

YOUNG VOICES

HRVHS junior Payton Rigert starts as intern at the News

By **PAYTON RIGERT**
News intern

My name is Payton Rigert. I am a junior at Hood River Valley High School and currently participating in an internship at the Hood River News.

There are lots of things in life that I am passionate about. One of them is wrestling. I love wrestling and this will be my third year competing. I am on the Hood River Valley High School Wrestling Team and last year I won the Oregon Women's State Wrestling championship title at 140lbs. The greatest feeling ever was walking off the mat knowing that all the hard work I had put-in had finally paid off. This year I hope to win state again. I completed at districts last week and placed first. I can't wait for the state championship there is nothing more intense than wrestling in the Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

Other activities are also a large part of my life. I participate in 4-H at the county, state, and national level. I am the president of my 4-H club, Funny Farms 4-H, and work closely with the members of my club. I am also a county ambassador and have set up many county events. We have made baby hats for One Community Health, baked cookies for the elderly, participated in Tie-One-On day, and attended other county events. Volunteering in my community is the best way to say thank you to all the people who have influenced my life. I also believe in giving back at the state level. I am an Oregon 4-H State Ambassador and participate in state events. I have helped at the Oregon State Fair and 4-H OSU Summer Conference. Working at the state level has given me a better understanding of the work that goes on behind the scenes of organizing and executing

state events.

This year, I also got the opportunity to attend National 4-H Congress, in Atlanta, Georgia, and be a member of the National 4-H



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Congress Youth Leadership Team. National 4-H Congress was one of the most inspirational events I have ever attended.

In addition to participating in 4-H and wrestling, I also participate in water polo and track. I am also apart of Leaders for Tomorrow and FTC Robotics. Last summer I was also given the opportunity to go on a Rotary Youth Exchange. I was able to go to India for two months and it was a life changing experience. I attended nine India weddings and got to see the Taj Mahal. The best part wasn't the stuff I saw or the things I went to, but the cultural immersion I experienced and the connections I now have to an amazing culture. If you are ever able to go to India, be sure to take me with you!

I decided to participate in an internship at the Hood River News because I like to experience new things and push my limits. I can't wait to learn new skills and share them with my community. I am very interested in the job opportunities that are out there and the Hood River News rocks!

GTA hosts Feb. 25 forum on technology, community

Many social theorists agree that community life has been transformed by communications technologies. Is community disappearing or strengthening as we gaze at smartphones, video games, online movies, and web pages? How do these technologies both connect and disconnect us? Where online do we engage deeply with friends, family, and neighbors alike?

Nicaragua, and Costa Rica.

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 community discussion, contact Jessica Metta at 541-296-2266 or Jessica@crgta.org. The Gorge Technology Alliance supports, connects and develops the technology community of the Columbia River Gorge. It meets each month with networking and educational opportunities.

Learn more about this month's event or about the GTA at crgta.org.

Oregon Humanities (813 SW Alder St, #702; Portland) connects Oregonians to ideas to change lives and transform communities. More information about Oregon Humanities' programs and publications, which include the Conversation Project, Think & Drink, Humanity in Perspective, Idea Lab, Public Program Grants, and Oregon Humanities magazine, can be found at oregonhumanities.org. Oregon Humanities is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and a partner of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

Sloan is a professor of psychology in the Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling in Portland, Oregon. He was trained in a field known as personality theory, which addresses fundamental questions about human nature. Sloan is fluent in Spanish and has taught in universities in Venezuela,



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CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT CLASS
Oregon
Utah - (valid 35-states)

March 7th • 1 pm
Hood River Best Western
OR / Utah: (Valid in WA) \$80
or Oregon only: \$45

FirearmTrainingNW.com
FirearmTrainingNW@gmail.com

360-921-2071



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

UNION BUILDING PROGRESS

122-year-old-old brick wall comes down this week as condominium construction starts on historic Union Building, the Diamond fruit facility until 1970. Developer Pasquale Barone and contractor Mike Butterfield are transforming the east section of the undeveloped property into six condominiums, each with two bedrooms and rooftop patios. Large window spaces have been punched out on the north side of the building. Each unit includes a garage, accessible on the north side of the building via a driveway running adjacent to the Union Pacific tracks. Barone purchased a strip of land necessary for vehicle access. The condos will be finished by late 2015, and sell for about \$400,000. Barone has already refurbished the west end – Davies Dunn law office – and east end – Columbia Gorge Title Company – in 2012 and 2013. In mid-2014, The Remains gallery also moved in on the lower west level in 2014.

