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ODOT prepares for winter snow

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Weather forecasters are carefully watching computer models to see what we might expect for fall and winter. There are strong signals that Columbia County could see snow and colder temperatures similar to last February's snowstorm.

How soon Old Man Winter blows into the region is still questionable. Last February, drivers and pedestrians were challenged by several inches of snow in St. Helens, Scappoose, and across the county. The harsh weather also kept public works crews busy clearing roads. Those crews include the Oregon Department of Transportation maintenance team based at Clatskanie which serves the entire county.

The Chief checked in with the ODOT Communications Representative Lou Torres to see what fall and winter conditions the agency is currently preparing for.

The Chief: Given the early models, what is the preliminary winter forecast and conditions that ODOT is preparing for?

Lou Torres: The National Weather Service through the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is indicating the possibility of a La Nina winter. This would typically mean that we can expect a wetter and somewhat colder winter.

The Chief: In Columbia County, what are the specific areas of concern when we have ice and snow events?

Torres: We tend to get a lot of



Courtesy photo from ODOT

ODOT urges drivers to watch for plows attempting to remove snow during the fall and winter storms.

freezing fog on US Highway 30 along the Columbia River each year, so consequently we use a lot of magnesium chloride de-icer all winter long. This can be tricky since we can go from 32 degrees and raining, to a clear off where temperatures can plummet to 28 degrees in an hour and the moisture on the highway will freeze.

Since we can't apply de-icer in the rain because the rain dilutes or washes the de-icer off the highway, we can have a real bad time with ice. My crews will be running around trying to get de-icer down as quickly as possible in these scenarios. This

happens frequently and we do get crashes at these times. When a forecast is for a few clear cold days in a row with no precipitation, we will pre-treat the road with de-icer and this will last for up to four days.

The higher elevation areas near Rainier are always problematic for snow, especially when trucks try to go up Rainier hill and get stuck, generally because they don't chain up, and the highway will close frequently at this spot, especially westbound.

The Chief: What is the annual budget ODOT pencils in for the winter maintenance in Columbia

County and specifically, what does that pay for?

Torres: The budget fluctuates between \$200,000 to \$500,000 per year depending on the severity of the winter. A worst case scenario involving big emergencies like flooding and landslides we can be in the millions, but those are generally reimbursable costs.

The normal budget pays for employee wages involving a day and night shift with overtime as necessary; equipment costs such as dump trucks with snow plows and sanders or de-icer applicators, and materials like sand and de-icer. We don't

use salt in Columbia County. This budget covers winter maintenance for all state highways in Columbia County such as US Highway 30, OR Highway 47, and OR Highway 202 - about 250 lane miles.

The Chief: How many ODOT maintenance/road workers are provided during winter in Columbia County and what is the range of their work?

Torres: There are 12 employees

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Local business to return from the ashes

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The owner of Jo's Country Market devastated by a fire on Oct. 5 said she plans to rebuild the structure.

Yvonne Krause said she has pre-engineering plans that will allow her to have the building reconstructed. She said portions of the damaged building have been cleared at the property along Highway 30 in downtown Clatskanie.

Krause said watching the historic structure go up in flames led her to tears.

"It was heartbreaking," she said. "There is a lot of history there. I raised my kids in that building. I've worked there for 33 years. I literally

stood there for three hours and cried watching it go up in flames. It was a horrible, terrible feeling. I haven't slept very well since. It was definitely not the end that I wanted to see."

Krause said she worked for the original owner, who the building is named after and eventually took over management of the business.

"We'll never be able to capture the true ambiance of the building," she said. "That is gone forever."

Jo's Country Market is normally closed for the winter, and Krause said she hopes the rebuilding could be completed by next spring. Jo's offers a variety of fruits, vegetables, and produce from local farmers.

Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District Chief Steve Sharek said the fire was difficult to suppress and the building's roof was showing signs of

collapse which limited access.

"The dangers were mitigated because we had a good PUD (public utility district) response," he said. "We had to remain outside in a defensive position so that limited the danger in having to enter the building."

Sharek said the cause of the blaze has been linked to an extension cord.

Krause said since the fire, members of the community have stepped up to help her. Krause said she wanted to thank her husband, Dwayne Sterba of Diggin Bone Excavating, Steve Stadleman, the fire department, the public utility district, the city of Clatskanie and community members that have reached out to support her.

"It has been very humbling," she said.



Courtesy photo from Kelly Miller

Flames tore through Jo's Country Market destroying the structure on Oct. 5.

'Time to give back:' Clatskanie appoints its newest councilor

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Jeff Horness, a Vietnam war veteran and a family man, is now ready to take on a new challenge.

Horness stepped up to become

a Clatskanie City Councilor following the resignation, Sept. 21 of councilor Bruce Holsey.

Horness is an active member on the Planning Commission, an entity responsible for reviewing and deciding on subdivisions, zoning changes, and variance requests, for two years. His term is set to expire Dec. 31. Horness joined the commission by invitation from the mayor.

"I was asked by the mayor I've worked with, Bob Brajcich (to join). I've known him my whole entire life," Horness said, emphasizing their connection. "He was a grade ahead of me in school, and I worked out of Georgia Pacific for over 20 years. He just approached me one day. And I thought sure, I'd never considered it until he asked me."

Horness said he chose to become a city councilor because of his experience living in Clatskanie, a city that he said has served him since he became a resident in 1966.

"Clatskanie has been very good to me economically," Horness said. "We raised four kids here, we built four homes. This has been a great little community to raise a family. Our kids have had a great education and economic opportunities here. (Now) it's time to give back."

He was discharged from his military service in 1974 and met his wife two years later in 1976. They married in 1980 and had four children, who have given them 10



Photo courtesy from Jeff Horness
Jeff Horness is the newest appointment to the Clatskanie City Council.

grandchildren. Two of the children and five grandchildren still live in Columbia County.

With decades of experience living in the city to draw from, The Chief asked Horness what he believes are the challenges Clatskanie faces, and how the city needs to go about solving them.

