

The Dallesport News

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County Considering An EMS Levy To Support Hospital Emergency Care

Klickitat County is considering assuming the operation of emergency medical services (EMS) from the county's two hospital districts and requesting an EMS levy.

The move would ensure continuing EMS services throughout the county served by the combined district, including ambulance service, in the county's Hospital District 1, home of Klickitat Valley Health (KVH). Hospital District 2, served by Skyline Hospital in White Salmon, has run its own levy for some time, but a levy specific to EMS services has never been done in District 1. An EMS levy is separate from the hospital districts' regular maintenance levy.

The total EMS expense includes maintaining ambulance service but also includes all additional aspects of providing emergency care and Advance Life Support (ALS) service for patients throughout the district. That cost, typically well into six figures, reflects the expense of keeping EMS staff ready to act at any time, even though the actual need for their services may arise only occasionally.

"The deficit in running EMS in this district means that eventually we'd run out of money," says KVH CEO John White. To ensure that funds are available for ongoing EMS service, the two hospital districts have asked Klickitat County to take over EMS operations, which would then allow the county to raise a county-wide EMS levy. White explained there are only a few options for a critical access hospital levy, with two getting primary attention: one done by the county or one done by the district.

There are sufficient advantages to having the county take on the EMS role that the county is actively investigating the possibility.

"Our operating expenses exceed what we're paid for services," White says, "because of the current fee-for-service model. We get reimbursed only when a patient is actually transported, and that doesn't happen every time an ambulance goes out." Presently the ambulance goes out fewer than three times a day, not always resulting in the transport of a patient, and reimbursement revenues continually fall well short of expenses. The only cost-preventive measure available would be to end EMS services, which White considers unimaginable for most county residents.

"If you ask people in the county what they want most in hospital service," he says, "emergency care has to be among the top three things."

The only remaining option is a levy specifically for EMS.

In addition to EMS services in Goldendale and White Salmon, there are Basic Life Support (BLS) services operating in Glenwood, Lyle, and Bickleton, though those have no ALS capabilities and none can provide transport to hospitals in the region.

In the county commissioners' meeting of Sept. 11 this year, the hospital districts presented their case to the commissioners. In a follow-up meeting between the commissioners and the CEOs of the two districts on Oct. 11, specific questions were addressed concerning how the county

would go about the process of implementing an EMS levy.

A county-wide hospital district actually has been in place, though inactive, since the early 1980s. One possibility is to activate that district, though compounding the issue is the proximity of Bickleton and Alderdale to Prosser, meaning that their EMS services might be better provided by the district there. The possibility exists for the county to create a district that divides Klickitat County, allowing the easternmost areas to be served by Prosser. And any county district would also require approval by each incorporated city for it to be included in the district.

At the Oct. 11 meeting, the commissioners raised several key questions, including the possible impact of an EMS levy on junior taxing districts. (Answer: none.) A potential levy of 24 cents on the county's total assessed valuation of \$3.6 billion is being considered as sufficient to maintain operating and capital needs of EMS capabilities in the county for the six-year life of the levy, though the commissioners also asked about possible consequences for the county and other districts on other current or future levies. (Answer: if the levy were at the full allowable 50 cents, no other district would be permitted to conduct its own EMS levy. Otherwise other districts could levy on the differential between the maximum 50 cents and whatever figure a county levy would be.)

If the levy proceeds, it would go on a ballot for voter approval, most likely early next year.

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Book Review

by Judy Bane

"A Wanted Man" by Lee Child

Lee Child is known for his Jack Reacher series. Jack is a loner. He has no remaining family, he has been discharged from the only other family he's ever known, the Army. Rather than burden himself with the unfamiliar life of owning a house, a car and a television, Jack hitchhikes around the country. He owns the clothes on his back and a toothbrush. He has savings that sustain his lifestyle and picks up the odd job for cash here and there.

But mostly, he gets into situations.

He was Military Police in the Army and has done his share of evaluating and investigating. Using his powers of observation and deduction, he can figure out almost any situation and react accordingly.

He is large, strong and not pretty. But there is nobody you would rather have on your side in a bad situation than Jack.

