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Lyle School District Charts New Path

By Andrew Christiansen
Goldendale Sentinel

KEEPING IT SMALL: A key part of the new approach at Lyle Schools is to keep classes together and keep learning groups small by creating work stations for students to rotate through. The system has been instituted at K-5 at Dallesport this school year.

A transformation is taking place at Lyle Schools. Following years of turmoil, the school seems to be recovering from the brink of disaster. In 2012, the school was described by Tom Merlino as a failure and was placed under the management of the state through OSPI and ESD112 under what were called binding conditions. Merlino was appointed by ESD112 to help the district make the hard cuts that would make the district solvent. The outlook was dim with the school on a trajectory towards dissolution.

Today there is a new spirit at the school, one of positive attitudes, cooperation and high expectations. No longer bankrupt, the school is planning a future based on the logo "all means all." It is the mantra of new Superintendent, Andy Kelly, and it means there is a renewed level of commitment to student success.

Lyle voters soundly rejected two maintenance and operation levies in 2012. The budget had faded to the background and strong opposition toward the school administration became the central issue. It led to the school being underfunded, and while he left on his own volition, Superintendent Martin Huffman was forced out. It may have been the district's darkest hour, but it was also the turning point.

The change began under the leadership of Dr. Glenys Hill, who was hired as a part time superintendent in August, 2012. Hill was seen as a tough, principled leader who had two issues on her plate, resurrect productive dialog within the community and fix the budget. Hill brought the public into the conversation and the school board adopted the strict cuts laid out by

Merlino. The next year, Lyle passed a maintenance and operations levy and the district began to heal.

Hill left in June 2014 and was replaced by Brian Carter. During Carter's tenure, Kelly was a frequent visitor as the person at OSPI who oversaw some of the grant money that was going to Lyle Schools. It allowed Kelly to get a close look at the situation in Lyle and he was able to formulate ideas about what changes he thought had to be made to revitalize the school.

Carter resigned after one year and the Lyle School Board asked Kelly if he would be interested in the job. Kelly had made a name for himself by resurrecting failing schools in Portland and Reno. He worked as a consultant and was hired by OSPI to administer the funds that were directed towards 290 failing schools in Washington, including Lyle. He had concluded from his experience in Lyle that a lot of money was being poured into the district with little to show for it. Kelly says that after being in consulting for several years, he felt he needed to get back into school to prove to himself he could still make a poor performing school into a high performing school, so he took the job.

Early in Kelly's career, he worked five years as an assistant principal at Chehalis and Yelm. In his first principal job at Clover Park, he received a \$10 million Bill and Melinda Gates grant to create small learning communities. That approach, much refined over the years, is at the core of Kelly's approach for converting low performing schools into high performing schools.

Kelly began by restructuring the administration with the blessing of the school board. Kelly is the superintendent/principal for kindergarten through high school. He recruited a former co-worker from Reno, Sarah Russell to be the assistant principal for K-12. It is a straight-forward chain of command with all issues addressed by Kelly.

Kelly then went to work with the community and the faculty at Dallesport to restore preschool. Kelly says "the strategy was to stop the bleeding right out of the chute." The bleeding Kelly referred to was the loss of students and school support funds. "Lyle was in a reactive mode," says Kelly. "Double levy failure caused resources to shrink, which caused programs to go away, which caused kids to go away." Lyle was losing students each year, mostly to White Salmon.

Pre-school was a casualty of the budget chaos of 2012. Restoring preschool was an important step, not only to get students aligned with Lyle Schools, but it was an important first step towards student achievement. "This group of preschoolers will be the first in three or four years to enter Kindergarten. They will enter at a higher place, so we changed the trajectory of their achievement."

The other part of stopping the bleeding, says Kelly "requires building programs that keep kids engaged here, accelerate the learning so they can achieve more here, so that next year when parents consider where to go, they have a vibrant opportunity in Lyle."

