

Columbia County Job Fair

Are you looking for a job or a new career? You won't want to miss the Columbia County Job Fair on March 15 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm to meet both local and regional employers. The Job Fair will be held at 555 Commons Drive, (Columbia River Four Square Church) St. Helens. This event will open early for Veterans from 9:00-10:00 am. There will also be support services available for job seekers on site such as Elks Veterans Bunker, and Columbia Health Services to discuss health insurance and more resources.

Please dress for success and bring multiple copies of your resume. You will be meeting representatives of the companies on site. It's a great networking opportunity. Job seekers will also have the chance to receive resume tips and conduct mock interviews with local professionals who have volunteered to interview people during the event.

The Keep It Local Columbia County committee and event sponsors, Cardinal Services, Letica, and KOHI 1600 AM, understand the benefits of hiring local. Please follow the Keep It Local Columbia County Facebook page for updates on this event, such as vendors and support services that will be attending the Job Fair.

Do you have a business that is hiring? Employers are still being sought for the Job Fair. Space is limited and sold at first come, first serve. Email Natasha Parvey, Director, at keepitlocalcc@gmail.com to get an application or pay directly online <http://keepitlocalcc.com/employer-vendor-fee-columbia-county-job-fair/> for your opportunity to meet over 300 potential employees at our local job fair.

Oregon Coastal Caucus Appoints Leaders

Members of the Oregon Coastal Caucus unanimously agreed to name Rep. David Brock Smith, R-Port Orford, as chair and Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, as their vice chair.

The Oregon Coastal Caucus is a bicameral and bipartisan group of eight state senators and representatives whose districts include portions of the Oregon Coast. The legislators work collectively to seek out solutions and advocate for the interests of coastal communities. Many of those interests overlap with the needs and interests of other rural areas. From ports to

farms, and tourism to housing issues, the Coastal Caucus assists residents, industries, and their communities to find legislative and other solutions to the issues they face.

"We have a number of unique challenges on the coast and across Western Oregon," Brock Smith said. "The Coastal Caucus, our residents, our communities, and the industries that provide jobs for our hometowns all will benefit from having Senator Johnson serving in her role as vice chair of the Coastal Caucus."

In addition to Brock Smith

and Johnson, the Coastal Caucus includes Rep. Brad Witt, D-Clatskanie. The group meets regularly to discuss issues affecting the coast and reach decisions by consensus.

"The Coastal Caucus gives the coast much more volume in the State Capitol than each of us might be able to provide on our own," Johnson said. "We represent a vast coastline and the views on the North Coast don't always mesh with those on the South Coast. That makes it especially important for us to meet as a group to talk through solutions to our common issues."

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league loss of the season, on January 25, and a 44-41 defeat of Nestucca on January 29.

Against Gaston on February 5, the Lady Loggers were led by freshman Brooklynn Walters who scored 19 points, and senior point guard Joyce Everett with 15 points, including four 3-point baskets. Junior Jordan Walters added 9 points for the winners.

Northwest League Playoff games will be played on February 12, 14, and 16.

Boys Basketball – The Vernonia Boys will miss the Northwest League playoffs for the first time in recent memory after falling to Gaston 66-55 on February 5.



Jordan Walters



Jake Handegard

Vernonia currently has a 4-11 record in league play with their final game scheduled for February 7 against Portland Christian. The Loggers will finish in 6th place in the League.

After defeating Portland Christian 75-73 on January 15, the Loggers struggled down the stretch, losing six of their last seven games, the lone victory a 47-38 win over Nestucca on January 29.

Jake Handegard and Abram Martin celebrated Senior Night and the final home game of their careers against Gaston on February 5. Handegard led the Loggers in scoring with 22 points while Martin added 16, 12 of those in the second half.

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