In this story, he is picked up by two men and a woman, late at night, on a Nebraska freeway. The man riding as passenger holds a polite conversation with Jack and it quickly becomes apparent to Jack that he is lying for no good reason. Time to be on the alert and be suspicious. Things become more and more complicated as they rocket through the night, stopping at small, out of the way gas stations and quickie marts. When they try to kill Jack at an out of the way mote and fail, he is determined to help the cops pursue these crooks, whether the cops want his help or not.

This story is one of the fastest paced books I have ever read. It literally kept me on the edge of my seat, the whole time. As the plot unfolds, Jack is struggling to stay ahead of the game. Filled with many twists and turns, you will be glued to the page.

Family Movie Matinee

Saturday, Nov. 17th. 2 – 4pm

Holiday movie matinee with popcorn and lemonade provided. Fun for all ages! Please call the library for the movie title. White Salmon Valley Community Library.

Day of The Dead

Saturday, November 3, 2 – 4pm

English and Spanish - Enjoy music, sugar-skull decorating, hot chocolate and pan dulce. Program is free and everyone is welcome. Registration is not required. Contact Info White Salmon Valley Community Library (509) 493-1132 or (888) 546-2707 www.fvrl.org...

Pacific Northwest

Landscapes by Lee Jensen

Sat., Nov. 3 – Wed., Nov. 28

White Salmon Valley Community Library, 77 NE Wauna Avenue

No-fee online classes

Check out the wealth of interactive online instructional courses available to you now via the library's new, no-fee ed2go resource. Enhance your job skills or discover a new hobby. www.fvrl.org

- [Accounting and Finance](#)
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Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society

November 10th. 2012

The meeting and program will begin at 1:00 PM. This month's program will be *Earthquake Research, or what to do if the courthouse (or the city) burns* — *Fred Henschell will describe the challenges of researching family records in San Francisco that pre-date the 1906 earthquake and fire.* Please join us for a no host lunch in the Basalt Cafe at Noon. The public is welcome to attend, so bring a friend or neighbor and introduced them to the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society.

<http://community.gorge.net/genealogy/>

VETERAN'S DAY
November 11th.

Used Book Sale

November 3, - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The Dalles Wasco County Library--in the Book Barn behind the library
722 Court Street The Dalles
Contact Info 541-296-2815

Klindt's Bookstore 541-296-3355

315 E. 2nd Street, The Dalles
Hours: Mon. – Sat. 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sundays 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Dalles/Wasco County Public Library 541-296-2815

722 Court Street, The Dalles

HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Sunday

**FREE wireless Internet access* inside the library and on library grounds.

White Salmon Valley Community Library 509-493-1132 - Town & Country Sq. White Salmon

Open Tuesdays 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Wed.-Sat. 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**FREE wireless Internet access*

Goldendale Community Library

(509) 773-4487

131 West Burgen Street
Goldendale, WA 98620

Open M Tu W Th F Sat 10-6:30

Bookmobile

Fort Vancouver
Regional
Library 1-888-546-2707



Murdock Daycare-9:45 – 10:00 am

Tuesdays Nov. 13th. & 27th.

Dallesport School- 11:45 – 3:00 pm

Wednesdays Nov 14th. & 28th.

Restore - New Location

The Habitat for Humanity Restore has moved across the street into the former Coppers Ace Hardware Building at 1001 W 6th St. they also recently launched their website: www.thedallesrestore.org. Our new building offers three times the space of our old one! 503-866-9874

Burn ban has been lifted. Please use safety precautions

Community Council Corner

By Renee Briggs

Please join us for the next Council meeting on **November 8th**, at the Dallesport Community Center. At 7pm.

Remember to visit us online:

<http://www.dallesport-wa.org/>

Council Elections

The Dallesport Murdock Community County election is coming up in November with three positions available. If you think you would be interested in representing your community as a Council member please contact one of the Council members listed on the back page of this newsletter, or come to our next meeting.

Qualifications:

1. Age 18 or older
2. Citizen resident in the community for at least 6 months.
3. Registered voter in good standing.
3. Real estate lease holder or property owner in the Dallesport-Murdock community.