The Challenges

Horness identifies increased traffic congestion in the city and parking deficits as two examples of the challenges Clatskanie faces ahead.

Horness said he has witnessed the impact an uptick in traffic has had on members of his family.

"My mom recently moved into the trailer park down by the tunnels and trying to get out of that trailer park is difficult in any of those small businesses along Highway 30, between Clatskanie and Westport," Horness said.

The current parking situation in Clatskanie also causes major strain, particularly for event-goers, according to Horness.

"They (Clatskanie) have major events down at the Legion hall where parking becomes an issue. Northeast becomes like a one-way street when you have big events there. People are parking on either side of the street. That's pretty narrow," Horness said.

The Solutions

Horness said that he will focus on central expansion initiatives, such as boosting the amount of available housing, parking, and traffic lanes citywide.

"We moved up here into the Clatskanie Woods subdivision in a two-way owned by Toby Harris," Horness said. "And I'd like to see another one of these HOA communities be developed into the city proper for the tax base, (which is) good for the city, and good for people all around."

Horness believes that the de-

velopment of new housing projects can bring economic growth to the city which is, like many other states across the country, still bouncing back from the standstill created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I really would like to get that Humps Restaurant back in business," Horness said, adding he also wants to see more economic opportunities and the downtown area revitalized.

"It's just been a real challenging year and a half, two years," he said. "Businesses are struggling."

Horness also pointed to the city's increasing murals as an economic advantage.

"I would love to see Clatskanie get the murals that are being painted downtown to add a new dimension, I guess, if you will, pretty up the downtown area," he said.

Other proposals include the construction of new traffic lanes, which would allow for a better flow of traffic, Horness said.

"I would try and work with the state and county to maybe widen that bridge coming into Clatskanie, (create) more lanes through the city. Traffic is a major issue trying to get off and on the highway Friday and Sunday afternoon," Horness said.

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Timber harvests decline, but stability ahead

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Timber harvests fell for the second year in 2019 in Northwest Oregon. The 2019 harvest fell by 11% from 2018 and was down 15% from 2017. The total harvest in 2019 was about 9% below the average of the previous 10 years. Employment in the timber industry decreased a bit in 2019 and was about 20 jobs below the average employment of the previous 10 years.

Logging, forestry, and lumber and wood product manufacturing employment in Clatsop County fell slightly with the loss of 15 jobs. Employment was about 6% jobs below its average of the past 10 years. Somewhat smaller harvests in the 1990s supported more than 500 jobs.

There were four wood product mills in the county in

2019 and 16 forestry and logging firms.

Columbia County

The timber harvest in Columbia County dropped by 9% in 2019. The total harvest was 149,145,000 board feet. It was the worst year since 2011, and 8% below the average of the previous 10 years. During much of the 1980s and 1990s, Columbia County used to punch above its weight when it came to timber production. Harvest levels routinely matched or exceed nearby Lincoln and Tillamook counties, but that hasn't been the case since the Great Recession. Columbia County is the smallest county in Northwest Oregon, with only 657 square miles. About 75% of the county is zoned as forest land.

Employment in logging, forestry, and lumber and



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Even though there has been a harvest decline, the new report finds the region will have hundreds of job openings in the timber industry due to turnover and retirements.

wood product manufacturing slid by 11% in 2019 to 457. Employment in logging and lumber and wood product manufacturing is up by more than 100 jobs from the depths of the recession and was 9% higher than the average of the previous 10 years. Unfortu-

nately, this is only a little more than half its level of the early 2000s.

In 2019 there were six lumber mills and 28 forestry and logging businesses in the county.

Tillamook County

The timber harvest in Tillamook County rose about 1% in 2019. The total harvest was 197,902,000 board feet. The recent low harvest in Tillamook County was 142,018,000 board feet in 2009, so the 2017 harvest remained an improvement over that year, and was still above the average for the past 10 years.

Tillamook County is 1,102 square miles, and is the largest of the five counties in Northwest Oregon. About 85% of the county is zoned as forest land. The county is also home

to the Tillamook State Forest.

Employment in logging, forestry, and lumber and wood product manufacturing fell by 23 jobs in Tillamook County in 2019 to 554 jobs. The county shed about 240 jobs from the industry during the Great Recession. One reason for the drop was the loss of mills. The county had seven mills in this industry in 2006, only four in 2013, and was back up to five mills in 2019. The logging portion of the industry remained relatively stable during the recession and recovery. The total industry regained about 150 jobs during the recovery, but employment slowly declined from 2015 through 2019.

Northwest Oregon has recovered some timber industry jobs from the depths of the Great Recession, but the region seems unlikely to regain all the jobs. Technological and

market changes are working to reduce timber jobs across the state. Labor demand was about as strong as it could get in 2019. Logging employment fell sharply during the pandemic recession and has rebounded, but not completely back to pre-pandemic levels. The story is similar with wood product manufacturing.

Although these industries may not grow much in the future, the region will have hundreds of job openings in the timber industry due to turnover and retirements. Northwest Oregon will continue to produce timber and timber workers for years to come.

Read the full report at thechronicleonline.com.

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Council sends mandate concerns to governor

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The Clatskanie City Council is sending its concerns about the state's vaccination mandate to Gov. Kate Brown.

The council met in special session Tuesday night, Oct. 12, to approve a resolution outlining the concerns and is asking the governor to reconsider her vaccination mandate.

"It is a respectful request to rescind the vaccine

mandate," Clatskanie City Manager Greg Hinkelman said.

The resolution passed on a 5-1 vote with Mayor Bob Brajcich voting no.

"Those in favor of the resolution expressed their concern of the affect the

mandate is having on the health care profession and first responders and law enforcement with news stories of mass resignations in those professions in opposition to the mandate," Hinkelman said. "Those on the council and those

who chose to make public comment in the audience expressed concern about individual freedom and the concern of government mandated coercion."

