

LETTERS

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future. Kris has a science background which I believe lends to analyzing facts before making decisions. She would be a great asset for all of our children.

Debra King
Hood River

For Reitz

Throwing your hat into the public service ring should always be commended. The payouts are time away from your family, dealing with divisive issues in the community and most often no pay for your efforts.

So let's always remember to thank all of our public servants/volunteers ... a community cannot exist without them!

A friend and consistent community volunteer, Chrissy Reitz, is throwing her hat (probably a Pistil) into the ring yet again ... this time for the Position 1 School Board seat. Always with a smile on her face, Chrissy has been a part of many local groups that make our little world a better place. A co-founder and committee member of the Gorge Kids Triathlon, Providence Child Center Foundation Board Member, Westside Elementary School PTO member and vice president and school site council member, Hood River Warming Shelter volunteer, SMART reader, Waterfront Park Adopt-a-plot committee member and New Parent Services of Hood River County advisory board member. We are pretty sure Chrissy doesn't want a real job (a former nurse before having kids and spending all of her free time volunteering) but is dedicated to working hard at making our community a better place. Isn't that the kind of person we want making the

tough decisions on our School Board?

Chrissy likes hugs, good jokes, talking, making friends, kids, wine and throws a mean corn-hole bag. Feel free to approach her if you hear her laugh (cackle) out on the streets. She's a good egg and will be getting our vote.

Matt and Dawn Rankin
Hood River

Reitz is right

Chris Reitz is running for Hood River County School Board Position 1. Chris has been an asset to Hood River County since relocating here with her family in 2002. She has given countless hours to volunteer service in our schools and the greater community. Her resume includes Gorge Kids Triathlon co-founder, Westside Elementary PTO vice-president, Hood River Warming Shelter volunteer, SMART reading volunteer, Waterfront Park Adopt-a-Plot committee member, Westside Elementary Site Council member, New Parent Services Advisory Board member, and Providence Child Center Foundation Board member. This past winter, it was not unusual to find Chris volunteering in her child's classroom at Westside Elementary after awakening at 4 a.m. for the morning shift at the warming shelter. She is truly an inspiration in her commitment to supporting and improving life in the Gorge for our children and those in need.

Chris is a critical thinker. She approaches problems and challenges with an open mind, considering all angles and solutions before making decisions that affect herself and others. She's an active listener, open to considering opinions and ideas that may be very different from her own. Our schools will continue to thrive only when parents, students, and the greater community feel their voices are heard, and that every individual can be an integral part of the system. As a member of the Board, Chris hopes to improve communication with the public, increasing awareness of School Board issues throughout the district to fa-

cilitate each community member's role in shaping the future of our schools.

Without a doubt, Chris will make an excellent addition to the Board.

Please join me in supporting Chris Reitz for Hood River School Board in the May election.

Laurel Roof
Hood River

Hood River Mt.

On Wednesday, my poem about the logging of Hood River Mountain was included in the Letters to the Editor. The original title was "Hood River Mountain Elegy." It was changed to "Mountain Elegy" for the paper.

I want people to know Hood River Mountain is the place I was talking about. It was one of my favorite hiking trails and now it has been logged. This hike was so beautiful, and so close to town. It will be missed by many people who used to hike there.

Venka Payne
Hood River

Human trafficking bill needed

It is shocking that any form of slavery still exists, especially in our country. Senators should be working together to pass a bill that allows survivors of trafficking to make their own reproductive health care decisions. This is not a platform for personal politics. These women and girls should be treated fairly and have the best opportunity to get their lives back on track. They have already been victims; they should not be used as pawns in someone's ideological agenda.

Pamela Larsen
Hood River

This Week at HRVHS

Monday, April 13
No school for students — teacher inservice/work day
Softball vs LaSalle Prep, 5 p.m. @ Westside Elem
Festival concert, 7 p.m. @ Bowe Theatre

Tuesday, April 14 — First day of the fourth quarter
Girls Tennis vs The Dalles, 4 p.m. @ Tsuruta Courts
Boys JV Lacrosse vs Century, 5 p.m. @ Westside Elem
Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs Century, 7 p.m. @ HRVHS Field

Wednesday, April 15
Aspire Field Trip to Oregon State Univ., 6 am from HRV
Girls Golf vs The Dalles, TBD @ Indian Creek GC

Thursday, April 16
Boys Tennis vs Hermiston, 4 pm @ Tsuruta Courts
Frosh Baseball vs Columbia, 4:30 p.m. @ Traner JV Field
Girls JV Lacrosse vs Central Catholic, 5 p.m. @ Westside Elem

Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs Central Catholic, 7 p.m. @ HRVHS Field

Mandatory Cheerleader Parent Meeting, 7 p.m. @ HRVHS Library
Fashion Show, 7 p.m. @ Bowe Theatre

Friday, April 17
Blossom Invite Track Meet, TBA@HRVHS
Student Directed One Act Plays, 7 p.m. @ Bowe Theatre

Saturday, April 18
Girls JV Lacrosse vs Westview, 1 p.m. @ HRVHS Field
Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs Westview, 3 p.m. @ HRVHS Field

EA Project- Youth Poetry Night, 4 p.m. @ Bowe Theatre
Student Directed One Act Plays, 6 p.m. @ Bowe Theatre

Sadies Dance, 9 p.m. @ HRVHS
Sunday, April 19
No Activities Scheduled
All games and activities (home and away) can be found at www.HRVHS.com.

YOUNG VOICES

Girls ask the boys to HRVHS 'Sadie' dance

By PAYTON RIGERT
News intern

"The Sadie Hawkins Dance in my khaki pants. There's nothing better. The girls ask the guys, it's always a surprise," goes the song by Relient K.

The Sadie Hawkins Dance has long been a tradition in the United States. It gives girls a chance to be picky and invite whoever they want. The first known such event was held on Nov. 9, 1938. Within a year, hundreds of similar events followed suit. By 1952, the event was reportedly celebrated at 40,000 known venues. It became a woman-empowering rite at high schools and college campuses, and the tradition continues to this day in American culture.

Some say that the Sadie Hawkins Dance started from a comic strip called Li'l Abner written by Al Capp. The comic strip designated one day a year when unmarried women could chase bachelors around the town in hopes of catching them for marriage. Unlike the comic strip, the girls at HRVHS won't be catching guys for marriage; they're just looking for a nice guy to go to the dance!

Some couples celebrate by wearing coordinating outfits



Payton Rigert

so everyone at the dance can tell they are together or just for fun. This year's theme is Arabian Nights, but you can wear any costume you want, just so long as you match. Couples have gone as salt and pepper, Curious Gorge and the Man in the Yellow Hat, and many other ideas.

Hood River Valley High School will be celebrating their Sadie Hawkins Dance on April 18 at HRVHS.

Editor's note: Intern Payton Rigert, like lots of her peers, has been working hard and deserves to have some fun. Steven — the sign in the photo is for you.

Celebrate folklife April 21

Learn about folklife and some of the people in your community who practice traditional crafts and skills. The Oregon Folklife Network presents "Folklife in your community" by Nancy Nusz, Folklorist, at the Hood River Library on Tuesday, April 21, beginning at 6 p.m.

A veteran folklorist, Nancy Nusz was previously the Director of the Oregon Folklife Program, which was part of the Oregon Historical Society until 2009. She is known for

her stellar fieldwork, public programming, exhibits, and curriculum development. Since leaving the Oregon Folklife Program, she has done some contract work for UNESCO in Paris, France, and is very excited to be meeting old friends and interviewing new ones in Oregon's Columbia River Gorge region.

The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Hood River County Library District at 541-386-2535.



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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 & Kidz Church, 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

VALLEY WORSHIP CENTER

5780 Hwy 35, Mt. Hood/Pkrdl Rev. Don & LaRonna Howell

Sundays

Bible Classes 9:45 am
Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 am
Worship Celebration 10:45 am
Dinner & Service 6:00 pm
www.valleyworshipcenter.org
valleyworshipcenter.pastor@gmail.com or (541) 352-7269

BAPTIST

1st BAPTIST CHURCH of ODELL

3081 Odell Hwy
Pastor Rick Plank
541-354-1863
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

1280 W. Jewett • White Salmon
Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
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Pastor Mark Hoefner
(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.
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Father Ronald M. Maag,
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Steve Grace, Senior Pastor

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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
455 Frankton Rd.
Hood River, OR 97031
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Youth & KIDZ 6:30 p.m.
541.386.8805
covenanthr.org

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

HOOD RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Myrna Phillips
975 Indian Creek Road
541-352-2608
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.

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Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Wednesday
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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.

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1140 Tucker Road
541-386-3993
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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.hrmaz.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

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www.fbchoodriver.org

Pastor Bruce Parker

— Sunday —

Sunday School (all ages) 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.-12:00

Expository preaching

Childcare provided 10:30 a.m.

We offer youth and small groups.

Call for times and locations.

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

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