**Elections will be held - November 8th.
5-7 PM Dallesport Community Center
136 6th St. Dallesport.**

Residents Asked To Complete Online Broadband Survey

A broadband meeting was held at the Community Center on Oct. 11th. The Klickitat-Skamania local technology team received a grant to assess local needs. The team is working to determine how best to provide broadband for current and future needs. There are two surveys that will help determine the next steps for local broadband. One survey is for individuals, the other is for businesses. The organizers are asking for your help by completing the online survey by Oct. 31, and ask for residents to help spread the word on this survey. It can be found at :

<http://mcedd.org/ltp/CMSurvey.htm>

If you have questions contact Brian Wanless at ce4kc@me.com or Linda Williams at lindaj@gorge.net

Dallesport Water District

Dallesport Water District Office 24 hr message phone is 509-767-4767

The District Clerk can be reached at 541-980-6514 or

dallesportwater@gmail.com

The District Manager can be reached at 541-980-6756 or

dwdmanager@qnect.net

Our 24 hr Emergency Phone is also 541-980-6756

The next meeting of the Dallesport Water District is scheduled for **November 14th, 2012** at 7PM at the Dallesport Community Center.

Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner

November 22, 2012

10:00 to 3:00 pm

Everyone is Welcome

Bring your friends and family to the FREE Thanksgiving dinner and enjoy great food and music.

1112 Cherry Heights Rd. St. Mary's Academy The Dalles

Need your meal delivered? Call the Salvation Army at 541-296-6417

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the preparation, cooking, serving and delivery of meals.

Call 541-296-6417 to volunteer.



Providence Hospice Of The Gorge Helps Children Express Grief Through Play

Once protected by the reality of death, children are now being encouraged to participate in the grieving process according to a recent article published in [The New York Times](#), *Letting Children Share in Grief*.

Locally, children have an outlet to express their grief as well. Providence Hospice of the Gorge offers ongoing grief support groups for children and teens. "Our Gorge grief groups help children, teens and their families grieve in a healthy and natural way by offering meaningful play, expressive arts and shared circle time," says Colleen Ballinger, founder of the Providence hospice youth grief groups.

The groups are free of charge and run September through May from 6 to 7 p.m., every other Thursday at the Riverside Community Church in Hood River. Pizza is provided by Papa Murphy's and, if needed, gas cards are available to cover the expense of travel to and from the groups.

These groups are open and on-going and referrals are welcome throughout the school year. Additional information and resources including pamphlets on helping grieving students and understanding their needs in funeral planning are also available. To attend an upcoming group or to get more information, please call Providence Hospice of the Gorge, 541-387-6449 or visit www.providence.org/hoodriver.



Mary "Wilma" Knowles, 81, a resident of Dallesport, Wash., died Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, at a care facility in The Dalles, Ore. She was born in Doniphan, Neb., on

March 21, 1931, the youngest of six children with her twin brother to James W. and Cora M. (Billings) Eskew.

She moved with her family as a child to Grand Island, Neb.

She married Robert Gene Knowles on Aug. 18, 1947 in Reno, Nev., and moved to Gervais, Ore., then settled in the Mid-Columbia in 1954, residing in Murdock, Wash., for over 20 years. She was a member of Life in Christ Church and enjoyed sewing, canning and visiting with friends.

She is survived by her children; son, Ricky Knowles and his wife Teri, The Dalles; daughters, Sharon Kessinger, White Salmon, Wash.; and Sandra Hawkins and her husband Roy, Dallesport; 12 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Knowles and her parents.

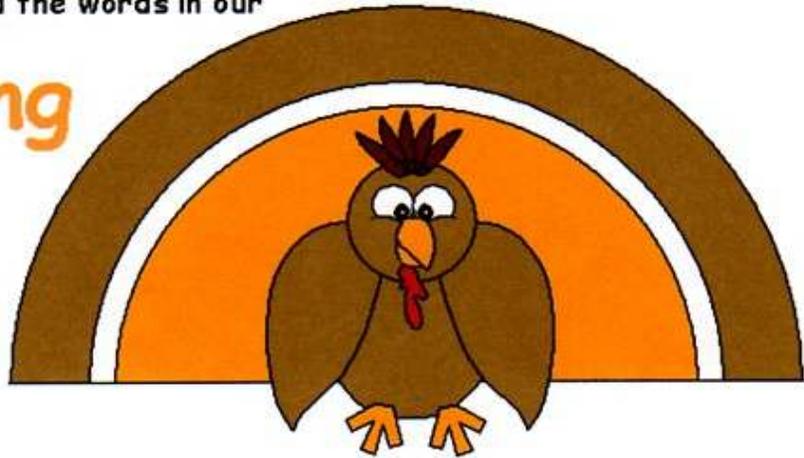
Viewing was on Friday, Oct. 19, at Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 1 p.m. at Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home with Bob Guerrant officiating. Committal followed at the Lyle Balch Cemetery in Lyle, Wash.