That is where the small learning communities' concept comes in. Kelly saw quality educational staff at Dallesport trying to deal with the lower achieving students in a way he says was ineffective. The system in play separated the low achieving students from their peers and worked with them in a separate part of the building. The change put the students back in class with their classmates and set up small group learning stations for students to rotate through. In addition, Russell reworked the schedule to allow larger blocks of time devoted to math and English language arts. The system allows educators to give more individualize attention to the students, focusing on where they are as individuals instead of where the class is as a group. *Continued on page 5*

Book Report

By Judy Bane

"Suspicion" by Joseph Finder

This is a new author to me and wow! This story started out of the gate like greyhound after the rabbit! It's a fast paced, well written story with great characters that you will remember for a long time.

Fearing that he'll be unable to pay his daughter's private school tuition, writer Danny Goodman accepts a loan from his daughters best friends father, which turns out to have unintended and very dangerous consequences. The FBI and the DEA, accusing Danny of money laundering, coerce him into spying on the other man, claiming he works for a brutal drug cartel.

A tense game of amateur spying evolves, as Danny walks the tightwire between the feds and the cartel.

A "zipping Jaguar of a ride," says Publishers Weekly of this finalist for Best Hardcover.

I am going to search my library catalog for more great books by this author. I hope you enjoy this one as much as I did.

Genealogy

The Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society meets the second Saturday of each month in the downstairs meeting room at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. General meeting and programs start at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 541-296-3432 or 541-980-8180
March speaker will be Linda Colton - Highlighted events from the 2016 Rootstech.

Alzheimer's Support Group

March 16, 2016 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
<http://www.flagstoneassistedliving.com>
You Are Not Alone! Spouses, family & friends caring for individuals with Alzheimer's or dementia.

Flagstone Senior Living 3325
Columbia View Drive, The Dalles
Every 3rd Wednesday @ 3 pm
Contact Information (541) 298-5656

Maryhill Museum of Art

Daily season opens March 15!

Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Tax Help

Free assistance is available for low- and moderate-income taxpayers from [AARP Foundation Tax-Aide](#) volunteers, **January 30 through April 18, 2016.** *Don't waste a trip! Bring all required documentation with you.* Sites will close at the hours shown. *Tax returns will be started only if time permits completion before closing.*

Mid Columbia Senior Center

1112 W 9th Street, The Dalles
Fridays 2 pm to 6 pm,
Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm
Spanish, English; Handicap accessible

Goldendale Grange Hall

228 E Darland Drive, Goldendale
Fridays and Saturdays 9 am to 12 pm
Appointment required; 509-773-3757

Klickitat County Senior Services at

White Salmon Pioneer Center
501 NE Washington Street, White Salmon, Tuesdays 9 am to 1 pm

Day Hikes Book Signing

Tuesday, March 8th at 5:30PM

See stunning photographs, learn about secret waterfalls, and get tips on hiking the entire Columbia River Gorge from Oregon author and photographer Don J. Scarmuzzi at Klindt's Booksellers on March 8th. This event is free and open to the public.

Klindt's Booksellers. 315 East Second in The Dalles.

About the Book:

"Day Hikes in the Columbia River Gorge: Hiking Loops, High Points, and Waterfalls within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area" is a comprehensive guide to hiking the entire Columbia River Gorge, including trails not found in any other book.

Designed specifically to cover sixty hikes spanning nearly the entire eighty-five-mile corridor, it is the only guidebook for the Gorge with color photographs and color topographic maps. Almost every waterfall, including secret ones, and nearly every overlook point, summit, and loop hike within the Gorge is covered in great detail with compass directionals and exact mileage calculated from multiple devices.

Also covered are: geological events that created the Gorge; prime seasons to hike; crucial in-depth information about

the total vertical gain, distance, duration, and difficulty; and through loop hikes in the absolute best direction, maximizing your day, while providing alternate options too.

White Salmon Valley Community Library Closure Notice

White salmon valley community library closed temporarily for remodeling. Holds pickups available via the east entrance into the sprint/baker gallery: Monday 10-3, Tuesday 3-8, Wednesday 10-3, Thursday 1-6, Friday 10-3, Saturday 12-5.

Join us for a Grand Re-opening Celebration, Tues, March 15, 1-5 pm

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 March 8th. & 22nd.

Dallesport School- 11:45 - 3:00 pm
Wednesdays March 9th. & 23rd.

HAPPY EASTER



Community Council Corner

By Renee Briggs

Please join us for the next Council meeting on **March 10th** at the Dallesport Community Center. At 7pm.

