

**YESTERYEARS**

# Snow hits upper valley in 2010

**1910 — 110 YEARS AGO**

One of the largest land sales that has ever taken place at Mosier was consummated Friday when C.A. McCarger purchased the George Sellinger place, for which he paid in the neighborhood of \$40,000. The purchase consists of 296 acres of what is considered some of the finest fruitland (sic) in the Mosier district, 100 acres of which is cleared. The place has a house and other improvements on it and is located near the big fruit farm of the East Hood River Fruit Company about a mile east of town. It is probable that Mr. McCarger will cut it up into smaller acreages and sell some of it to the many investors who are buying in this fast-developing district.

in all respects as that of any upstate newspaper in Oregon.

**1940 — 80 YEARS AGO**

With spring has come a strong demand for tracts in Hood River Valley and in recent weeks a number of new people have been here looking over acreage available in hopes of finding what they require. Several completed sales have also been reported by Truman Butler, realtor. The big sale involves the 147-acre tract above the Sunday ranch on Neal Creek, which has been owned for a number of years by Tom Sherrard and J.C. Chapman. The new owner is C.F. Allegre, well-known dairyman of the valley. Sherrard was for many years with the Forest Service and has now retired.

store has a green front, its business is booze, and the boom was hardly surprising. Prices went up April 1, so state liquor store manager Pauline Kirkland and her crew had a busy time handling the rush before the price rise went into effect. Increases will range from a nickel a fifth on vodka bottled in Hood River to 15 or 20 cents on domestic whiskeys to 85 cents and more on imported liquor.

**1980 — 40 YEARS AGO**

Mount St. Helens became something less than saintly last week when it began a series of eruptions that spewed volcanic ash as far as Hood River's doorstep. It made itself the center of attention for scientists, news media, worried officials and a curious public. Automobile owners are cautioned that the ash contains sulfur compounds that may produce mild acid reactions and that cartops may be damaged by chemical reaction with metal if the ash is not hosed off with water.

**1950 — 70 YEARS AGO**

Above normal stream flows which will produce "excellent to abundant" water supplies for the April-September period were predicted for Hood River County Thursday at the 10th annual northcentral Oregon irrigation water forecast meeting on the basis of mountain snow and soil moisture conditions. Mountain snow cover in the Hood River-Wasco area is now between 150 and 200 percent of normal with more than the usual amount occurring at low elevations.

**1960 — 60 YEARS AGO**

School voters in three western Wasco County districts will go to the polls in May to decide the merits of a school reorganization proposal that would merge school districts in Chenoweth, Rowena, Petersburg and Mosier areas. The resulting system would create a central high school of some 350 students, according to the plan.

**1970 — 50 YEARS AGO**

It was Christmas in March in an unimposing little Hood River store early this week. The

**1920 — 100 YEARS AGO**

Fruitgrowers of the Upper Valley are now making preparations to handle their increasing crops of fruit in the coming fall. Chas Steinhauser is to have a new apple house of hollow tile and concrete. Its dimensions will be 50x90 feet and it will consist of a basement with two stories above ground level. The basement will be used for storage, the ground floor for packing and the second floor for supplies and to furnish accommodations for help during the season. Rea Babson, another Parkdale rancher, is arranging for extensive additions to his apple house and barn to meet his growing requirements.

**1930 — 90 YEARS AGO**

As a result of a decision arrived at by stockholders of the Hood River News on Saturday, this newspaper will occupy a new home on Oak Street. Plans are now being drawn for a modern building, 50x80-feet of reinforced concrete and brick front, to occupy the site on which the laundry now stands, directly opposite the Rialto block. When completed, the interior will furnish the News a home as modern and complete



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**APRIL 2, 1970**

Hostesses for the 1970 Hood River Valley Blossom Day celebration will be these four princesses, whose official function starts with publicizing the annual event. Susan Pegg, left, and RosAnne Merz, second from right, represent Parkdale Grange; Nancy Norton, second from left, and Diane Troxel, represent Pine Grove Grange. Both granges serve public dinners the day of the blossom tour (April 26) and the girls will greet the guests.

personnel and equipment of the area's fire service providers, and whether organizing the various departments and districts under a single umbrella can provide efficiencies in operations, training and other areas.

**1990 — 30 YEARS AGO**

It was still dark Monday morning when 18 junior high students from Tsuruta, Japan, ended a week's stay in Hood River. They boarded a school bus and, just as the rising sun greeting them, they headed west to Portland International Airport. It was the seventh visit of a group of young people from Tsuruta to its American sister city, Hood River. And it certainly was one of the best recorded. NHK Television in Japan sent a crew to record every aspect of the visit.

**2000 — 20 YEARS AGO**

Seeking ways to maintain emergency services in an era of tighter regulations and shrinking budgets, local fire officials are considering a proposal to consolidate area fire districts and departments. The idea arose as local officials considered how best to utilize the

**2010 — 10 YEARS AGO**

An Easter weekend storm dropped on the Hood River Valley Friday. Snow collected on the highways in the mid- and upper valley, requiring drivers to put on chains while traveling on Highway 35. "Anywhere past the Odell junction it starts to get slick," one Hood River County deputy stated at 11:30 a.m. Snow made travel hazardous on the higher elevations above Oak Grove on the west side of the valley.