During the meeting, Brajcich agreed with many of the comments but cited

a Supreme Court decision from 1905 about the smallpox vaccine, and that the governor had the legal right to issue the mandate and would vote no.

Hinkelman said he will sign the resolution and send it to Gov. Brown.

Oregon prepares for ShakeOut, encourages participation

STAFF REPORT

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Get ready to drop, cover and hold. The Great Oregon ShakeOut is set for 10:21 Oct. 21.

At that time, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) urges people wherever they are at that moment, to drop, cover and hold on as if there were a major earthquake occurring and stay in that position for at least 60 seconds.

ShakeOut is a global event encouraging people to

prepare for and practice how to be safer during an earthquake.

You can also choose to hold your own ShakeOut drill: Pick another date and include people in multiple locations, such as home, work or school through video conferencing.

OEM said participating in the Great Oregon ShakeOut helps Oregonians reduce their risk in the event of a Cascadia earthquake and tsunami. The event also serves as a reminder to review and update emergency preparedness plans and supplies.

More than 500,000 Oregonians have signed up for this year's ShakeOut.

See the Oregon ShakeOut Statistics at shakeout.org/ statistics.

More information about earthquake and tsunami preparedness can be found at:

Great Oregon ShakeOut

- Registration & General Information: www.shakeout.org/oregon/

- Recommended Earthquake Safety Actions: www.earthquakecountry.org/library/ShakeOut_Recom-

[mended_Earthquake_Safety_Actions.pdf](#)

- Earthquake Guide for People with Disabilities: www.earthquakecountry.org/library/ShakeOut_Earthquake_Guide_Disabilities_AFN.pdf
- Media – PSA Resources: www.shakeout.org/oregon/resources/index.html#multimedia

Lincoln County Emergency Management

- Hazards: Earth-

quakes: www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement/page/hazards-earthquake

- Hazards: Tsunamis: www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement/page/hazards-tsunamis
- Main page: www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Preparing for an earthquake: www.cdc.gov/disasters/earthquakes/prepared.html

- Tsunamis: www.cdc.gov/disasters/tsunamis/

Ready.gov

- Earthquakes: www.ready.gov/earthquakes
- Tsunamis: www.ready.gov/tsunamis

Red Cross

- Earthquake Safety: www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/earthquake.html

•• OBITUARIES ••

John Lokan

Sept. 17, 1953 ~ July 28, 2021

John Lokan died peacefully in his sleep at home on July 28, 2021. He was born on Sept. 17, 1953, at the nearest hospital in Longview, Washington to Robert and Elizabeth Lokan. He was raised in Clatskanie, Oregon. He graduated from Clatskanie High School in 1971.

He really enjoyed being home with the kids cooking, swimming and playing games with them every day. He was passionate about helping and working with the developmentally disabled and showed his love by cooking. He also enjoyed the outdoors, specifically camping and trips to the Oregon Coast and Mt. Hood.



John is survived by his wife Dianna Rabetoy; sons, Jeremiah (Kizzie) Lokan and Jerald Lokan; daughter Terrah (Joe) Markgraf; brothers, Bill

(Lurann) Lokan and Jerry Lokan; sisters, Barbara (Wendel) Bayne and Becky (Bruce 'Bud') Garnsey; grandchildren, Nathaniel Lokan-Quinn, April, Henry and Allison Markgraf; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father Robert Lokan; mother Elizabeth Best; and brother Bob Lokan.

John loved animals, in memory of him, the family would love donations to be given to any animal shelter or rescue in lieu of gifts or flowers.

Find the full obituary and service information at <https://www.mtsfh.com/obituaries/obituary-listings>.

Verlo Wayne Bush Jr.

May 18, 1976 ~ Sept. 30, 2021

Verlo Wayne Bush Jr. passed away on Sept. 30, 2021, after returning home from a cross-country haul as a truck driver, a job he cared about doing right. Born May 18, 1976, Jr. dedicated his life to family and friends, showed loved ones an abundance of kindness, and molded people into better versions of themselves. Simple pleasures like laughter, quality time, and quirky nicknames for everyone he knew are what Jr. silently left us with, and we mourn his absence, accepting that the world is less wholesome without him in it. We miss him, but he is no longer in pain. And for that, we thank God for welcoming Jr. into His Heavenly Home, where he has moved on from gentle giant to guardian angel.

In addition to uncondi-



tionally loving his people and work, Jr. also enjoyed fishing, RC cars, and making people laugh. He discovered these life joys during childhood while growing up in Rainier, Oregon, and he brought these things with him when he moved to Weiser, Idaho, where he lived

for over 20 years. He had many nicknames, like Tiny, Juggar, J, JR, and QX.

Surviving Jr. are his parents, Verlo Sr. and Brenda Bush; girlfriend Michelle Sams (and family); sister Trica Swank (Bud); nephew Levi Swank; nieces, Grace and Hannah Swank; and a multitude of friends, aunts, uncles, and cousins. These relatives were all very close to Jr., chiefly because he was the gentlest man who ever lived.

Services will be at 4 p.m. on Oct. 23, 2021 at Weiser Christian Church on October 23rd, 2021 with fellowship afterward. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the following address for funeral expenses: Trica Swank C/O Verlo Bush, 445 E Hanthorn, Weiser, Idaho 83672.

Susan Kay Richards

Nov. 7, 1941 ~ Oct. 12, 2021

Susan Kay Richards of Clatskanie, Oregon, born Nov. 7, 1941, passed away at home on Oct. 12, 2021, at the age of 79.

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The police blotter relates to the public record of incidents as reported by law enforcement agencies.

All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Information printed is preliminary and subject to change.

For specific details about cases listed, contact the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Oregon State Police

Sept. 17
• Just before 2 p.m. Oregon State Police conducted a traffic stop on a Honda Civic for a lane violation. During the course of the traffic stop it was determined the driver was suspended, uninsured and the driver had an open container of alcohol. The driver was not impaired to a noticeable and perceptible degree. The vehicle was towed by Grumpys as a hazard and was blocking access to a residence

Sept. 18
• At approximately 12:03 p.m. Oregon State Police assisted the Scappoose Police Department with a DUII crash on Scappoose-Vernonia Highway off of Highway 30. The Oregon State Police provided traffic control until power lines were repaired. OSP also provided coverage in Scappoose while their officer had to follow the driver to the hospital in Portland.