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

March 19th. 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

Invitation To Bid

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALED BIDS will be received at the Board of County Commissioners' Office in the County Courthouse at 205 S. Columbus, Room 103, Goldendale, Washington 98620 until 1:15 PM on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 for the purpose of securing:

ANNUAL LEGAL ADVERTISING Bid invitations and specifications may be seen and copies may be obtained in the Commissioners Office or by calling (509) 773-4612 at the above address.

Bids will be opened and publicly read at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 in the Commissioners' Chambers, 205 S. Columbus, Room 101, Goldendale, Washington. 98620

/S/

David M. Sauter, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Women's Expo

March 19, 2016

The Dalles Civic Auditorium will host the Women's Expo on March 19 from 11am to 4pm. The one-day event is a networking event for women-owned or women focuses businesses and organizations which provide services or products with women in mind. The Expo will also include a wealth of health information and resources – all accessible to women in one place.

According to Program Manager, Trish Neal, the purpose of the expo is to help women find their passion, get inspired, shop for great finds, and connect with dynamic women. "It's a way to celebrate women and all that interests and inspires them," she stated. "This is the day for women to bring your gal pals and have fun and learn new things!"

There will be business-related workshops in the Fireside Room that will be focused on women-owned business whether it is an individual business or one of many successful MLM businesses. Other topics to be covered will be stress management, setting goals, etc. The workshops will be free to those who attend the expo.

"Women's Expo is the equivalent of spring break for women – it's an opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled day with friends and family and to focus on feeling good and living well," says Neal.

Neal stated that she has already started receiving inquiries about space at the expo; both locally and out of town. She is looking for businesses who may be looking for employees or MLM team members, women's self defense, women's health, make up, beautify products, marketing material, office services, lenders or banks, etc.

It is also a chance to check out some of the multi-level marketing companies as a home-based business. According to Neal, women are leading the network marketing industry.

While this is a Women's Expo, business owners do not need to be exclusively women. The criteria is that the business offer a product or service of interest to women.

Neal stated that she is looking for event sponsors for the event. The expo is to benefit the Civic so the sponsorships help defray costs. Those interested in speaking on business-related or health-related topics should contact Neal to arrange to be part of the workshop.

Vendor and Sponsor packets are available on the Civic's website at

www.TheDallesCivic.org on the events page. For more information contact Trish Neal, Program Manager at The Dalles Civic, by phone at 541-298-8533 or via email at TDCivicAuditorium@gmail.com. The Dalles Civic is located at 323 E. 4th Street, the Dalles.

Spring Break

Looking for a great family outing during Spring Break? Visit the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum. Kids through high school age receive **free museum admission** during Oregon and Washington Spring Break with paid adult admission from **March 19 through April 10**.

Enjoy the Kids Explorer room craft activities, and a fun scavenger hunt through the hands-on, multi-media museum exhibits that illuminate the cultural and natural history of the Gorge. Enjoy the wildflowers on the hiking trails and be wowed by the raptors in a live presentation.

Children (and adults) will learn and have fun at the same time learning about Ice Age geology, early explorers like Lewis & Clark and John C. Frémont, Native American culture, the Oregon Trail, the Historic Columbia River Highway, renewable energy, and more.

The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, phone (541) 296-8600 ext. 201, or visit www.gorgediscovery.org.

Smithsonian Museum Day

March 12, 2016

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-live-march-2016/>.

— Columbia Gorge Discovery Center is joining hundreds of cultural institutions across the country on Saturday, March 12, 2016 for the Smithsonian Institution's Museum Day Live! This is a nationwide campaign to reach women and girls in underserved communities and provides an opportunity to the public throughout the U.S. to enjoy and share in our nation's dynamic heritage and cultural life.

To receive your free Museum Day Live! ticket for two guests at one museum only, register for an account at <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-live-march-2016/>.

Once registered, you can request a ticket to one participating venue. The ticket will be available to download immediately up to the date of the special event. You must print your ticket and present it to receive your free admission.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Candidate Forum

On Tuesday, March 15th at 7pm, we'll be hosting, at Lyle Secondary School, a forum for ALL of the candidates running to become the next State Superintendent of Public Instruction. I'm inviting all area superintendents and their local school boards as well as our local community to attend. It is imperative that we become a voice of advocacy for our kids and the unique needs that exist in rural/remote school districts.

