

# LETTERS

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for which we can be thankful. The rest was essentially flushed down the toilet, for which our county will suffer.

The walkout and loss of funding came at a time when Hood River County is in dire financial straits, and is working hard to pass a revised, much-needed tax measure this May. Thomsen's flagrant disregard for the county's financial needs hurts every resident of this county. It also shows a vivid actions-speak-louder-than-words contrast with his defensive claim that his walkout was to serve the best interests of the people of this district.

For this careless throwing away of funding and other reasons, we need the upcoming tax measure to pass more than ever. And for this and other reasons, we need Chuck Thomsen to be recalled and replaced by a more dedicated and county-serving state senator.

**Rhonda Starling**  
Mostier

## Release info

I understand and agree with the requirement to protect people's health information. However, it is pointless to release the fact that someone tested positive for COVID-19 with no additional information. For starters, what events did that person attend that could inform others as to their personal risk? If the health department has that information,

are they contacting people individually who may have been exposed? Giving the age and area of exposure would not compromise the patient's privacy.

We would all take this risk more seriously if we had realistic numbers to back it up. I think the County Health Department should record the numbers of people who self-report their illnesses, and the number tested with negative results. Release that information so the public has a better understanding of risk.

**Irene Fields**  
Hood River

## 'Ironic'

As a healthcare provider, I am completely embarrassed but not surprised by the way President Trump has mismanaged the coronavirus outbreak. He keeps saying things which reveal how much he values the economy than American lives. I guess that is what happens when you hire a businessman to run a country: Great numbers, but everything else, not so much.

On Feb. 2, Trump told Sean Hannity, "We have pretty much shut it down coming from China." On Feb. 26, he said, "We have 15 people (sick). If you have 15 people, in a couple days it's going to be down to close to zero." On Feb. 27, it was, "We have a situation with the virus. We have done a great job, but the press won't give us any credit for it." I believe the president deserves 100 percent of the credit for watching

Americans die and doing nothing for weeks. Who else denied the problem for so long and refused to act?

This week the president continues to insist the coronavirus is basically the flu. He also wants people to go out in the public to spend money because "the economy needs it." It is so ironic that the guy who "single-handedly built the economy" has now destroyed it by being a selfish, dishonest, and ineffective leader.

**Steve Kaplan**  
Hood River

## 'Crazy Trump'

Rush Limbaugh did not get lung cancer from smoking cigarettes. He got it from pushing rotten stinky toxic air from his lungs with all his hateful, racist, xenophobic rhetoric he has spewed in the last few decades. This is the man Trump gave the Presidential Medal of Freedom in his State of the Union address. Trump has claims in his campaign speeches to be reaching out to the people of color and our LGBTQ population. Does the man have any clue how his award to Limbaugh is antithesis to his efforts? Obviously not. How can anyone from either group have any respect for Trump or want to see him re-elected? How can anyone?

**Gary Fields**  
Hood River

## Take long view

In this time of shelter in place, the economic impact on small businesses appears likely to be overwhelming. It

is easy to imagine all of the retail spaces on Oak Street and in Hood River empty following eviction for inability to pay rent. Property owners also must adjust to the new reality and take the long view advocated for people invested in the stock market. Hood River small business owners make many contributions to the city including bringing tourists and locals into downtown to shop and thereby supporting the local economy.

It is hoped that property owners will employ the long view and belt-tightening in order to retain as many as possible of those small businesses and to keep downtown from becoming a deserted wasteland.

**Peter Frothingham**  
Odell

## 'B-bye working families'

After many pro-recall letters to the editor in this and other SD26 papers, Sen. Chuck Thomsen wrote a long "Hello neighbors" letter defending his walking out of the recent legislative session. He explained he did this for us, "putting working families first." He cited being a local orchardist who was raised in the Hood River Valley and being a father and grandfather and former volunteer fireman. All true, and having the ring of just a regular guy, your neighbor, who's devoted to "getting things done for the people of our district." Other facts shed more light. Last November, at the Port

of Cascade Locks annual dinner at the Cooper Spur restaurant, Thomsen bragged that he had just completed \$2 million (yes, million) in renovations to his vacation home in Arizona so his Senate Republican friends would have a comfy, sunny place to hang if/when they chose to walk out again.

Well, sure enough, he and they did walk out again, so I guess that \$2 million renovation did come in handy. Meanwhile, the actual working families of this district, like mine, whom he claims to hold dear, stayed where they belong and did their work.

This working family is voting for a recall.

**Cindy Allen**  
Hood River

## Thomsen stood up

I've been saddened to read the relentless attacks on Chuck Thomsen in the Hood River News this month. I doubt that any of the letter writers know Chuck personally as I do, or appreciate how well he has served our community for a very long time. Chuck joined his colleagues who left the legislature in February because they believed all Oregonians should have the right to vote on the controversial Cap and Trade bill. Because he stood firm for us, a recall petition was filed against Chuck. Really? Recall Chuck from office because he was standing up for the wishes of his constituents? Although the recall was begun locally the process has

now been taken over by the powerful Portland political machine with their massive amounts of money. Already, \$100K has been thrown toward the recall effort. If they have their way, Hood River County will be subjected to a partisan and bitter recall election at just the time when we need to stand together to get through the public health crisis we face. Join me in saying no to outside interests forcing their agenda on us.