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Thanksgiving Anagram

Hidden Word
(solve the circled letters):



a e i m z

f f g i n s t u

g i i l m p r s

a h k n s t

a f i l m y

i k m n p p u

c k o o

c n o r

d e i n n r

a e f s t

a e h r s t v

a h q u s s

Answers

Maize, stuffing, pilgrims, thanks, family, pumpkin, cook, corn, dinner, feast, harvest, squash

LYLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #406

For the latest information on Lyle School District, visit the website for the school district.

www.lyleschools.org

November 13th. Basketball practices start. Both High School & Middle School

November 8th. & 9th. Parent teacher Conferences 1-8pm ½ day Release @ Noon

November 12th. Veterans Day – no school

November 21 – 23 – Thanksgiving break

Head Start Program

Hello Dallesport! Welcome to a new school year. My name is Corinna Anthony; I am the Center Coordinator and Home Visitor for Mid Columbia Children's Council Early Head Start Program being offered in your community. You're probably wondering what the Early Head Start Program is all about. The Early Head Start Program serves pregnant women and children from birth to three years old. It is a year around program which offers a variety of services to enrolled families. Some of the services include health and dental care assistance, family support services, education programs, parent training, research based curriculum, group socialization's including snacks, and home visits. Parents are their child's first and lifelong teacher. Therefore, parent involvement is encouraged. If interested in the program, please feel free to stop by the Dallesport Community Center and pickup an application. Have any questions please feel free to call 1-541-386-2010 and ask for Julia Garcia-Ramirez, enrollment coordinator OR call Mid-Columbia Children's Council Early Head Start at 509-774-0821.

DRAMA

Dallesport Elementary School is raising money for the Spring drama production. Every cash donation is tax deductible; you will be furnished with a receipt. Please write check payable to Lyle School District and mail to...

Dallesport Elementary School - Attn: Drama Department - P.O. Box 529 - Dallesport, WA 98617

All donations will be featured in a special "sponsor" insert in this year's program.

Sheila Burrows, Drama fundraising Chairperson, Dallesportdrama@hotmail.com

*Next school board meeting will be held on November 15, 2012
Support your school and attend a meeting.*



Your Official Gear.com

Part of the proceeds from each sale are returned to our school to support student activities.

A direct link to the site is located on the lyleschools.org website.

Lyle Alumni Website

www.alumni.class.com/lyle



October Craft Festival

Nov. 2nd & 3rd.
Nov. 16th & 17th.

10am to 5pm

Eiesland's Log Cabin on Hwy 197
at the Columbia Hills RV Park.

Jewelry and other crafted items from
local crafters. Table rentals \$10.00 per
day. For more information call
Ginger Reamer 509-767-1071

Annual Christmas in Vermont

Nov. 2, 2012 – Nov. 3, 2012

3184 Three Mile Road (yellow house
on left) The Dalles

Friday, Nov. 2: 10am-6pm

Saturday, Nov. 3: 10am-4pm

Contact Info: Nancy: 541-298-1351

18th Annual Mill Creek School House Craft Sale

Nov. 2, - Nov. 4, 2012

Come & step back in time and do your
holiday shopping in a One-Room
school House. 5810 Mill Creek road.
Sandoz Angus Ranch--5 miles out Mill
Creek Road, off W. 10th and Mt. Hood
Streets in The Dalles, Oregon

Fridays: 9am-4pm

Saturdays: 9am-4pm

Sundays: 10am-3pm

9th. Annual Dallesport- Murdock Christmas

Bazaar

December 7th. & 8th.
9 a.m. to 4 p.m

Eiesland's Log Cabin on Hwy 197
at the Columbia Hills RV Park.

Sign up Now

Table rentals \$10.00 per day. Table
rental fees will be donated to the
Dallesport Fire Dept. and the Dallesport
Murdock Community Council.

Contact info Alice Mattox at 767-4077

Veteran's Day Parade

November 12 – 11:00 am
Downtown The Dalles

End of Season Program and Veteran's Day

November 11, 2012

<http://www.maryhillmuseum.org>

Maryhill Museum of Art extends free
admission to veterans and active
military members on Veteran's Day. At
2 p.m. join us for a Lecture: *The Pacific
Northwest in World War Two* with
author Kurt Nelson, author of *Fighting
for Paradise: A Military History of the
Pacific Northwest*, provides insight into
a little-known area of American
military history rich in drama.

