



The Dallesport News

Serving the Peninsula Communities of Dallesport and Murdock

February 2016

Dallesport Receives Preschool Funding for Eligible Families

Dear Lyle Parents and Community,

2016 is shaping up to be an amazing year as our district continues to look for ways to serve you, our kids, and our entire community in more effective ways! Our goal in Lyle is to create a **“National Model for Rural Excellence, Supporting all Children, Ensuring an Equality in Outcome!”** One of the most effective ways for us to accelerate and support ALL kids within our district is to invest in early childhood education/pre-school so that when our kids enter kindergarten they are ahead of the game and ready to soar!

Many of you know that the district launched a pre-school program earlier this year to support several of our 4-year olds and their parents who articulated an interest in getting this jump start! We are now excited to announce that we are offering free preschool to eligible families through our Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) in partnership with the community preschool that has been up and running since October, 2015.

ECEAP is working with the current preschool class and staff to offer more classroom supplies, curriculum, furniture, training and support to all staff.

ECEAP is a comprehensive preschool program that provides free services and support to eligible children and their families. Children are accepted into ECEAP based on their age, family income, and other developmental or environmental risk factors. The goal of ECEAP is to help ensure all Washington children enter kindergarten ready to succeed. The program staff work closely with the families to provide foundational skills children need to be successful and confident.

If your child is between 3 ½ to 5 years old contact the ECEAP office at 360-952-3470 to see if you qualify for new enrollment. If your son/daughter is currently attending our pre-school, please make this call no later than January 11th, so that we can maximize the resources to serve our children. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly.

For Kids,

Andrew E. Kelly,

Superintendent Lyle School District

Andrew.kelly@lyleschools.org

360-870-3321-Cellular



Library Closing

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District will temporarily close its **White Salmon Valley branch for remodeling, beginning Monday, Feb. 1, through early March.**

Beginning on Feb. 2, holds will be available for pickup on a limited schedule inside a portion of the meeting room (Sprint-Baker Gallery), accessible via a separate entrance to the east of the library's main entrance. Pickup days will be Monday through Saturday. Check www.fvrl.org or call 1-888-546-2707 for hours.

Additional library services will be available online at www.fvrl.org, at any other FVRL library including Stevenson and Goldendale, or via telephone, toll-free 1-888-546-2707.

The remodeling project will include new carpeting, repainting, new furniture, and slightly re-configuring the library's interior spaces to provide a new area for teens and an enhanced children's area.

The library's electrical system will be improved to provide additional outlets for charging and powering mobile devices and laptops.

The project will result in more seating, better sound abatement and new library materials, including an increased collection of Spanish-language items.

The library will reopen to the public in early March. A reopening celebration made possible by Friends of the Library is scheduled for March 15 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The White Salmon Valley library opened in April 2000 in its current location, made possible by a community-wide fundraising effort.

"Our refreshed library will provide a more welcoming, brighter space," said Branch Manager Jennifer Hull. "We know the closure will be a bit of an inconvenience for our patrons, but I think they'll agree once we reopen that the five-week interruption was well worth it."

Genealogical Society

February 13th. 1pm

The Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will present "Love from the Past" with special speaker Holly Robison. Ms. Robison is a professional storyteller and is a member of the Portland Storyteller Guild. She performs her storytelling to schools, organizations and also teaches techniques on how to effectively tell stories. The program will begin at 1:00 pm in the downstairs meeting room at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center.

Book Report

By Judy Bane

"Descent" by Tim Johnston

This book was a fingernail biter, a glued to your chair, can't put it down barnburner.

The Rocky Mountains have cast their spell over the Courtlands, a young family from the plains taking a last summer vacation before their daughter begins college. For eighteen-year-old Caitlin, the mountains loom as the ultimate test of her runner's heart, while her parents hope that so much beauty, so much grandeur, will somehow repair a damaged marriage. But when Caitlin and her younger brother, Sean, go out for an early morning run and only Sean returns, the mountains become as terrifying as they are majestic, as suddenly this family find themselves living the kind of nightmare they've only read about in headlines or seen on TV.

As their world comes undone, the Courtlands are drawn into a vortex of dread and recrimination. Why weren't they more careful? What has happened to their daughter? Is she alive? Will they ever know? Caitlin's disappearance, all the more devastating for its mystery, is the beginning of the family's harrowing journey down increasingly divergent and solitary paths until all that continues to bind them together are the questions they can never bring themselves to ask: At what point does a family stop searching? At what point will a girl stop fighting for her life?