**Barb Hosford**  
Hood River

## Vote for Kallery

I'm writing to endorse Sean Kallery for Hood River District Attorney. He's a dedicated prosecutor who understands the balance between justice and fairness. I believe Sean is committed to the community in which he and his family live and will serve with integrity if elected as DA. I support Sean 100 percent and encourage the residents of Hood River to vote Kallery for DA.

**Angela Young**  
Tigard

### ANSWER

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# Worship

## Directory

### 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.

### BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Rob Lawson, Principal  
Pastor Jesse Jacobsen,  
2323 E. 12th St. The Dalles.  
541-298-8385  
Sunday worship service, 11 a.m.  
Sunday school 12:15 p.m.  
Home to Columbia Lutheran School. www.gorgelutherans.com

### 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.  
www.bethelwhitesalmon.org

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

3350 Columbia View Dr. The Dalles., 541-296-2711  
Sunday Worship 10am,  
Sunday Anchored H.S Youth 6pm, Tuesday Refuge M.S. Youth 6pm, Wednesdays AWANA Clubs ages 4 years through 5th grade 6pm.  
www.calvarythedalles.org

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

701 Washington St., The Dalles.  
541-298-2711  
Sunday service and Sunday School at 10 a.m. Testimony meeting last Wednesday of every month 7 p.m.  
www.christiansciencethedalles.org

### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

The Dalles Ward, Bishop Jason Corey, 541-296-6082;  
Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Missionaries 509-306-0016.  
1815 E. 15th St., The Dalles.

### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Kim Linder, Pastor  
2168 Belmont Drive Church  
Office: 9 a.m. - Noon  
Phone: 541-386-2604  
Website: www.hrmaz.org  
Sunday Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 11 a.m.  
Monday-Thursday Home Small Groups

### COLUMBIA GORGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Bob Middleton. 112 Oak St. W, The Dalles.  
541-298-7202  
Sunday morning 10:00 a.m..  
Wednesday Evening Home Group 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Men's Bible Study 6:00 a.m. at Holstein's Coffee Co.

### CONCORDIA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELS

Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
11th & Pine • Hood River  
541-386-4004 or 541-298-8385

### Pastor Robert Lawson

Sunday School & Bible Class 8:00 a.m.  
Divine Service 9:00 a.m.  
Office Hours: Wednesday  
www.concordiahoodriver.org

### CORNERSTONE CHURCH

1313 Mount Hood Street, The Dalles., 541-604-8986  
Saturdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Sundays at 10:45 a.m. Building Blocks (k-5th), Agents of Christ (6th-12th Youth Group), Anchored Women's Bible Study, Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.

### 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

### DUFUR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

315 NE Harrison St., Dufur.  
541-467-2257  
Sunday School all ages 9 a.m.,  
Worship 10:30 a.m. See website for youth groups, events, and to livestream services. www.dufurchristianchurch.org

### EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Nate Warren, 2819 W. 10th St. The Dalles, 541-296-2631  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. ,  
Worship 11 a.m., Sun. Eve. 6 p.m.; Bible Study Wed. 6 p.m.,  
Student Ministry - 6th-12th grades Wed. 6:30 p.m.

### FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

1889 Belmont, 541-386-3557  
www.fbhoodriver.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.

### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Zachary Patterson, 2810 W. 10th Street, The Dalles,  
541-296-3586  
Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.,  
Bible Study Sunday 9 a.m.

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pastoral team - Dan Trautman and Mike Wilson,  
909 Court St. The Dalles,  
541-296-6189  
Friday night service at 7 p.m.,  
Sunday School 9:15, Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Gigi Siekkinen, 305 E. 11th St., The Dalles.  
541-296-4675  
Story & Song 10:30am, Sunday Worship 11 a.m., Book Group Tuesdays 7:45 a.m.  
facebook.com/DallesFUMC  
Email: thedallesumc@gmail.com

### GATEWAY CHURCH (ECO)

John Geiter Lead Pastor, 1111

Dry Hollow Rd., The Dalles,  
541-298-8531

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.,  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Time 10-10:30 a.m.  
www.gatewaypc.org

### 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 Hoeflner  
(509) 493-2597  
www.grace-ws.org

### HOOD RIVER ALLIANCE CHURCH

2650 Montello Ave - Hood River  
Worship service times are  
Saturday evening 6:30pm,  
Sunday mornings 9:00am & 10:45 am  
541-386-2812 • hralliance.org

### HOOD RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Evangelist GW Cliver  
903-426-8064  
9:45 Bible Classes  
10:45 Services  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
541-386-2782

### HOOD RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Alicia Speidel  
975 Indian Creek Road  
Hood River, OR 97031  
541 386-2608  
www.hoodrivervalleychristianchurch.com

10:30am Worship  
Childcare provided during worship services.