I'm excited to invite each of you and/or your boards to attend a State Superintendent of Public Instruction Candidate Forum on **Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00pm at Lyle Secondary School located at 625 Keasey Avenue, Lyle, WA 98635.** In addition to invited guests, this forum will also be open to any member from any of our communities.

As we know, the needs and demands of our districts are in many ways unique and it's imperative that our next State Superintendent is vitally engaged as we work to equitably serve each of the children in our districts.

The format for the evening will include prepared remarks, prepared question/answer, impromptu questions and concluding remarks. The agenda is as follows:

7:00pm Introductions and welcome

Andrew Kelly-Lyle School District Superintendent and Tria Bullard-Lyle School Board President

7:05pm Individual Opening Comments (5 minutes each) Order decided by lottery

7:30pm Prepared Questions from local districts

Each Superintendent/Board in attendance will be invited to provide questions that are relevant to their district. These questions will be provided to candidates by Friday, March 11th. (Please provide to my Executive Assistant, Susan Carabin via email at susan.carabin@lyleschools.org by 5pm on Thursday, 3/10/16 along with estimated # of attendees from your district)

8:00pm Questions from the audience

8:15pm Final Wrap Up (3 minutes each) Order opposite opening comment

8:30pm Conclusion

As of this evening, ALL five of the candidates will attend! They are:

Dr. Gil Mendoza-current Deputy Superintendent at OSPI, former district superintendent, administrator and teacher. Attached article announcing his candidacy. Lives in Parkland. <http://www.theolympian.com/news/local/politics-government/article43230078.html> and <http://www.k12.wa.us/AboutUs/Leadership.aspx#Mendoza>

Erin Jones-Former Assistant Superintendent at OSPI, currently a district administrator in Tacoma Public Schools. Lives in Lacey. <http://www.erinjones2016.org/>

Chris Reykdal-Current legislator serving the 22nd District and former teacher. He is the vice-chair of the House Education Committee and serves on the Finance Committee. Lives in Tumwater. <http://www.chrisreykdal.com/>

Larry Seaquist-Former legislator and Navy warship captain. Lives in Gig Harbor. <http://www.larryseaquist.com/>

Robin Fleming-Former school nurse/health official. Robin currently works at OSPI as a health program administrator. Lives in Seattle <http://robinfleming.org/>

We hope that you'll be able to join us for this important dialogue.

Andrew E. Kelly (Andy)
Lyle School District #406
K-12 Superintendent/Principal

Andrew.kelly@lyleschools.org
509-365-2191-Secondary School Office
360-870-3321-Cellular

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>

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Along with that change was the adoption of a single curriculum to provide continuity between grade levels. Kelly says the faculty had already done the research on it, so it was just a matter of investing in one. The curriculum they selected has flex to accommodate learners at low and high levels, which fits the small group approach.

The changes came easily at the K-5 campus. Moving sixth grade to the high school is helping with the transition of curriculum between sixth and seventh grades.

One of the more ambitious goals for Kelly is to change the ethos at the school. Kelly is taking a team approach and he started with a three-day summer institute for all classifications of employees. "Everyone, from certified to classified, teachers and maintenance crew are involved in the success of our students," says Kelly.

He instituted a Code of Cooperation that includes things like, assume best intentions, prioritize time around students' needs, and value and honor the contributions and strengths of each stakeholder. It also defines the path for communication with all questions and concerns going to Kelly.

"We have an incredible group of committed adults interested in thinking about doing things differently. Kelly says he is determined to eliminate distrust between faculty members and between faculty and administration. "Performance discussions are never through the lens of do this or be fired. Always, how do we do better for our kids," says Kelly.

Faculty are on board. Union president Joe Bales says they now have an "on-going dialog about things, as opposed to being directed. Andy's contacts are inspiring. We spend a lot of time breaking down old traditions," says Bales.

Bales also points to Kelly's motto, "all means all." It means it is no longer acceptable for kids to fail. Any kid who fails a class receives an incomplete and can redo and improve their grades.

"We don't have one and done. We are working toward mastery," says Kelly. Bales likes the approach and poses the question, "Is giving a poor grade due to failed homework a true account of what a student knows?"

