

Clackamas County News:

a 'mirror
of the
community'

"This town is barely big enough to support a newspaper," said Ray Horn, owner and editor of the Clackamas County News.

The News has been in existence in Estacada since 1904 and until April of last year when Horn bought the paper, it was owned by a printer and operated as a combination printshop/newspaper.

The paper's main source of revenue is advertising and subscriptions. In addition to the newspaper which is distributed in Estacada, Eagle Creek and surrounding areas, they mail 6,000 shopper papers each week to Oregon City, Beavercreek and Colton.

Horn got his start in journalism by writing free-lance articles for the Portland Oregonian. Later he went into advertising and has worked as news editor for the Hermiston Daily Herald, and as a reporter for a weekly.

Since his takeover last year he has enlarged the photographs and added a page to the paper.

"Every community needs a newspaper; it provides leadership and serves as a mirror that shows what the community is like," said Horn. "Towns without newspapers have little communication."

Library

The Clackamas County library levy was passed by voters on May 10 so now the Estacada public library will receive \$80,000 in support funds and will be able to drop the \$15 fee for out of town users of the library.

Before the levy passed Estacada citizens paid 65 cents per \$1,000 of their assessed home valuation to support their city library. Now, however, because of the levy they only pay 30 cents per \$1,000.



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