Written with a precision that captures every emotion, every moment of fear, as each member of the family searches for answers, Descent is a perfectly crafted thriller that races like an avalanche toward its heart-pounding conclusion, and heralds the arrival of a master storyteller.

I will be watching for more from this promising newcomer, that's for darn sure!

YouthThink Free Movies

February 6, 13, 20, & 27

10:00 AM - 11:30 PM

<http://www.youththink.net>

YouthThink, The City of The Dalles and Bruce Humphrey of Columbia Cinema have joined together in a program of eight free Saturday movies, February 6th through February 27th. All movies start at 10:00 am, with

the doors opening at 9:15 am. Due to the popularity of the events, the doors close at 10:10 am or earlier if the maximum of 400 people have already arrived. Admission is free and open to all ages. Columbia Cinema, The Dalles. The events also offer the opportunity to give back to the community by bringing a can of food for local food banks. Food donation is not required for entrance into the movie. **FREE EVENT**

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,

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

Bookmobile

Fort Vancouver

Regional Library

1-888-546-2707

Murdock Daycare-9:45am - 10:00 am

Tuesdays February 9th. & 23rd.

Dallesport School- 11:45 - 3:00 pm

Wednesdays February 10th. & 24th.

All libraries & bookmobile will be closed on Feb. 15th. President's Day

Tax Help

FVRL libraries have many resources to help you with your tax-return preparations through April 18, including computers you can use to view and/or print forms and publications, and free AARP assistance available at select locations. Check out FVRL's [Tax Help](#) page for federal and state tax information and AARP Tax Help schedules.



Community Council Corner

By Renee Briggs
Council Report

We had good audience participation at the January meeting. Sheriff Bob Songer was there to talk about the missing dog issue and the many dogs running loose. Bob also discussed and listened to the audience concerns about the drug problems in our area.

County Commissioner Dave Sauter discussed the zoning of the land behind the Post Office. There were questions and a discussion about the ATV'S, and also the proposed gun range.

Please join us for the next Council meeting on **February 11th**. at the Dallesport Community Center. At 7pm. Scheduled to speak will be a representative from our Fire Dept who will talk about Home and winter safety.

Dallesport Water Dist.

If you have any questions regarding your water system, please feel free to contact us: Dave Griffin, DWD Manager 541-980-6756,

or dwdmanager@qnect.net

Lyn Stevens DWD Clerk 541-980-6514, or dallesportwater@gmail.com

Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Dallesport Community Center.

K.C.F.D. #6

Dallesport/Murdock Fire Department

February 20th. 7-10 am

Dallesport fire station

All proceeds go to the

Dallesport Fire Department

Building Fund.....

All you can eat Pancakes

Endless Coffee & Juice...

\$5.00 per Person

Lost Dog

There's a friendly black dog hanging around, no collar. He's a great dog, and his owner must be worried about him. If you're missing a large black dog, or you know anything about him, please give me a call or text. I need to know he's cared about and will gladly return him to you. Just describe his markings, age, and his name and where he lives so I can get him back home where he belongs. Thank you.

Bedelia 425-359-4028

Lyle School District Celebrates Outstanding Science Student

Gage Mattox, Lyle High School 11th grader has been nominated and accepted to attend the prestigious *National Youth Leadership Forum for Medicine* this summer at the University of California Berkeley. Gage was nominated by Lyle teacher Donna Sholtis and selected by NYLF based on his academic excellence, leadership potential, and interest in a career in medicine. Gage will be at Berkeley from July 23rd to July 31st and have the opportunity to visit a state-of-the-art medical simulation center where he will be able to train like a professional and gain hands-on experience in a variety of medical procedures and technologies with expert facilitation from the medical field. As part of Gage's summer experience he'll also be able to earn college credits through George Mason University.

As you can imagine, the cost for this experience is significant. To support Gage's nomination and honor, a "gofundme" account has been established to help offset the \$4,000.00 expense. If you would like to support Gage's continued learning, please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/gagemedicforum>

Congratulations to Gage Mattox, an outstanding Lyle student who is goal oriented and focused on making a difference in our world!