Sept. 19
• At approximately 1:20 p.m. OSP Troopers were advised of a group of vehicles driving recklessly on Highway 30 near milepost 36. Associated vehicles were located and stopped by OSP and St. Helens PD in the St. Helens and Warren Oregon area. All parties were interviewed and the investigation is ongoing.

Sept. 10
• At about 10:35 a.m. The Oregon State Police assisted the Scappoose Police Department with a traffic crash turned fight in progress in the area of NE 2nd Street and Crown Zellerbach Road in Scappoose, Oregon. OSP assisted by interviewing witnesses to the traffic crash and physical confrontation that ensued. SPD arrested the suspect for DUII, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering and Disorderly Conduct 2.

Sept. 11
• At about 3:26 p.m. OSP Troopers responded to assist Columbia City Police with an intoxicated driver. The driver was displaying indicators of impairment and was asked to perform sobriety tests. The driver later denied consent to compete testing and was subsequently arrested for DUII. The driver was transported to the Columbia County Jail. A search warrant was obtained and two vials of blood was seized as evidence. The driver was cited and released for DUII. The vehicle was driven from the scene by the driver's wife.

Sept. 29
At about 3:53 p.m. An Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife fish sampler contacted an angler at Scappoose Bay after returning from salmon angling on the Columbia River. The angler had caught and retained a Steelhead. Steelhead retention is currently closed due to poor returns. A state trooper was contacted to investigate. The angler was cited.

The Steelhead was seized and donated to the Scappoose Senior Center.

Sept. 30
• At about 7:09 a.m. Oregon State Police assisted the St. Helens Police Department (SHPD) with a suicidal subject in the 500 block of S. Columbia River Highway. The subject had called 9-1-1 to report he had stabbed himself multiple times in his stomach area. The subject was unable to come to the door due to his injuries. SHPD forced entry into the hotel room, secured the scene and rendered medical aid. Subject was transported by medics to the hospital.
• At about 3:35 p.m. OSP Troopers stopped a silver Mustang for observed violations. An investigation resulted in the arrest of the adult male passenger for unlawful possession of a firearm as well as the arrest of the adult female passenger for probation violation. Both subjects were taken to the Columbia County Jail. The vehicle was legally parked at the scene.

Oct. 1
• At about 8:24 p.m. An OSP trooper was dispatched to a driving complaint reported westbound in Columbia County. The caller reported a vehicle traveling west and passing other motorists in a reckless manner. En route to the reported location the trooper was informed there was a possible motor vehicle crash near mile post 68 associated with the driving complaint. The trooper responded to the location, contacted several witnesses and the suspect. Witnesses reported the suspect passing multiple motor vehicles in a reckless manner and striking another vehicle to avoid oncoming traffic. The suspect was cited and released for reckless driving.

Oct. 2
• At about 3:59 p.m. Troopers conducted an investigation on a traffic crash for the Rainier Police Department. It was found that a bicycle rider had crashed into a Rainier Police car on Highway 30 near mile post 48.5 at a slow speed. No injuries to the officer or citizen were sustained.

Oct. 3
• At approximately 10:21 a.m., OSP Troopers responded to a single vehicle roll over crash near milepost 11 on Highway 47. The vehicle lost control due to the wet highway and went off the southbound shoulder and rolled over. There were no injuries and the vehicle was driven from the scene.

Oct. 12
• At about 1:37 p.m. OSP received a report from an ODFW fish checker at the Rainier boat ramp regarding an angler who came in with a native coho salmon, which is currently illegal to keep. The fisherman thought the fish was a native Chinook salmon, which is legal to keep. The man was issued a warning for take/possession of non-adipose fin clipped coho salmon and the fish was seized and will be donated to charity.

Oct. 13
• At approximately 6:01 a.m., OSP troopers responded to a two vehicle crash near milepost 46 on Highway 30. A white passenger car was traveling eastbound when it braked for a deer in the Highway and was rear ended by a black SUV. There were no injuries, the SUV was driven from the scene and the passenger car was towed at a later time.

Rainier Police

Sept. 9
• A parked truck and trailer rolled down the hill and crashed in to the side of the fire department. The building was damaged, but the truck was relatively unscathed.

Sept. 12
• An officer responded to a two-vehicle, non-injury accident on Highway 30 near West 3rd. No citations were issued.
• An unknown subject damaged building. Nothing appeared to be missing from the location.
• Officers responded to a disturbance at the marina. Peace was restored.
• A catalytic converter was reported as stolen from a vehicle parked on East A Street.

Sept. 14
• An officer responded to a business alarm. The building was found to be secure.
• An officer assisted parties exchange information after a minor traffic accident.

Sept. 16
• A local business reported that a subject attempted to pay for gas with a counterfeit twenty dollar bill.

Sept. 18
• A vehicle that had been reported as stolen from Scappoose was recovered. The owner came to retrieve his property.
• After a residential disturbance, one of the occupants was trespassing from the premises. Peace was restored.

Sept. 20
• Officers responded to a silent business alarm. The cleaning staff accidentally activated the alarm.

Sept. 21
• Several items were taken from a vehicle parked on East Norwood Street.

St. Helens Police

Sept. 3
• Police investigated an attempted theft from the ATM in the 200 block of Strand Street.

Sept. 4
• Police arrested a 33-year-old male near 20th Street for unlawful use of a weapon, menacing-aggravated physical or weapon, residential burglary I, criminal mischief, theft II, and criminal trespass.
• Police took a report of larceny of a bicycle in the 700 block of Matzen Street.

