

Columbia Pacific CCO Meets OHP Performance Measures

Columbia Pacific CCO met and exceeded Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) recently released 2017 Metrics Report. The metrics show how well each of the state's Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) do in caring for their Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members.

The report showed that Columbia Pacific CCO met or exceeded 14.8 of the 17 quality performance benchmarks for which CCOs are accountable. The report also shows the amount of incentive payments CCOs will receive, based on their overall results. In addition to achieving 100 percent of the quality measures payout, Columbia Pacific CCO will receive additional funds from a bonus pool. These funds can be used to help pay for performance incentives to providers or for innovative new programs to further improve the quality of health and well-being in the region.

"This shows the great strides made by primary care, dental, and be-

havioral health organizations working with us in the past five years," said Safina Koreishi, MD, medical director for Columbia Pacific CCO. "Our clinical partners continue to develop and implement systems and processes to improve clinical care. Every year the improvement target is raised, so continued improvement is always needed to get patients the health screenings and care they need."

Oregon CCOs continue to advance health system transformation by focusing on better care and better health outcomes while controlling health care costs.

"What we've seen over the past five years is that incentives work," Jeremy Vandehey, OHA's director of health policy and analytics said in a recent article. "They are driving improvement in the care that Oregonians receive and helping to improve the health of our communities."

Groups Aim to Boost Non-Lead Ammo for Ecosystem Health *continued from page 16*

exposure pathways between use of lead ammunition and wildlife

- Using scientific evaluation to assess and improve programs

"Voluntary lead-reduction programs in Arizona and Utah have been very successful," said Chris Parish, The Peregrine Fund's Director of Conservation. "We want to see these voluntary efforts expanded across North America.

We are confident that as this partnership expands, more hunters and organizations will join."

The three founding organizations that launched the new partnership were inspired by the success of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, recognizing a long tradition of conservation among America's outdoor sports enthusiasts.

Bridge Street Bits

By Karen Miller

HELLO EVERYONE in The Voiceland!

I WISH I COULD sit down with every one of you and chat, see how your summer is going, and find out the latest dishes you are cooking in your Instant Pot... YES, I finally got one!

SPEAKING OF NEW gadgets and things, come on down to Bargains on Bridge Street and see how some busy beavers have been organizing our Senior Thrift Store, and stocking it with new items daily. PLEASE bring your donations during our open hours Monday through Saturday 10 am to 3 pm to make sure your donations will be received by Center volunteers. We always want to express our appreciation for donations and volunteers; it is what keeps us afloat at this time. Thank you for your patience in anticipation of our new Senior Center, scheduled to break ground fall 2018. We are all thankful to City Hall for all their help and input in making this a future reality.

OUR MEALS ON WHEELS Program is still in operation and we are thankful for any donations in helping feed the Seniors in need.

SOME SENIORS ARE IN NEED of wheelchairs, as we get calls for them on a regular basis. If you have one in good condition to donate please call the thrift store at (503) 429-3912.

NEW MEMBERS are always welcomed. Dues are still only \$15.

OUR ANNUAL SENIOR PICNIC is on the calendar for Friday, August 17. Here's the scoop: Starts at 11 am. Eat at noon. Anderson Park. Music for entertainment. Bring a side dish. Hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages provided. Hope to see you!

FOR SENIOR HELP AND SERVICES, call Mandy at Community Action Team: (503) 366-6545.

SENIOR SIGN OFF: Never tease an old dog. He might have one bite left.

See ya' around town.

Vernonia Senior Center
939 Bridge Street • (503) 429-3912

Church Directory

Assembly of God

Sunday School: 9:45 am
Morning Worship: 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Prayer: 6:00 pm
Wayne Marr, Pastor
662 Jefferson Avenue
503-429-0373

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sunday Schedule:
Sacrament Meeting: 10:00 am
Sunday School & Primary: 11:20 am
Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women: 12:10 pm
Roger Cook, Branch President
1350 E. Knott Street
503-429-7151

Grace Family Fellowship

Sunday School: 9:00 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Thursday Prayer: 6:00 pm
Greg "Mac" McCallum, Pastor
957 State Avenue
503-429-6790

Nehalem Valley Bible Church

Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am
Tues. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 am
Wednesday Service: 7:00 pm
Sat. Men's Prayer Meeting: 6:30 am
Gary Taylor, Pastor
Grant & North Streets
503-429-5378

Open Door Gathering Place

Service: Sunday 6:00 pm
Grant Williams, Pastor
375 North Street
503-702-3553
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Wednesday Religious Education: 3:15-4:30 pm
Sunday Mass: 12:00 pm
Rev. Luan Tran, Administrator
960 Missouri Avenue
503-429-8841
Vernonia Christian Church
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service in Youth & Family Center: 11:00 AM
www.VernoniaChristianChurch.org

Sam Hough, Pastor
410 North Street
503-429-6522

Vernonia Foursquare Church

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 am
Children's Sunday School
Carl Pense, Pastor
358 A Street
503-429-1103

Vernonia Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath (Saturday) Services
Sabbath School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am
www.VernoniaSDAC.org
Larry Gibson, Pastor
2nd Avenue and Nehalem Street
503-429-8301



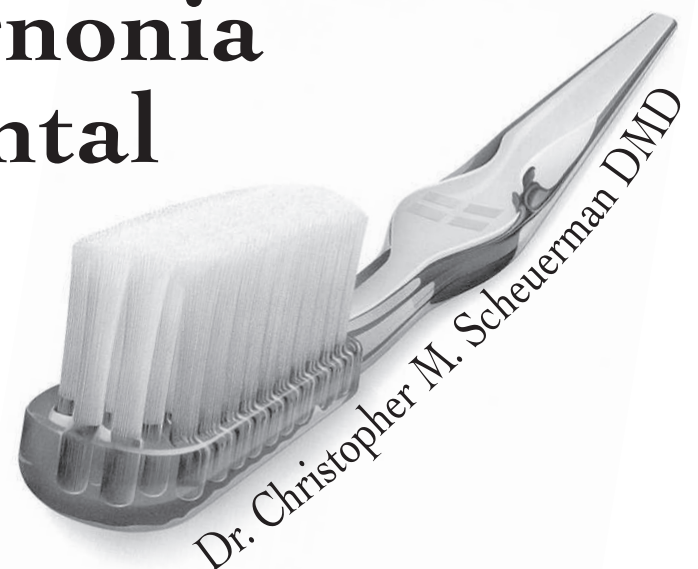
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