Columbia Hydroelectric Project Hits Snag

Fate of proposed energy storage effort is unclear

By Associated Press

GOLDENDALE — A proposed energy storage project in Southwest Washington is on hold after federal regulators denied a utility's request to extend its permit application.

The small Klickitat County Public Utility District wants to build a 1,200-megawatt off-stream hydroelectric project near the John Day Dam on the Columbia River near Goldendale.

The project would pump water uphill to upper reservoirs when there's

surplus energy, including when wind turbines are cranking. Water would be released through turbines to a lower reservoir to generate power during peak demand or when winds are calm.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in December dismissed the utility's request for a second permit extension, as well as a request for a new permit the utility had also filed, the Yakima Herald-Republic reported.

Regulators also denied a permit filed by a private company, Portland-based Clean Power Development, which was set up by one of the utility's former consultants.

The decision throws the fate of the \$2.5 billion proposal into question. The utility's existing preliminary permit, which gives it exclusive right to study and develop the project, is now expired. Brian Skeahan, the utility's project lead, says the next step will be up to the utility's board and HydroChina, a major Chinese hydroelectric company collaborating on the project.

"We could still do a license application, but the question is will we?" he told the Herald-Republic. "That's a big discussion for the PUD board and HydroChina." Skeahan said this week that the utility has 30 days to appeal the decision, but the board has not had time to discuss whether it should.

The utility doesn't need a permit to apply for a license, but it gives companies the security of developing project plans without competition, Skeahan said.

The commission rejected the utility's new request, saying that another extension would "constitute site banking."

In its request for an extension, the utility cited unexpected contamination and cleanup needs at the site where it proposed to build the lower reservoir — an aluminum smelter that closed more than a decade ago.

The commission said the site is not ready for development since the time frame for completing the cleanup by previous owners is unclear.

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

ORIGINAL COURTHOUSE REGIONAL HISTORY FORUM SERIES FOR 2016

Programs begin at 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs courtroom of the 1859 courthouse, 410 West 2nd Place, The Dalles behind the Chamber of Commerce / Visitors' Center



Saturday, February 6

Rev. Henry K.W. Perkins: Forgotten Wascopam Missionary

Robert Boyd's program was a "hit" at last June's Discovery Center presentation and is well-worth a repeat. Dr. Boyd is author of "People of The Dalles: the Indians of the Wascopam Mission" and other titles dealing with Northwest Indian heritage.

Saturday, February 13

The Dufur Mattress Factory: Cotton Mattresses to Make or Buy

The Department of Agriculture found several solutions to a bumper cotton crop without a market during World War II. Local historian Sandy Bisset has come across interesting information and photos about a humble but welcomed household item produced right here in Wasco County under the auspices of the local OSU Extension Service office and facilitated by the local Granges.

Saturday, February 20

Becoming Oregon: From the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Lewis and Clark Exposition

West Linn educator Robert Hamm is remembered for his 2006 Regional History Forum program "Mapping the West." His new book and this PowerPoint presentation draw upon his personal collection of historic newspapers and trace Oregon's formative years.

Saturday, February 27

Fairs, Rodeos, and Fort Dalles Riders

Linda Wilson follows up her 2013 program on women in rodeo competition with a look at the history of local horsemanship, exercised in rodeos and promoted by the Riders.

Coffee and cookies will be served.

Become a member of Original Courthouse – help preserve local

LYLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #406

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

<http://www.lyleschools.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=1>

Lyle Community Celebrates Rapidly Improving Schools

Superintendent, Andrew Kelly, presented the Lyle Board of Directors and community members with solid evidence of a rapidly improving school system and improved outcomes for Lyle students in the January board meeting on Thursday, January 21st. Kelly, recruited to Lyle in July 2015 from his position at OSPI, where he led the school improvement efforts in all underperforming schools in Washington State, has wasted little time in building relationships with students, families, district personnel and quickly organizing the system for success.

The Lyle Board of Directors adopted Kelly's entry plan goals as their focus for the year and are off to a fast start. The five goals are:

1. To establish a respectful, positive district culture centered on teaching and learning.
2. To focus all improvement efforts on continuous growth, mindful of grade level standards and proficiency.
3. To grow the fiscal health of our district ensuring an adequate ending fund balance and developing systems and structures to regularly update the infrastructure of our district on behalf of our students.
4. To align all district systems and structures for fiscal efficiency and educational outcomes for children at the core.
5. To shift the "ethos" of Lyle School District to eliminate out of district transfers, encourage transfers into our district, and ensure that a mindset of service and positive outcomes for all students permeates all our work, regardless of position.

