

Castillo-Flores named to White House internship

Yonny Castillo-Flores, a 2011 Hood River Valley High School graduate, has been named a White House Intern for summer 2015.



Yonny Castillo-Flores

Castillo-Flores, now a Willamette University student, will participate in a program with a stated mission "to make the White House accessible to future leaders around the nation and

to prepare those devoted to public service for future leadership opportunities," according to a White House press release.

A White House Internship provides a unique opportunity to gain valuable professional experience and build leadership skills. Interns work in one of several White House departments, including the Domestic Policy Council, the National Economic Council, the Office of Cabinet Affairs, the Office of Communications, the Office of Digital Strategy,

the Office of the First Lady, the Office of Legislative Affairs, the Office of Management and Administration, the Office of Political Strategy and Outreach, the Office of the Staff Secretary, the Presidential Personnel Office, the Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs, the Office of Scheduling and Advance, the Office of the Vice President, the Office of the White House Counsel, and the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.



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BIG AND LITTLE Ananda and Angelina get ready to go out on the water in the annual windsurfing clinic at The Hook.



Photo by LisaAnn Kawachi

AT MERCADO del Valle, Will Monroe, 2, sister, Claire, 5 and dad, Joe, from Odell, sample the raw honey treats they bought at the market.

MID VALLEY NEWS

Celebrate the Fourth in Odell

BY TRISHA WALKER
Mid Valley correspondent

First, a correction: I inadvertently typed the wrong date for the 50-Plus Expo coming to the Hood River County Fair on Senior's Day in my last column — it will be on July 23, to correlate with the special admission price to the fairgrounds for seniors on that day. The Expo will be held in the Wy'east gym, and booths will cover a wide variety of products, services and information for adults over 50. Admission is free with fair entry.

Gorge Grown's Mercado del Valle, now in its second

year, will be open on the Fourth of July, beginning at 3 p.m. at Mid Valley Elementary. This year, it's moved off the playground and into the parking lot, shaded by the trees there.

Kids will definitely want to check this market out: Hannah Ladwig, Gorge Grown Food Access and Outreach Assistant, says a waterslide will be a part of the day's activities. Kids can also take advantage of the new Power of Produce — or POP — program, where they get \$2 in tokens to spend on fruits and vegetables from vendors.

The market features local

fruit, vegetables, eggs, fish, prepared food, art, kids' activities and live music; SNAP, WIC and debit cards are accepted. (This year, the SNAP Match program has expanded — those who use \$10 in EBT, or food stamps, at the market will receive an additional \$10, for a combined total of \$20 to spend on local food.)

Mercado del Valle will run on Saturdays from 3-6 p.m. through Sept. 26.

The annual Fourth of July parade through downtown Odell kicks off at 4 p.m., with parade lineup at Mid Valley Elementary starting at 3:30.

Everyone is welcome to participate, whether you're watching or marching (or driving an old-time vehicle, or riding your horse, or waving from a float, or riding your bike or scooter). The parade is popular, so if you're watching, be sure to get there at least 15 minutes early to grab a spot.

The parade will again be sponsored by Gorge Goodtimers Snowmobile Club. For more information, contact Jean Stone at 541-490-1901.

Please send items to Trisha at twalker@hoodrivernews.com or call at 541-386-1234.

Bagge Gardens holds last gospel garden concert

Bagge Gardens, located at 1805 Carroll Rd., Mosier, will hold its last-ever gospel music garden concert on July 18 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Music will be provided by the gospel bluegrass group Bethel Mountain Band and Garden of Grace.

The concert is free, with donations accepted. Seating will be provided. No pets, please.

For more information, call 541-478-3760 or 541-645-5076.

Bethel Mountain Band, from Rickreall, Ore., near Salem, is a group of guys all in their 50s and 60s.

Six of the seven grew up in Mennonite churches singing four-part harmony.

(www.bethelmountainband.com or on Facebook).

They write, "We are basically a quartet with acoustic instruments — mandolin, banjo, guitar, harmonica, bass. We specialize in old-time gospel songs so we appeal to older audiences. We do mostly churches, retirement homes, and some festivals, but we only do a few non-gospel numbers in non-church settings. We regularly give a service to Mennonite Village here in Albany, the local retirement village. We don't sound like a bluegrass group, more like Southern gospel with stringed instruments rather than a piano. We all have other jobs but do about 25 to 30 concerts a year."



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BETHEL MOUNTAIN Band performs July 18 in the final concert at Bagge Gardens in Mosier.

Birth

Ezra Bredemeier

Ezra Wade Bredemeier was born May 30, 2015 to Kevin and Samantha Bredemeier of Gresham at Portland Providence Hospital. He was 6 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 19 inches long. Grandparents are Kellie and David Wade, Hood River,

and Bob and Gail Bredemeier, Portland

Great-grandparents are Pat and Mike Fowler, The Dalles; Jim and Jackie Wade, Hood River; Captain Bill Bredemeier, Deerfield, Ill.

Ezra also had the opportunity to meet his great-grandfather Billy Langfitt, who passed away June 22.



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ACOSTA WINS PEACE SCHOLARSHIP

Susan Gabay presents AnnElise Acosta with the Susanna Blake Gabay Peace Scholarship, sponsored by Columbia River Fellowship for Peace. AnnElise plans to study social work and Spanish. She also received scholarships from University of Oregon, Northeastern University, Elks Student of the Month and University of Utah.

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