Sept. 6
• Police arrested a 54-year-old male in the 2100 block of Gable Road for a warrant.
• Police responded to a missing person call in the 1600 block of Old Portland Road.
• Police arrested a 28-year-old individual for misdemeanor stalking.
• Police cited and released a 42-year-old female near Columbia Boulevard for DWS/DWR misdemeanor.
• Police arrested a 57-year-old individual in the 200 block of Crouse Way on aggravated assault-weapons.

Sept. 7
• Police responded to a report of larceny-other in the 2000 block of Gable Road.
• Police arrested a 28-year-old male in the 500 block of E Street for violation of a release agreement.
• Police investigated a burglary near the 300 block of 10th Street.

Sept. 8
• Police arrested a 35-year-old individual on a detainer at the 900 block of Port Avenue.

Sept. 10
• Police arrested a 24-year-old male on DUII-Drugs and reckless driving near Columbia River Highway.

Sept. 12
• Police arrested a 25-year-old individual on DUII-Alcohol at the 30000 block of Ruby Court.

Sept. 13
• Police arrested a 53-year-old male in the 2000 block of Oregon Street on a warrant.

Sept. 14
• Police responded to the theft of a catalytic converter at the 900 block of Oregon Street.

Sept. 27
• Police arrested a 45-year-old man on a warrant at the 100 block of May Street.

Sept. 29
• Police arrested a 57-year-old female on simple assault near St. Helens Street and S. 1st Street.
• Police arrested a 24-year-old individual on larc-shoplifting at the 2000 block of Gable Road.

Oct. 2
• Police arrested a 46-year-old male on a fugitive warrant near 18th Street and Tualatin Street.

Oct. 5
• Police responded to larc-other theft of boat near the 200 block of St. Helens Street.

• Police arrested a 25-year-old female on a fugitive warrant at the 100 block of S. 13th Street.

Oct. 6
• Police responded to larc-bicycles at the 700 block of Matzen Street.

Scappoose Police

Sept. 9
• Police responded to the report of a theft in the 52000 block of NE 1st Street. The victim reported that an unknown suspect broke into the toolbox in her vehicle and stole an assortment of tools. This case is suspended due to a lack of leads.
• Police were dispatched to the report of a damaged vehicle near the intersection of W Lane Rd. and NE Porter Lane. It was reported that one of the tires on the vehicle had been cut in the side wall. This case is suspended due to a lack of leads.
• Police took report of a minor motor vehicle accident in the 33000 block of SW Adam Court. It was reported the driver hit a parked car and caused minor damage to both vehicles. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued.

Sept. 10
• Police were dispatched to a DUII crash near the intersection of Crown Zellerbach Road and NE 2nd Street. Following the investigation, A 52-year-old male from Scappoose was taken into custody for Recklessly Endangering Another x 3, Disorderly Conduct II, Reckless Driving and DUII. He was transported and lodged in jail.

Sept. 11
• Police responded to the report of a theft at Fred Meyer. It was reported that the suspect was in the loss prevention office. Following the investigation, A 29-year-old Scappoose resident was cited and released on the charge of Theft II.

Sept. 15
• Police were dispatched to the report of a trespasser in the 51000 block of SW Old Portland Road. It was reported that a subject was sleeping near the fence line of the property. Following the investigation, A 41-year-old houseless man was cited and released for Trespass II.

Sept. 17
• While attempting to make a traffic stop, a vehicle fled the scene from police. Following a short pursuit, the vehicle crashed near the intersection of Siercks Road and Pisgah Home Road. Following the investigation, a 40-year-old St. Helens man was taken into custody on two outstanding felony warrants and additional charges of Reckless Driving, Eluding a Police Officer and DWS-Misdemeanor. The man was transported to jail where he was lodged on his charges. His passenger in the vehicle reported no injuries due to the crash and was released at the scene.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office reports were unavailable at press time.

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From The Board of Directors of the Beaver Drainage Improvement Company located in Columbia County, Oregon:

The Beaver Drainage Improvement Company supports responsible development within the Beaver Drainage District. However, NEXT ENERGY's proposed wetlands mitigation site to be constructed within the Beaver Drainage District Boundaries has many flaws and could place immense regulatory burdens upon our shareholders. Therefore, after much consideration and extensive research, Beaver Drainage Improvement Company has recommended denial of NEXT ENERGY's Application Number APP0063077.

For more information, the full Public Comment Letter submitted on behalf of the Beaver Drainage Improvement Company to Oregon Department of State Lands on September 24th, 2021 can be viewed on either The Clatskanie Chief or St. Helens Chronicle website.

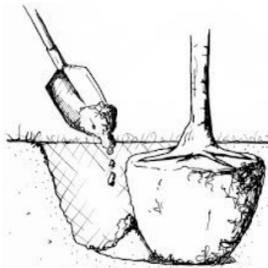
••CLATSKANIE GROWS••

Clatskanie Grows: Comments after an interesting year

CHIP BUBL

Chief Guest Article

The dry summer damaged some trees and shrubs, killed others, but many were not harmed at all, even in the areas that weren't watered. Tree growth slowed way down and several deciduous trees developed some nice fall colors early. Fear of fire was ever-present this season, but we generally escaped without any serious events. We all were alert, careful, and probably a bit lucky.



Fall can be an excellent time to plant trees and woody shrubs. With good soil moisture and mild temperatures, the root systems of the new transplants can get a head start on the next growing year. Don't dig a hole that just fits the root ball. Instead, create wider circles of worked ground to the depth of the root ball so that the roots can spread out nicely. The base of the root ball should be on solid soil with the worked soil placed around it to the height of the

root ball. If the root ball has lots of circular roots, try to unwind them to encourage outward growth rather than roots that continue to circle around the root ball. That can kill a tree over time. Mulch with 3-4 inches of rough bark chips, keeping the chips at least three inches from the trunk. Modern practice tries to avoid staking trees but if it is a really windy site, a stake support system that allows some trunk movement will help strengthen the trunk. Finally, as I mentioned in a column several weeks ago, consider "white-washing" the bark within 3-5 feet of the ground with a 50/50 mix of white latex paint and water on a nice, dry day. This will reduce trunk winter injury and summer sunburn.