Highlights at the school board meeting, and this year, has been the creation of a pre-school program at Dallesport Elementary School. The pre-K started as a strategy to accelerate the entrance skills of all incoming kindergartners is now an ECEAP pre-school providing services to qualifying families at no cost and other families at nominal cost. Kelly shared data from our elementary school documenting the rapid improvement of kids performing at grade level or beyond in reading and mathematics. This shift is due to new curriculum alignment, professional development, and program redesign that emphasizes a full inclusion model for all children with two adults per classroom to ensure each student gets the differentiation they need.

At Lyle Secondary School, Kelly focused on the improved achievement of all kids; reducing the numbers of students receiving any grade less than a "C," and celebrating those students with all "A's and B's." After school programming supporting students in need of additional time and support to master academic content are also indicators of early success.

District-wide, Kelly is focused on developing a sustainable facilities maintenance and revitalization plan as well as a plan to put a personal computing device in the hands of each 3rd through 12th grader within the district. Kelly's focus on equity and removing the achievement/access gap for the kids in Lyle so they can "compete with students anywhere" are central themes of all educators in Lyle.

The board validated Kelly's leadership by extending his contract, keeping him at the helm through June 30, 2019. It looks like the bold vision to "Establish the Lyle School District As the National Model for Rural Excellence, supporting ALL children, Ensuring an Equality in Outcome" may very well become a reality! For a complete list of progress shared, visit: www.lyleschools.org

Dallesport PTO Meeting Tue, February 2nd. 2:45pm – 3:45pm

Monthly on the first Tuesday

Next school board meeting will be held on

Support your school and attend a meeting.



Lyle Chocolate Festival

February 6, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Chef demonstrations every hour; Unique Chocolate Tastings; Exotic Chocolate Basket Raffle! Lyle Activity Center on Hwy 14.

Flea Market at the Civic

February 14, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

This will be the last Flea Market for the season. Vendor tables are \$20 each. Table and chairs are provided. Admission to the public is free. For more information please call Trish at 541-404-0724.

The Dalles Civic Auditorium 323 E. 4th St. The Dalles, OR

Kirill Gliadkovsky, Pianist

February 12, 2016 7PM

<http://www.mccca.org>

A Valentine special includes love songs as a part of Kirill's program tonight. And talented, local youth will perform a few numbers with him;

Kirill began his musical study in Moscow at the age of 5, making his 1st public appearance at 6. He has a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California and has taken many prizes in international piano competitions in Europe and in the U.S. Calvary Baptist Church 3550 Columbia View Dr. The Dalles

Southern Fried Chicken Dinner

February 5, 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

<http://midcolumbiaseniorcenter.com>

Southern Fried Chicken Dinner with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Biscuit and Dessert. A Fundraiser benefiting the Mid-Columbia Senior Center and sponsored by Griffith Motors. Tickets available at the Mid-Columbia Senior Center or at the door while they last.

Mid-Columbia Senior Center 1112 W 9th Street The Dalles, Admission: \$15.00

Glowing Greens~ Pirate Alley

February 15 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

<http://www.nwprd.org>

Ages 8-17

Glowing Greens is a black light, indoor, 18-hole, 3-D Adventure miniature golf

course with a Pirate theme. Don't forget to wear colors that will glow under the black light. Bring a lunch or come with lunch money. Meet at Thompson Park The Dalles, Contact Information: Parks & Rec: 541-296-9533

2016 Bridal Show

February 20, 2016

<http://www.thedallescivic.org>

"The Columbia River Gorge 2016 Bridal Show will be held at The Civic Auditorium showcasing Davinci Bridal Gowns Fashion Show courtesy of The Dalles Wedding Place. ...The Bridal Show is intended for the entire wedding party: the bride and groom, family, and friends. besides the Fashion Show, this event will offer vendors who provide products or services for the Bride.

For more info call Trish at 541-404-0724 or TheDallesCivic@gmail.com.

Exhibitor and Sponsor packets will be available December 1st.

