welcome at any time. More at www.gorge-happiness.org/en/year-round-happiness-group.

**Harmony of the Gorge Women's Chorus**, 6:30-9 p.m. at Valley Christian Church, 975 Indian Creek Road, Hood River. Four-part harmony, no need to read music, lessons provided. Meets Thursdays. Call 541-490-2481 if weather looks bad.

**Hood River Art Club** meets Thursday, 10-1 p.m., from September to May, to motivate, share and support each other's creative endeavors. Meets at FISH Food Bank. Open to the public. All levels of expertise in any art medium; bring your project, supplies, lunch plus \$1 for coffee, etc. Meetings are currently suspended until further notice.

**Hood River County Democrats Meeting**, second Thursday of the month beginning at 6 p.m. in the Hood River County Library downstairs meeting room, 502 State St. More at hoodriverdemocrats.org. The April 9 meeting has been canceled.

**Hood River Republicans Meeting**, third Thursday of the month beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Grace Su's China Gorge.

For more information, email hr\_gop@embarqmail.com.

**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.

**Hood River Valley Adult Center Senior Meals**, daily, Monday through Friday from noon to 12:45 p.m. Open to the public. For transportation, call CAT at 541-386-4202. Suggested \$5 donation; proceeds support seniors. The center is currently closed, but drive-thru meals are available for those over 60 years old.

**Indivisible Columbia Gorge (ICG)** meets downstairs at the Hood River library quarterly from 6-7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the first month of the quarter (Jan, April, July and November). Progressive political activism with friends and neighbors. More on Facebook and at ICGOregon.org.

**Lyle Lions Club** meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at the Lyle Lions Community Center on the corner of Highway 14 and Fifth. The meetings are canceled for the foreseeable future, as are the center's Tuesday Senior Meals.

**Mid-Columbia Cribbage Club**, first and third Mondays of the month at Brookside Manor, 1550 Brookside Drive, Hood River. Play starts at 6:30 p.m. More information at photofields@gorge.net, or call Gary at 541-386-3055.

**NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)** of the Gorge meets the first Thursday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. at One Community Health, 1040 Webber St., The Dalles (Hood River monthly meeting currently suspended). All Gorge residents welcome. NAMI-Gorge provides a monthly support group meeting for caregivers, friends, and family members of persons with mental illness. For more information, email susanbgabay@gmail.com or margiest@centu-

rylink.net.

**Odell Garden Club** meets every second Tuesday of the month beginning at 10 a.m. Contact President Norma Curtis at 541-806-1019 or nlc Curtis@hrecn.net for location (usually at the Community Building at the Hood River Fairgrounds) and events. All gardeners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Ninth and State. In Hood River, contact Liz at 541-490-3819 for more information.

**Parkdale Garden Club** meets the first Tuesday of the month, February through December, at 1 p.m. at the Parkdale Grange or at members' homes. All gardeners are welcome. For more information, contact pamcridler97031@gmail.com.

**Rockford Grange** meets the first Wednesday of every month, starting with a potluck at 5:30 p.m. Located at 4262 Barrett Drive, Hood River. For information about membership, events, and hall rental, visit the website at rockfordgrange.net or email at info@rockfordgrange.net.

**Spanish Conversation Group**, Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Society Hotel, 405 E. Franklin St., Bingen. Free, Spanish-language conversation group for intermediate, advanced and native speakers.

**Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group**, second Tuesday of the month from 5:30-

630 p.m. at Columbia Gorge Community College, Hood River campus. Open to anyone who lost a loved one to suicide. Contact belinda.ballah@co.hood-river.or.us for more information.

**TOPS OR9901 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** meets Tuesdays from 3:45-5 p.m. in the Hood River Valley Christian Church Fireside Room. All welcome.

**Ukulele Song Circle** gathers every second Sunday of the month at the Hood River FISH Food Bank, 1130 Tucker Road, Hood River. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.; sing and play from 2-4 p.m. This is a non-profit, amateur group, open to all skill levels. Bring \$1 donation for use of the building. Call for details, 541-352-9317.

**Unit 20, Oregon Retired Educators**, noon monthly meetings September through June, alternating between Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties. Interested persons may inquire at 541-478-3429.

**Voci Choir:** Community choir of mixed voices under the direction of Mark Steighner. No audition. Meets Monday evenings from 6:30-8:15 p.m. in the choir room at Hood River Valley High School. More information at gorgeorchestra.org.

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



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READERBOARD sign at Parkdale Grange, with a slightly hopeful note, sums up the general feeling about group gatherings.

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### Everyone Counts!

Every 10 years, every person in the United States gets counted. The count, called the census, is required by the U.S. Constitution. It lets the government know how many people live in the United States, including citizens and non-citizens.

One of the main reasons for the census is to be sure that each state is represented fairly in Congress. The number of representatives that can be elected from each state depends upon how many people live in that state.

The census also tells where people live, how many people are in each household and much more.

The government also uses the census to provide important services. These services include roads, schools, hospitals and fire departments.

**Standards Link:** Social Science: Current Events.

### Fun Town

Number of People

Ages 0-9:	550
Ages 10-19:	1,260
Ages 20-39:	620
Ages 40-59:	420
Ages 60+:	275

Circle the services they need now. Draw a line around the services they will need in 10 years.

hospital roads fire department elementary school public transportation

**Standards Link:** History/Social Science: Students understand and distinguish cause, effect, sequence and correlation in historical events including long and short-term causal relationships.

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### The Census: Then and Now

The first census was taken in 1790. Since that time, the U.S. Government has counted people every 10 years.

The number of people in different age groups has changed over the past 200 years. These two charts show the ages of people in 1890 and in 1990. How has the size of each age group changed? What does this tell us?

AGES: 0-9 10-19 20-39 40-59 60+

**Standards Link:** Math: Compare, sort and count common objects.

### Wild Census

Some census takers don't count heads. They count beaks or fins or tails. Volunteers and scientists all over the world count wild animals. They do this to find out if animals are becoming extinct. How many animals can you find in the picture above?

**Standards Link:** Visual discrimination.

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### Double Double Word Search

CENSUS UNITED COUNTED GOVERNMENT SERVICES PEOPLE STATE FIRE FINS NUMBER HEADS PERSON FAMILY MANY DECIDE

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

M	E	T	N	U	M	B	E	R	H
F	V	C	O	U	N	T	E	D	E
A	P	E	O	P	L	E	D	F	A
M	U	N	I	T	E	D	E	V	D
I	O	S	E	R	V	I	C	E	S
L	C	U	T	L	F	F	I	M	T
Y	N	S	O	S	I	T	D	A	A
G	O	V	E	R	N	M	E	N	T
N	U	P	E	R	S	O	N	Y	E

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### What if you were in charge?

Choose a social problem that is currently being covered in your newspaper. Make a list of all the groups of people concerned about this issue. What does each group think about the issue? What do you think could be done to keep as many people as possible happy?

**Standards Link:** History/Social Science.

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### Write On!

## What's your opinion?

Should kids be allowed to vote? Why or why not?

**Standards Link:** Math: Compare, sort and count common objects.

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