Slugs mostly disappeared in the heat, even in watered vegetable gardens. But they are back and making up for lost time. That means eating and breeding. Gardeners prefer they do neither. So, it is time to bait or use other means to reduce damaged lettuce and egg production. Baits are reasonably effective but need to be reapplied about every three weeks until it gets a lot colder. Metaldehyde based baits can be pet toxic but very effective while iron based baits ones aren't pet toxic but may be somewhat less effective. Read and follow all instructions. Alternate techniques include drowning them in beer or a water/molasses/ yeast mix

(getting the dead slimy mass out isn't pleasant); putting down boards for them to hide under and turning the boards over the next morning to whack the slugs, sushi chef style (some people, in-

stead, pick them up and drop them into soapy water in a bucket); or letting your chickens and ducks (if you have them) forage for their slug meals.



By the time you see this, we may have had a frost. If so, your winter squash still outside may have been injured. Harvest them now (most vines

have few really active leaves so there won't be much more growth anyway). Check them out use the ones that show damage soon.

Our nice tomato season ended for most of us with the rain. Those with good shelters for their plants can expect tomatoes into November, assuming you can shut the shelter down on cold nights. There

used to be a gardener in Columbia City that had an Adirondack type shelter for his tomatoes. It had clear plastic on three sides and the roof and was open on one side for ventilation. No rain got to the tomatoes and he controlled the watering. If frost threatened, he closed down the open side for the night. It worked wonderfully.

If you need to treat moss on your roof, now is the time to do it. The rains have turned the moss green, which makes it susceptible to zinc monohydrate, the active ingredient that does a good job on roof moss. It can be sprinkled on or mixed into a spray and

sprayed on. Pick a day when it has been dry for a day or so, to reduce any chance of slipping off the roof. You can hire roof maintenance companies to do this work as well.

Will there be an OSU Master Gardener class next spring?

We are actively planning for an in-person OSU Master Gardener class starting next February. The class would most likely be held on Monday, during the day, for about ten weeks. If you think you might be interested, let us know. Call Sonia Reagan or myself, Chip Bubl at 503-397-3462. Your statement of interest doesn't commit you to anything but will give us some idea if people are ready to return to in person classes. If COVID mutates again, it might have to be a digital only class.

Important notes

- The OSU Extension Office is fully reopened. Masks are still required inside.
- Donate produce and/or cash to the food bank, senior centers, or community meals programs. It is greatly appreciated.
- The Extension Service offers its programs and materials equally to all people.

Have questions?

If you have questions on any of these topics or other

home garden and/or farm questions, please contact Chip Bubl, Oregon State University Extension office in St. Helens at 503-397-3462 or at chip.bubl@oregonstate.edu. The office is open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Free newsletter

The Oregon State University Extension office in Columbia County publishes a monthly newsletter on gardening and farming topics (called County Living) written/edited by yours truly. All you need to do is ask for it and it will be mailed or emailed to you. Call 503-397-3462 to be put on the list. Alternatively, you can find it on the web at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/columbia> and click on newsletters.

Many Extension publications available online

Are you putting up salsa, saving seeds, or thinking about planting grapes? OSU has a large number of its publications available for free download. Just go to <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/>. Click on publications and start exploring.

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••COMMUNITY EVENTS••

Oct. 4-17 Get There Challenge

The event is designed to build skills, stay active, and make Oregon a better place. The ninth annual Get There Challenge participants can take actions to unlock a variety of experience, knowledge, and skill-building achievements. Anyone age 18 or older who lives and/or works in Oregon can join the Get There Challenge at any time by visiting GetThereOregon.org.

Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, and 31 Haunted House

Beaver Homes Grange Haunted House from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at 31105 Beaver Homes Road in Rainier. Due to the pandemic, face coverings are required for everyone over

5-years-old. Adults \$6. Kids 6-10 \$4. Seniors 60+ / Military with I.D. \$5. Funds collected will be used to support the Grange and local nonprofits. For more information, call 503-556-0324.

Oct. 31 Drive Through Trunk-or-Treat

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office in partnership with Columbia 911 Communications District will host a Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. at 58611 McNulty Way in St. Helens. The agencies are currently seeking any small businesses or community partners that would like to host a trunk. For more information and to reserve your spot by Oct. 15, contact Malinda Duran at malinda.duran@columbiacounty.or.gov.

Nov. 13-14 Holiday Bazaar

Look for over 25 local artists and craftspeople to will help you prepare for the holidays at the From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Caples House Holiday Bazaar. See a wide variety of gift items at one place, including framed nature photography, Native American art and regalia, quilts, jewelry, ceramics, dried gourds, baskets, leather bags, glassware, metal art, candles, soaps, toys, and so much more. Free admittance. Snacks and lunch for sale in the Tea Cottage. Silent auction with stuffed Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Caples House Museum is located at 1925 First Street in Columbia City. For more information, call 503-397-5390 or email CaplesHouse@comcast.net.

HORNESS

From Page A1

Horness said he would like the people of Clatskanie to know that he will strive to support blue-collar workers.

"Well, I've been blue-collar my whole entire life, and that's where my heart is with people who work and that I, you know, have their back. I work for them. I don't have an agenda per se. They're

the people that I represent, and I respond to their needs and their concerns," Horness said.

Council members serve four-year terms, and terms are staggered so that every two years, three council members are up for re-election. The Clatskanie city councilors are not paid for their service to the city.

The requirements to be a Clatskanie city councilor include being a resident in the city limits for at least one year.

City manager of Clatskanie Greg Hinkelman said, "Clatskanie city councilors are responsible for attending at least one city council meeting a month and weighing in on all legislation and business that comes before the council."

The current city council consists of six members. They are Bob Brajcich, Toby Harris, Bruce Jolma, Jean Sampson, Gary Jones, and Jim Helmen.

Horness will be sworn in November.