7th Annual Pre-Holiday Shopping Extravaganza

November 15 - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Presented by Soroptimists International
of Mt. Adams Best Western Hood
River Inn (Gorge Room) 1108 E.
Marina Way Hood River, OR
Contact Info Jan Callow, 509-493-4722
kjcallow@gorge.net

Christmas Bazaar @ Zion Lutheran Church

November 17, - November 18, 2012

Zion Lutheran Church

101 W. 10th Street The Dalles

Sat.: 9am-5pm Sun: noon-3pm

Contact Info: 541-296-9146

Christmas Bazaar

November 17 - 9 am-4 pm

Food served 7:30 am-3 pm.

Hand-crafted items, great food,
decorations and more!
St. Peter's Bazaar is now taking
reservations for table rentals for their
bazaar Rentals are \$30. 1112 Cherry
Heights Rd. The Dalles. Call Georgia:
541-296-2941 for more information.

Starlight Parade

November 23, 2012 -6:00 pm

<http://www.thedallescchamber.com>

Starlight Parade kicks off the Christmas
season with lighted parade through
downtown The Dalles.

Barlow Gate Grange Annual Christmas Bazaar

November 24, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Craft and food vendors, special lunch
for sale too. Come join the fun and do

your holiday shopping early! Santa
will visit at noon! Barlow Gate Grange
in Wamic, OR Contact: Linda, 541-
544-2027 lkohunt@gmail.com

Lyle Christmas Bazaar

Friday and Saturday Nov. 9 and 10,
from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It's not too early to plan on either
attending or participating in the Lyle
Christmas Bazaar held at the Activity
Center. If you wish to reserve a table
space give Laurece Bonham a call at
509-365-2011.

5th Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival

Nov. 9th. & 10th. 6pm to 9pm

Columbia Center for the Arts, Hood
River - Patrick Mounts 503.679.8657

patrickmnts@gmail.com

Come join us for two nights featuring
films celebrating rivers, mountains, and
adventure. The Wild and Scenic Film
Festival returns to Hood River ad the
Columbia Center for the Arts for the
5th year as a benefit to the Crag Law
Center. Bringing scenes spanning
adventures from the mountains to the
desert, from the river to the garden, this
event helps to support all of Crag's
great work in the Columbia River
Gorge and beyond! More info &
TICKETS AVAILABLE at

<http://crag.org/2012/09/20/on-tour-in-hood-river-5th-annual-wild-scenic-film-festival/>

A Tuna Christmas –

November 29 & 30

December 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, & 15

Show Starts: 7:30 p.m.

<http://www.theatrecompany.org/>

Join us for all the laughs at "A Tuna
Christmas" where local radio
personalities, Thurston Wheelis and
Arles Struvie, report that the Christmas
festivities are in jeopardy and no
nativity scene is safe! Two talented
men (Dennis Morgan and Dave Owens)
portray all 24 citizens of Texas' third
smallest town, where the Lion's Club is
too liberal, and Patsy Cline never dies.

Columbia Gorge Community College,
400 East Scenic Drive, The Dalles

Contact Info - 541-370-2513

Fees/Admission

\$12 adults, \$8 children (under 13), \$10
students, & \$10 seniors (over 61)

DALLESFORT-MURDOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
P.O. BOX 8
DALLESFORT, WA 98617
www.dallesport-wa.org

Printed copies of our newsletter can be picked up
at the following locations:

Dallesport Community Center
Columbia Gorge Regional Airport
Murdock Market
Dallesport Elementary School
Lyle Middle/High School
Columbia Hills RV Park on Hwy 197
Gilmore Fish Smokehouse

To have a Dallesport Newsletter delivered to your inbox each
month, please email Renee Briggs at lrbriggs@gorge.net

Dallesport-Murdock Community Council
Meetings on the second Thursday, 7pm
At Community Center on 6th Street Dallesport

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PLEASE VOTE

Don't forget to have your ballot in no later
than **Tuesday November 6th**.

Save a stamp and drop off your ballot at
the drop box located at the Community
Center on 6th St.

*Daylight Savings
ends November 4th*