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY
Pastor Terry Abbott
979 Tucker Rd.
Hood River, OR 97031
541-386-3656

www.river-of-life-assembly.org
For details check the current bulletin on our website
riveroflifeassembly@gmail.com

Service Schedule
Sunday
8:30 a.m. Early Worship Celebration
10:00 a.m. Coffee, Conversation & Refreshments
10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration & KidzChurch, K-6th*
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Classes (choose from three topics)*

Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Royal Rangers & Mpat Girls Club (K-6th)*
Connect Groups for Adults (several groups to choose from)

Thursday
6:30 p.m. Youth Group 7-12th
7:00 p.m. Connect Group Upper Valley
*Childcare provided at the church for those attending

BAPTIST

1st BAPTIST CHURCH of ODELL
3081 Odell Hwy., 541-490-3171
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
1280 W. Jewett • White Salmon
Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Jr/Sr. High Youth • Small Groups (call for times & location)
Pastor Mark Hoeffner (509) 493-2597
www.gracews.org

BELMONT DRIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
4200 Belmont Road
541-386-4201
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday evening Bible study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday evening Bible study 6:00 p.m.

PARKDALE BAPTIST
6310 Dee Hwy., 541-352-6515
Bobby Joe Beauchamp, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study, 6 p.m.

TUCKER ROAD BAPTIST
Pastor Dean E. Kelly, Jr.
1455 Tucker Road
Hood River, OR 97031
541-386-1049
– Sundays –
Bible Study, All Ages, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
– Wednesdays –
Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.

CATHOLIC

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1501 Belmont, Hood River
Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation in English/Spanish 4-5 p.m.
Saturday Mass in English 5:30 p.m.
Mass in Spanish 7 p.m.
Sunday Mass in Spanish 8 a.m.
Mass in English 10 a.m.
Mass in Spanish 1 p.m.
Holiday Masses

7 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 7 p.m.
Daily Mass 7:30 a.m.
Father Ronald M. Maag,
Pastor, 541-386-3373

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

HOOD RIVER ALLIANCE
"You're Always Welcome!"
2650 W. Montello St.
541-386-2812
www.hoodriveralliance.org

Steve Grace, Senior Pastor
John Blosser, Associate Pastor
Tina Graves, Youth Pastor
Emily Blosser, Worship Pastor
Sunday Morning
2 Worship Services
9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Monday Night
Senior Youth Group
Tuesday Night
Celebrate Recovery Group,
6:15 p.m. (Contact Person:
John Blosser 507-820-0871)

Wednesday Night
Junior Youth Group
Nightly Activities
Small group Bible studies through the week.

La Iglesia Esperanza Y Vida
Sabado 6 p.m.
Spanish Service Saturday at 6 p.m.
Tony Estey, Pastor
Llame para un orario completo
541-806-2691

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
701 Washington St.
The Dalles, OR 97058
Sunday Service 10 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

HOOD RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST
1512 Tucker Road
Cody Singleton - Minister
9:45 Bible Classes
10:45 Services
541-386-2782
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

ODELL CHURCH OF CHRIST

3784 Summit Drive
Worship 10:30 a.m.
541-354-3127

COVENANT CHRISTIAN

COVENANT HOOD RIVER
Pastor Fritz Stranz
Temporary service location
8th and Pacific (Horizon School)
Sunday service at 5pm
Wednesday Youth and KIDZ- call 541.386.8805 for location
covenanthr.org

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

HOOD RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Interim Pastor Myrna Phillips
975 Indian Creek Road
541-386-2608
hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com
– Sunday –
9:30 a.m. Classes for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship
& Children Worship & Wonder
5:00 p.m. Youth meetings
Call for information on other programs for children, youth and adults
Childcare provided for all activities

EPISCOPAL

ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST
11th & Eugene
Rev. Anna Carmichael
Sunday Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m.
Child Care at 10 a.m.
Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 11:30 a.m.
Everyone is welcome.
For more information, call:
St. Mark's Office
541-386-2077

LDS

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
18th & May, Hood River
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Hood River Ward
Sacrament Meeting 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11:20 a.m.
Priesthood/Relief Society 12:10 p.m.
Grupo en Español
Hora Sacramental (Traducida) 10 a.m.
Escuela Dominical (Clase en Español) 11:20 a.m.
Sacerdocio y Sociedad de Socorro (En Ingles) 12:10 p.m.