Three times a week, the high school prints a list of students who are failing a course. It triggers extra time devoted toward helping the student succeed. That may include after school programs, working with the family and individual instruction. Bales says they are using creativity and new teaching styles to make school more in tune to the individuals. "If you don't fit the box, we change the shape of the box, and that's pretty dynamic when you think of it," says Bales. "I love what we are doing."

There is also a recognition that some students will not succeed in the traditional way. Russell says they are looking to create a kind of "school within the school" and offer a GED program for those students.

The change is also occurring among classified staff, says Jennifer Machado, their president. She says students even have a different attitude coming to the office. "They see us as being there to support them," says Machado. "It is a much more positive environment, the way school is meant to be."

Machado is also in charge of the school's web page. It has a new Facebook connection and includes student and teacher pages. It allows more communication between students and teachers. It also allows the school to provide free software to students and their families.

Another way they are changing the ethos at the school, according to Kelly, is that he sought and received the blessing of the community to go to a one-hour late start on Wednesdays. That hour is now devoted to teacher in-service, which is helping teacher collaboration and sharing of new ideas for student success. Russell says that there were quality teachers working in anonymity because they felt unappreciated and didn't want people peering into what they were doing. With the help of the in-service, there is more respect for professionalism and more open dialog.

There still remains the issue of finances. Lyle School ran a deficit from 2008 through 2012, draining their reserves. The school lost \$254,000 over four years. By the end of the 2012-13 year, the school was already in the black, but they were not over the hump. There was not much money in reserve and if they were to thrive, they would need to restore some of the programs that had been cut in 2012. Under Hill's leadership, the district passed a levy for \$627,000 in 2013. The amount was \$131,000 less than the failed levies. Whereas the failed levies received just 47 and 43 percent yes votes, the passed levy had a resounding 60 percent yes vote. Two months ago, the school paid off the bond which built Dallesport School. That is a positive sign.

The next task for Kelly is to deal with sustainability. Kelly says there was no plan for replacing things like carpet and basic maintenance inside and outside the buildings. He is conducting a district review of the grounds and maintenance to develop a plan that will be covered in a future capital improvement levy. They are also looking to fill what Kelly says is a technology gap by putting a computer in the hands of every student. He envisions students checking out something like Chrome books at the start of the year and have access to it at home to allow better access to learning materials and teachers.

It is just six months into the new administration, so there is much to be done before the school is truly over the hump, but it feels like success. And, there is evidence that there is success in the most important of functions, student success. Russell shared a tool the school is using to measure achievement. Kelly says it is important to measure individual change, not just look at some standard number to assess achievement. The data Russell is looking at measures students against their peers across the nation and it reports in terms of grade level achieved. Several students have already advanced one or two grades in math and English. For those who started behind, they are catching up. For those who were high achievers, they are continuing to grow. In the end, this will be the ultimate measure of whether this transformation will create a new era for Lyle Schools.

Eagles Flea Market

March 5, 2016 8am-4pm

Eagles Auxiliary is having this flea market to benefit the cancer fund.

Contact Gayla Hill at 541-993-0873 if you would like to reserve a table. Table rentals are \$10.00

The Dalles Eagles, Aerie #2126 ----
2006 W. 7th St. The Dalles.

Alice in Wonderland

Sunday March 6th. 1:30 pm

Friday, March 11th. 6:30 pm

Saturday March 12th. 6:30pm

The Dalles Theatre Company presents: *Alice in Wonderland*. Adapted by Brainerd Duffield and Directed by Amanda Polehn. Attendees are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite "Wonderland" character! Tickets available at Klindt's Booksellers, St. Mary's Academy or at the Door.

Columbia Gorge Community College, Building 2, Floor 3, 400 E. Scenic Dr. The Dalles

\$10 General Admission Children 10 and under \$5.00.

St. Patrick's Day Concert

March 17th. 7pm

"St. Pat's at St. Pete's," the annual St. Patrick's Day concert at St. Peter's Landmark, takes place Thursday, Mar. 17, starting at 7 p.m. Cascade Children's Choir and instrumentalists will join Cascade Singers choir, ensemble, and "Almost-All-Irish-Almost All-Brass Band" for Irish favorites and sing-alongs. Admission is a free-will

offering to benefit St. Peter's Landmark, located at 3rd and Lincoln Streets in The Dalles.