ODOT

From Page A1

at the Clatskanie maintenance shop. Clatskanie Maintenance is the crew that takes care of Columbia County highways located 2 miles east of the city of Clatskanie at the top of the hill. Those 12 employees breakdown like this:

- 1 Transportation Maintenance Manager (TMM)
- 1 Transportation Maintenance Coordinator (TMC: an

assistant manager)

- 10 Transportation Maintenance Specialist 2s (TMS2s).

These employees monitor weather and watch for storms, lowering temperatures, high precipitation rates and take appropriate action. Actions include de-icer application, plowing snow, sanding curves, hills, and bridges; as well as cleaning drainage grates, keeping culver inlets and outlets open, responding to incidents like car crashes, animal strikes, rocks and mud and trees in the roadway.

The Chief: Is the ODOT winter maintenance a 24/7 operation? If so, why?

Torres: The work is scheduled to occur 20-hours a day, with the remaining four hours covered with overtime as needed: two 10-hour shifts each day, with the crew split six on day shift and four on nights. Supervisors generally work days. The coverage is designed so that the weekends are staffed so there is someone on seven days per week.

The Chief: What are

the traffic challenges and the dangers ODOT crews encounter during the winter maintenance operations?

Torres: Drivers are always unpredictable and so crashes are a regular duty for the ODOT crews to respond to. Falling trees and rocks are a particularly tricky event to respond to especially in wind storms.

The Chief: What is ODOT's message to drivers about the winter conditions that they might encounter in Columbia County?

Torres: Don't assume that a highway is de-iced. Even if it is, de-icer is not perfect and may be wearing off or unpredictable in its effectiveness. Always drive with care and for the conditions. Carry chains and know how to put them on. Please don't leave your car in the highway. Many people struggle with driving in snow and this happens a lot.

The Chief: Feel free to add any other comments you might have.

Torres: Patience from the public would be greatly appreciated. My employees are out driving in conditions where we ask the public to stay home. In certain situations we struggle to keep up and do the best that we can do. All of the crew are local to the area and deeply care about the service that they supply to the citizens of Columbia County.

For road condition updates 24/7 visit TripCheck.com, or call 511.



Weekly Online Poll

Are you worried about the increasing consumer product supply disruption?

Yes No

Last Week's Results

What do you like most about Fall?

- 54% Trees changing color
- 44% Cooler temperatures
- 2% Shopping for the holidays

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Planning Division Manager
Columbia County, OR EOE Deadline 11/17/2021 Apply at ColumbiaCountyOR.gov.

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Ads Deadline:
Wednesdays by noon. Late submissions may not make the paper.

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Help Wanted

The City of Rainier (OR)
is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Applicants must meet DPSST standards for certification. A qualified candidate for this position is someone who is community minded with a strong team work ethic. The closing date for applications is Friday, October 15, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Rainier is an equal opportunity employer. Job Requirements: No felony convictions, GED or High School Diploma,

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Help Wanted

Be able to pass a thorough background investigation to include Credit History, Criminal History, Driving Records and Psychological Examination. Be able to pass a medical screening, and drug screening. Entry level officers will be required to pass both a written and physical test. Rainier Police counts on on-call capability for off-duty officers, mainly in the early morning hours. Officers are required to be within a 15-minute response time. Applications

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CC21-1521 CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY

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CC21-1520 CLATSKANIE PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The Clatskanie People's Utility District Board of Directors has scheduled the next regular Board meeting for Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the community room of the District's administration building located at 495 E Columbia River Highway, Clatskanie. A Board Workshop will be held at 5:30 pm. An executive session may be called at the workshop and/or meeting, pursuant to: ORS 192.660 (2) (f) information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection. AGENDA CLATSKANIE PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD WORKSHOP on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. I. 2022 DRAFT BUDGET PRESENTATION: Arin Guillory, Controller II. POWER & FINANCIAL RISKS SUMMARY: Paul Dockery, Power Manager III. STAFF REPORTS UPDATE. CLATSKANIE PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. I. PUBLIC COMMENTS II. CONSENT AGENDA • Minutes of Board Workshop, September 15, 2021 • Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, September 15, 2021 • Review payment of bills for September 2021 III. ACTION ITEMS • None IV. DISCUSSION / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS • Board Comments & Calendar V. EXECUTIVE SESSION VI. ADJOURNMENT

CC21-1517 NOTICE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Clatskanie Park & Recreation District will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:00pm at 555 SW Bryant St, Clatskanie, OR, Port of Columbia County Offices (the Old Middle School). Items on the agenda include but are not limited to: General Park maintenance and pool operation update(s). Board Chair, Andrew Mustola

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Solution to crossword in next week's issue of The Chief

Rising seas could change coastal regions

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With climate change impacting the Earth, sea levels are beginning to rise again, and as they rise it will impact the shorelines many in Oregon and California call home.

“The ocean is the key component to climate change.”
~ Kim McCoy, wave expert

That’s the message Kim McCoy shared during a virtual meeting celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition.

McCoy has updated the book, *Waves and Beaches*, which was originally written by Willard Bascom. The book is considered the leading authority on beaches,

shorelines and the impact waves and weather have on them.

McCoy, a physical oceanographer, adventurer and expert on coastal wave dynamics, said the impact on the coast is directly linked to weather events far away.

“Everything that happens upstream impacts what happens on the coast,” McCoy said. “What happens upstream could very easily push out millions of pounds of sediment.”

For decades, Bascom was the expert when it came to coastal areas. McCoy worked under Bascom and was asked to write the third update of *Waves and Beaches*. McCoy said the book covers coasts worldwide, but the work began in Astoria when Bascom was hired for the Waves Project. Last year, McCoy brought the new edition of the book to Astoria, going full circle.

“Where Willard Bascom started studying waves was in Astoria, and here it was returning a book all these years



David Rupkalvis / The World
As the ocean rises, waves are expected to increase along the coast, which could quickly change the coast we all enjoy. Each wave moves sediment and changes the coastal community.

later,” McCoy said.