For information on programs for children, youth, and adults, please call the church.

### 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!

### LIFELINE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Fred Sheldon, 801 E. 10th St. The Dalles, 541-296-1508  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.,  
Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday 7 p.m.

### LIFE IN CHRIST CENTER (ASSEMBLIES OF GOD)

Pastor Allen Refsland, 3095 Cherry Heights Rd, The Dalles,  
541-296-1136  
Sunday School and Adult Life Groups 9 a.m., Sunday Worship Celebration 10:15 a.m. Wednesday night activities include: Kids clubs, Youth and Adult classes all starting at 6:30 p.m. See more info at www.christcenter.net

### MAUPIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Tim Morelli, 490 Fifth St.,  
541-395-2653  
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. with

Sunday Worship, at 6:00 a.m. Youth Group Wed. 6 p.m.; Women's Bible Study Thurs. 10 a.m.; Men's Breakfast Fri. 7 a.m.

### MID-COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pastor David Astin, 206 6th St., Dallesport, Wash., 509-767-4901  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

### 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.

### ODELL CHURCH OF CHRIST

3784 Summit Drive Worship  
10:30 a.m. 541-645-5652

### PARKDALE BAPTIST

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

### 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.  
Ladies' Bible Study, Mon. 9:30 a.m.  
Call 541-352-6913 or 541-490-6673 for further details.

### 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

### RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY

Lead Pastor Terry Abbott  
Children's Pastor Harvey Walls  
Youth Pastor Jesse Davis  
979 Tucker Rd.  
Hood River, OR 97031  
541-386-3656  
riveroflifeassembly@gmail.com  
rolahr.org

### For details check the current bulletin on our website

Sunday Service Schedule 10:00 a.m. Connect Time 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Celebration & KidzChurch, K-6th\*  
Sunday AM Message translated real time into Spanish  
Wednesday Service Schedule 6:30 p.m. Mpac Girls and Royal Rangers & Youth Service  
Venga a visitar nuestra iglesia  
All day, every day listen to our Spanish radio station el Rio 99.9 FM for encouragement and good news

### RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH UCC

Heart of Downtown at 4th & State  
Worship time returns to

10:30 a.m. starting Sept. 8.  
riversideucc.com

Doubters welcome  
An "Open & Affirming" congregation  
Rev. Vicky A. Stifter,  
541-386-1412

### ROWENA BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor George Clark, 5964 Hwy 30 West, The Dalles (Rowena),  
541-296-5933  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Ladies Bible Study Wed. 9:30 a.m.  
Good News Club Thurs. 4:30-5:30 p.m. - School Year - at Church.

### RUFUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Interim Pastor Scott Holliday, 309 Wallace St., Rufus, 541-739-2328  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11 a.m., Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

### SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

New Location: 3339 E. 13th St.  
Adventist Elementary  
541-298-1956  
Services: Saturday, 11 A.M.  
Wednesday, 7 p.m. Pastor David Woodruff

### SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

### SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

8th & Pacific, Hood River  
Tommy Moon, Pastor Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. svbchr.org

### SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Norm Wells, 1003 Sunflower St. W. The Dalles,  
541-296-9651  
Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship 11 a.m. and Wednesday Evenings 7 pm

### SPIRIT OF GRACE

(A Lutheran/Methodist Cooperative Church)  
Pastor David King  
1140 Tucker Road  
541-386-3993  
10 a.m. Worship  
11 a.m. Fellowship  
Everyone is welcome!

### ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

11th & Eugene  
Sunday Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m.  
Child Care at 10 a.m.  
Everyone is welcome. For more information, call: St. Mark's Office 541-386-2077  
Rev. Kelly Mahon

### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

1501 Belmont, Hood River  
Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation in English/Spanish  
3-4 p.m. Saturday  
Mass in English 5 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 Tomy Chowaran, Pastor,  
541-386-3373

### ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Father Joseph Levine, 1220 W. 10th St. The Dalles,  
541-296-2026

Vigil Mass, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.,  
Sunday, 9 a.m., Mass in English;  
noon Mass, Mass in Spanish.

### ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1805 Minnesota St., The Dalles,  
541-296-9587  
Sunday Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Adult Forum 9 a.m., Rev. Marilyn Roth, interim priest.

### THE DALLES SALVATION ARMY

Lt. Raymond Morris, The Dalles,  
541-296-6417  
Sunday Coffee fellowship 10 a.m.,  
Worship 10:30 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

### TUCKER ROAD BAPTIST

Pastor Dean E. Kelly, Jr.  
1455 Tucker Road  
Hood River, OR 97031  
541-386-1049  
- Sundays -  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
- Wednesdays -  
Prayer Meeting 10 a.m.