Second Saturday at

WAAAM Air

& Auto Museum

March 12, 2016 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Second Saturday of each month the WAAAM Air and Auto Museum opens the doors to roll out and run some of its antique airplanes and cars. Visitors

watch airplane operations up close and may get to ride in old cars too. Open 9-5. Activities 10-2. Lunch 11-1. Free parking. WAAAM is located three miles from downtown Hood River at 1600 Air Museum Road, Hood River, OR 97031. Call (541) 308-1600 for more information or visit www.waaamuseum.org 1600 Air Museum Drive Hood River, OR

Bone Soup Dinner and Auction

"Vintage Howl-y-wood"

March 12, 2016 6:00 PM

<http://www.homeatlasths.org>

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

Yappy Hour - 6 PM Dinner & Auction - 7 PM

Tickets \$25 Available at Klindt's, Waucoma Books, and Home At Last

Contact Information: 541-298-5189

Spring Break

Extravaganza

March 21, 23, 25, 2016

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

<http://www.nwprd.org>

Ages 8+

This is a 3-day fun-filled event week. Monday will be a cooking class. Learn how to make Mac 'n Cheese from scratch. Wednesday- using glass with Andy Nichols and last but not least Friday-Goldendale Observatory State Park.

Meet at Thompson Park The Dalles Parks & Rec: 541-296-9533

Fees/Admission: \$20/day or \$50/all days.

Spring Oregon

Beach Cleanup

presented by AAA Oregon

March 26, 2016

<http://solveoregon.org>

Celebrate the Oregon coast by giving back on March 26! Since 1986, the Oregon tradition of cleaning up our beaches has supported clean seas and healthy communities for our residents, visitors and wildlife. This is a family friendly event, covering the entire Oregon coast; it draws thousands of volunteers each year and all Oregonians are encouraged to join in. Pick your

favorite beach and sign up to volunteer at solveoregon.org or call 503-844-9571 ext. 332 or 1-800-333-SOLV.

BINGO! For Meals on Wheels, Inc.

Every Thursday @ 6PM

The Dalles Meals on Wheels, Inc. has Bingo every Thursday night starting at 6 pm at 1112 W. 9th Street, The Dalles (Mid-Columbia Senior Center). Minimum buy-in is \$8. and players could win between \$750 and \$1000 on the pink card game. The Dalles Meals on Wheels has been serving seniors for over 40 years. Bingo is our major fund raiser and makes up about 35 percent of the budget. Come join the fun & help out Meals on Wheels at the same time.

New Wine Tasting Room In Lyle

RIBBON CUTTING: A large gathering of supporters were at the recent opening of the new Tetrahedron Winery tasting room in Lyle. At least 50 well-wishers were on hand to witness the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Tetrahedron Winery tasting room in beautiful downtown Lyle. With 30 years experience between them, Kelly Johnson and Darren Michaels were very pleased with the 250 to 300 supporters and customers that followed. The tasting room was as overflowing as the great wines that were served to the enthusiastic crowd. The wines are a small lot production with source products and three labels. The tasting room's decorations are artfully tasteful casting off a quiet peaceful setting. There are potted orchids and tulips from well-wishers as well as a permanent shuffle board along the west wall for the competitive visitor, along with iron chairs, sporting the Tetrahedron name that Kelly's father Keith designed and built. Kelly stated that a wine/beer/cider analysis room is also planned and nearly completed. As it is open 11a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, Kelly and Darren invite everyone to stop by, give the wines a taste and let them know your favorite. *Goldendale Sentinel*

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 2016

Dallesport-Murdock Community Calendar

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Burn ban has been lifted. Please be careful.

Changes to School Year Calendar

We have added a few dates to our calendar that were originally scheduled as being Non-Instructional days (days off). The days that we WILL be in session are: **February 29th March 1st May 13th**
Should we have an additional snow day between now and March 14th, we will have school on that Monday as well.

Dallesport PTO Meeting Tue, March 1st. 2:45pm – 3:45pm
Monthly on the first Tuesday
Next school board meeting will be held on March 24th, 2016
Support your school and attend a meeting.



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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