McCoy said as the Earth’s temperature has slowly risen, it has caused ice, both on shore and in the sea to melt.

“When things melt above sea level, they raise the sea level,” McCoy said. “When it’s sea ice, it doesn’t, so it’s important what happens in-

land. As the Earth warms, ice not only melts and fractures, but it also melts from below because the water is warming.”

As far as climate change, the ocean is the key to changing weather, McCoy said.

“The ocean is the key component to climate

change,” he said. “The ocean is turbulent. Turbulence is everywhere in the universe. The warming Earth is causing the rapid fluctuations in our weather patterns. You can’t separate what’s happening anywhere on Earth. It’s all connected.”

One impact on the coast is the loss of ice. McCoy explained that permafrost and ice on the coast protect the coast from waves and change. As the ice disappears, waves have a greater impact on shorelines.

And the changes could be devastating if something doesn’t change.

“If there’s a two-degree centigrade increase in global temperature, this is what will happen,” McCoy said. “Miami will be underwater.”

In Indonesia, rising water is putting 5 million people living in the capital city of Jakarta at risk. The risk is so severe, plans are being made to move the capital.

The danger is rising waters lead to rising waves. And waves change everything

they touch.

“Every time a wave come into shore, it moves some sediment,” McCoy said. “Every single wave moves particles, millions of grains of sand. Every wave is unique. There’s no one wave that is repeated over time. Every single wave stirs up sediment, and that sediment goes someplace.”

The good news is, the changes are just starting.

“The sea level hasn’t changed much in the last 4,000 years,” McCoy said. “It’s starting to change. In the last 20,000 years, the sea level has gone up 400 feet, but not much in the last 4,000 years. But it is rising again.”

And if climate change continues to lead to a warming Earth, sea levels will begin to rise quickly.

“We’re all connected, and I can’t stress enough, we need to have an understanding of what’s happening,” McCoy said. “We need to have average citizens have a sane approach to our coast.”

Clatskanie Middle/High School Sports Schedule



Friday Oct. 15
• 7 p.m. High School Football vs. Corbett Homecoming Game

Monday Oct. 18
• High School Volleyball vs. Willamina JV plays at 4 p.m. Varsity plays at 5:30 p.m.
• 4:15 p.m. High School Girls Soccer vs. Astoria @ Rainier

Tuesday Oct. 19
• High School Volleyball @ Warrenton JV2 plays at 4 p.m. JV plays at 5:30 p.m. Varsity plays at 7 p.m.
• 5:15 p.m. Middle School Football @ St. Helens

Wednesday Oct. 20
• 4 p.m. Cross Country @ Knappa

Thursday Oct. 21
• 4 p.m. JV Volleyball vs. Taft Varsity plays at 5:30 p.m. Senior Night
• 4:15 p.m. High School Girls Soccer @ Banks

Friday Oct. 22
• 7 p.m. High School Football @ Rainier

Saturday Oct. 23
• 12 p.m. High School Volleyball League Playoffs

Oh Deer! Animal migration underway

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Each year from 2014-2018 in Oregon there were an estimated 7,000 crashes involving deer and elk causing an average of 2.2 human fatalities with over 453 people injured.

The crashes resulted in \$44 million in vehicle damages, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

ODOT reports that October and November are the busiest months for vehicle-wildlife collisions. The animal’s searching for food increases the danger of collisions with vehicles.

Natural food sources are lean in the upper coastal elevations from fall through the winter as snowfall covers the ground. Elk and deer may move to lower elevations to find adequate food.

These additional movements often mean that the animals are crossing major roads both day and night which creates hazards to motorists.

Wildlife officials caution



Jeremy C. Ruark / The Chief
Wildlife, such as this deer, are frequent visitors along roadways in Columbia County searching for food and increasing the danger of collisions with vehicles.

that the animals are often stressed as they search for food.

Signs placed in particularly popular areas for wildlife crossing are one tool to help drivers avoid collisions. Being especially watchful around sunrise and sunset is another tip that can help reduce vehicle-wildlife incidents, according to ODOT.

Be aware of the possible dangers associated with animals on or near roadways. When you see a wildlife, reduce your speed, and try

to stay in your lane. ODOT urges drivers and passengers to always wear safety belts.

Steps to avoid a deer crossing

- Watch for the rest of the gang. If you’ve seen one, you haven’t seen them all.
- Wear a seat belt. It won’t prevent a collision, but wearing one can reduce injuries.
- Take a moment to reflect. Look for road signs and always stay awake, aware and sober.

- Illuminate. Use high beam headlights if there’s no oncoming traffic. The light will reflect in a deer’s eyes.
- Honk. One long blast can scare deer to off the road.
- Timing is everything. Be extra cautious during the spring and fall and at dusk and dawn when deer are most active.

If a collision is unavoidable

- Stay on course. Don’t swerve, brake firmly and stay in your lane.
- Alert other drivers. Pull off the road and put on flashers.
- Contact authorities. If you collide with a large animal, you are legally required to report it to law enforcement.
- Report animals you move. Refer to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife webpage for animal salvage guidelines.

For more information visit the ODOT or Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife web and Facebook sites.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR A YOUTH WITH INTELLECTUAL AND/OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

BECOME A CHILDREN’S HOST HOME PROVIDER TODAY!



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Community Services Inc. (CSI) is looking for Host Home providers to offer a stable, safe and loving home to a child with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Host homes are similar to foster homes but we offer:

- Initial and ongoing training and coaching,
- Relief support,
- 24hr on-call phone support and guidance, and
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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A HOST HOME PROVIDER:

- Be at least 21 years old.
- Have a home (own or lease) in the Portland, Oregon Metro area.
- Able to provide a separate bedroom.
- Have a reliable vehicle, proof of insurance and an Oregon drivers license.
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check

If you think this is right for you and/or want more information, please contact Andrea Kaluna at 503-648-6415 Ext 313 or email akaluna@cs-inc.org or apply on our website: www.cs-inc.org



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Solution for the Oct. 8, 2021 crossword puzzle

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