LUTHERAN

CONCORDIA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELS
Evangelical Lutheran Synod
11th & Pine • Hood River
541-386-4004 or 541-298-8385
Pastor Jesse Jacobsen
Sunday School & Bible Class 8:00 a.m.
Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Wednesday
www.concordiahoodriver.org

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

305 9th St. 386-3046
Pastor Jeff Mueller
www.ImmanuelHR.org
Sunday Morning Schedule
Adult Bible Class 8:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Children's Church 10:00 a.m.
Nursery Care 9:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

Small Groups All Week
Check our web page above for all the details
Sr. High Youth Group
Saturdays @ 6:30 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group
Fridays @ 3:30 p.m.
"It's all about RELATIONSHIPS!"
Please join us!

METHODIST/LUTHERAN

ASBURY OUR REDEEMER PARTNERSHIP
Pastor David King
1140 Tucker Road
541-386-3993
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:10-10:30 a.m. Fellowship
Time 10:30 a.m. Celebration Worship
10:30 a.m. Christian Education
Everyone is welcome!

NAZARENE

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Joel & Mindy Alsworth, pastors
2168 Belmont Drive
Church Office: 541-386-2604
Fax: 541-386-2064
9 a.m.-Noon
Church Web site: www.hrnaz.org
Sunday
Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.
Christian Education/Sunday School (for all ages) – 11 a.m.
Monday-Thursday
Home Group Studies
Tuesday: 6:30 a.m.
Men's Prayer Time
8 a.m. Ladies Breakfast
Downtown
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

PARKDALE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

4th & Van Nuys (by grade school)
Services
Carl Casey, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Ladies' Bible Study, Mon. 9:30 a.m.
Call 541-352-6913 or 541-490-6673 for further details.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Senior Center
2010 Sterling Place
Sundays 10 a.m.
"Love Jesus, Love People"
For more information contact
John: 541-354-2495
or Don: 541-231-3482
www.hoodriver-biblefellowship.org

FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

1889 Belmont, 541-386-3557
www.fbchoodriver.org

Pastor Bruce Parker
– Sunday –
Sunday School (all ages)
9:15-10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.-12:00
Nursery provided 10:30 a.m.-12:00
– Weekdays –
We offer various Home Groups, Bible studies, and other activities.

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

8th & Pacific, Hood River
Tommy Moon, Pastor
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
svbchr.org

PRESBYTERIAN

PARKDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH
4910 Baseline Drive
541-352-7747
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Rev. Mark N. Willems, Pastor

QUAKER

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
Mountain View Worship Group meets First and Third Sundays of the month at 10 a.m. at 700 Union St. (the old Episcopal Church) Everyone is welcome.
Contact Jeff Hunter, 541-490-6006
JeffHunter1859@gmail.com for directions and information.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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13th & Oak, 541-386-3220
Ron Hart, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
11 a.m. Worship Service
Spanish Services meet at 1100 22nd St.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

MID-COLUMBIA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
Sunday Worship and Children's Program
10 a.m. at the Rockford Grange 4262 Barrett Drive, Hood River
Classes, Groups & Community Service
Rev. Judy Zimmerman Info: (541) 241-6771 or www.mcuuf.org
We Are A Welcoming Congregation.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH UCC
Heart of Downtown at 4th & State
Worship at 10:30 a.m.
riversideucc.com
Doubters welcome
An "Open & Affirming" congregation
Rev. Vicky A. Stifter, 541-386-1412

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Inclusive - Welcoming - Peace & Justice
480 East Jewett Blvd. (509) 493-1747
White Salmon
Morning Family Worship & Sunday School 10 a.m.
http://church.gorge.net/bethel
www.bethelwhitesalmon.org

UNITED METHODIST

PINE GROVE/ODELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3422 Odell Hwy., Odell; 541-354-1063
Christy Matson, Lay Preacher
2415 Eastside Road, Pine Grove
Sunday Worship Schedule
Adult Sunday 8:45 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Sept.-June at Odell Building
July & Aug. at Pine Grove Building
Everyone is Welcome

THE VINEYARD "A COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES"

VINEYARD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF HOOD RIVER
"Come as you are!"
Pastor Denny & Sue Anderson
Assoc. Pastor Dave Turner
Youth Pastor Carrie Turner
Sunday Worship Celebration
Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Worship 9:45
Youth Group - Wednesdays 6:15
Grades 6-12
AWANAS - Thursdays 6:30
Ages 3 through 6th grade
Home Groups - Thursdays 6:30
Celebrate Recovery - Fridays 6:15
www.vcfhr.org.
508 9th St. (Across from Children's Park)
541-386-7070