The Dalles Civic Auditorium 323 E. 4th St. The Dalles,

Contact Information: 541-298-8533

HAVEN of the Columbia River Gorge 420 E 3rd St, Ste 200 The Dalles (541) 296-1662

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

If you or someone you know is in a violent relationship, please connect or reach out to an advocate for support. Leaving a violent relationship can be one of the most dangerous times and extra precautions and planning are very important.

Please call our crisis line for support or resources 24/7. 800-249-4789.

Toast To Passion

February 13-14, 2016

Celebrate local artisans creating wonderful things with passion! Art from Northwest artists will be featured, exquisite artisan truffles available for purchase, wine tasting, case special discounts and live music.

February 13-14, 1pm-5pm

Maryhill will feature works from Columbia Gorge artists Gayle Weisfield, **Smitten Artisan Truffles**

February 13-14, 1pm-5pm

Smitten Artisan Truffles is dedicated to culinary exploration through chocolate.

Lorna Bracken Baxter

February 13, 1pm-5pm

Lorna's own personal art of music blends Jazz, Soul, Pop and Blues.

Ben Macy

February 14, 1pm-5pm

Maryhill's "Gentleman of Jazz" Ben Macy remains an integral part of the music scene at Maryhill.

Oregon Experience

Faith & Fossils

Feb. 12, 2016 7pm

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, in partnership with OPB, presents an advance screening of the new OPB *Oregon Experience* documentary "Thomas Condon: Of Faith and Fossils," Friday, February 12, 2016 at Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, in The Dalles. An optional lasagna dinner will be served at 6 p.m. for \$15, followed by the film at 7 p.m. The film is FREE and open to the public.

OPB was in The Dalles filming for this documentary on July 21, 2015 at the Original Wasco County Courthouse where Condon once preached. Filming was done in various locations around the state as the OPB *Oregon Experience* film crew traced Condon's story.

Irish immigrant Thomas Condon arrived in The Dalles in 1862 where he served as a Congregational minister. In 1872 he was appointed Oregon's first state geologist. He was also the first to recognize the significance of the John Day Fossil Beds. In 1865, Condon visited the region for the first time and started excavating fossils, sending specimens to prominent East coast paleontologists. He ignited national interest and awareness of central Oregon's fossil-rich area, and would become a nationally-known scientist and educator. He became the University of Oregon's first geology professor in 1876, a position he held for nearly 30 years. Thomas Condon died in 1907.

Please RSVP by February 10 for both the FREE film screening and the optional \$15 dinner. Contact 541-296-8600 ext. 201, or visit www.gorgediscovery.org for more information.

OPB's *Oregon Experience* documentary, "Thomas Condon: Of Faith and Fossils," airs February 22 at 9 p.m. on OPB TV.

February 2016

Dallesport- Murdock Community Calendar

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Burn ban has been lifted. Please be careful.

Search and Rescue Volunteers Honored

SAR volunteers were recognized for their efforts at their annual award dinner last month. Front row left to right: Sheriff Bob Songer, Volunteer of the Year Tom Ireland, Rookie of the Year Wena Coffman, new member Jeremy Quantrell, SAR Coordinator Jeff King. Back row left to right: Chief Criminal Deputy Mike Kallio, Chief Civil Deputy Robert Bianchi.

Klickitat County Sheriff Bob Songer and KCSAR Coordinator Jeff King praised the volunteers for their dedication and commitment. In 2015 the [Klickitat County](#) SAR volunteers responded to 19 missions that involved over 600 volunteer hours. They donated a total of 2,580 volunteer hours, including training and public relations events. Songer pledged his continued support for the Search & Rescue Unit.



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**

Chairman:

Don McDermott 509-767-2308 nod@gorge.net

Vice-Chairman: Jack Kincheloe 509-767-0699

Secretary: Kim McCartney 509-594-6195

Treasurer: L. Renee Briggs 509-767-2316

Ways & Means: Elaine Kincheloe 509-767-0699

Other Members:

Art Mengert 509-767-2394

Mary Ann Pauline 509-767-4301

PJ Sisseck 509-767-0044

Anthony Rizzi 541-980-4515

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

Dallesport Post Office

Dallesport Community Center

Community Center

If you are interested in renting the Dallesport Community Center for your meeting, family reunion, memorial service, birthday party or other function, please contact **Jess Jones at 503-440-5941**. Rental fees are \$25.00 to \$50.00 a day.