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**VERBATIM**

## Work On New Playground Is Already Underway

If plans of local playground promoters materialize, and if the weather permits, much work should be accomplished on the new community playground this coming Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Last Sunday morning (Easter), more than a dozen willing workers were on the job and by noon had laid more than 100 feet of tile for drainage of the site. Work will be intensified on the tilling this weekend and softball league managers are urged to cooperate by notifying all team members that their services can be used to great advantage on one or both days.

As soon as the tile has been laid, actual grading of the field can be commenced and it is for this reason that Claude Collins, president of the softball league, and Pepper Mann, chairman of the

construction committee, are anxious that a large quota of men appear Saturday and Sunday.

As far as playing space is concerned, when finished, the new grounds will be as large or larger than Portland's Vaughn street orchard. It will take a most potent blow to propel a baseball over the right field boundary and not even Joe DiMaggio himself could be expected to knock one over the left field embankment. A home run to center field, needless to say, would also be well earned.

Home plate will be situated at the extreme southeast corner of the field and sloping embankments directly behind the plate and along the first and third base lines provide a natural base for raised bleachers when that time comes.

— Hood River News, March 29, 1940

# A message from The Next Door

By JANET HAMADA

The Next Door executive director



Dear Friends,  
We are in uncharted territory. Our sense of community, livelihoods, and very lives are being threatened. No doubt we're all feeling overwhelmed, anxious, and scared, but we at The Next Door are determined to fight for those most vulnerable in the Gorge.

Like many of you, the children, teens, new parents and community members we serve are suffering lost wages, lost connections with people they care about, and heightened fear and anxiety. These friends and neighbors who are struggling and isolated find their

needs amplified. Even our organization finds itself in emotional turmoil. Our staff consists primarily of home visitors, community health workers, youth outreach workers, therapists, counselors and educators. They have

traditionally provided vital services and support to program participants in-person in homes, community gathering places, and schools. In this ever-changing situation with COVID-19, our dedicated staff are adapting to carry out

these services through digital channels.

This means online classes for students in our Klahre House and Kelly Avenue schools, Welcome Baby visits with new parents via FaceTime, mental health treatment sessions through video conferencing, and more.

Over the past couple weeks, countless community members have contacted us wanting to volunteer and do something to help. We're incredibly grateful and have been happy to refer these helping hands to other organizations that have remained open to the public, like our local food pantries. We have also worked in partnership with so many individuals

and organizational partners to start entirely new services that will help our most vulnerable neighbors.

As an organization that relies heavily on grants and donations from our beloved community, we're anxious about what the future holds. What will an economic recession mean for our funding, and what vital services might be lost?

In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing powerful stories of struggle and triumph with all

of you on our website.

As we weather this storm together, if you are able, I humbly ask you to consider a gift to The Next Door. It's at times such as these, when we're all thinking globally, that your dollars go deeper and farther to impact your local community. Please visit [nextdoorinc.org/donate](http://nextdoorinc.org/donate) and give the gift of hope today.

Above all, take care of yourself and each other; the world needs you.

## Library District updates closure schedule

The Hood River County Library District will now tentatively be closed through April 28. This date is subject to change based upon recommendations and guidelines from the Center for Disease Control, Oregon Health Authority, Gov. Kate Brown and Hood River County public

health officials. During the closure, the Hood River Library District encourages patrons to use their online resources and services.

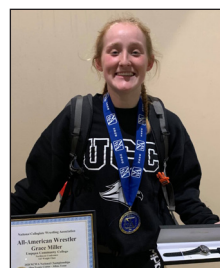
They ask patrons to not return their library materials. Their drop boxes are closed. All due dates have been extended and library fines will

not accrue during the closure. All blocks due to patrons exceeding the fine threshold have been temporarily removed, which will allow all patrons to use their online resources and services. The wifi is on in the library buildings and can be accessed from outside.

The Hood River County Li-

brary District will be offering a variety of online programming and services. To learn about programs and services, patrons can follow the library on social media (Facebook and Instagram), check the library website and sign up for their eNewsletter for the latest updates at [hoodriverlibrary.org](http://hoodriverlibrary.org).

## Athlete of the Week



**Grace Miller**  
Wrestling

Grace Miller, HRVHS Class of 2019, now at Umpqua Community College, was champion 143-pound wrestler at Collegiate Wrestling Association Northwest Conference Championships earlier this month.

The Athlete of the Week will receive a large 2 topping pizza from Papa Murphy's. Congratulations to our winner 4-1-20.



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## WEATHER FOR HOOD RIVER, OR | APRIL 1-8, 2020

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
51° /35°	53° /34°	52° /35°	52° /35°	53° /39°	58° /42°	63° /39°
A snow squall in the morning	Times of sun and clouds	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy	Chance of a shower	Sunshine and patchy clouds	A couple of showers possible

Actual High/Low	
March 23-29	
Monday	57/39
Tuesday	53/29
Wednesday	55/37
Thursday	55/34
Friday	54/44
Saturday	59/43
Sunday	64/43

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