

The smoke has cleared, sign up now for emergency alerts

Senior Living



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IGUESS I WAS TOO OPTIMISTIC last week thinking the smoke would fade away by then. But this Saturday morning, I can see the Klickitats out my office window dressed in its velvety shades of brown instead of straining to see their faint gray outline. And now I can put away my KN95 mask (you know it's unhealthy when you feel you need to wear a mask inside your house!), return to my cloth mask and start walking again.

But during those hazardous air quality days (the second time in three years!), I was glad I signed up for the Emergency Notification System in Wasco County to receive the free distribution of KN95 masks in Wasco County by the North Central Public Health District. If you haven't already, you should

consider going online and signing up for your county's Emergency Notification System: Citizens Alert in Wasco and Hood River Counties, Frontier Regional Alert in Sherman County and Code Red in Klickitat County.

Signing up enables the Emergency Response Agencies to quickly provide you with critical information for a variety of situations such as severe weather, wildfires, floods, evacuations and other important community messages.

When a message is issued about a potential safety hazard or concern, messages will be sent to all standard voice and text communication devices that you have registered including landline phones, cell phones and more. If you don't confirm receipt of the message, the system will try to reach your second contact number or email. The system will continue trying to contact you until it receives a confirmation from you.

If you have a traditional landline, you have automatically been included in the system, but there are several reasons why you should still register. By registering, you can list other devices such as your cell phone; update your personal

information; how you want to be notified, such as by text or email; and identify any special needs you may have, including whether you are hearing or visually impaired, diabetic, use a wheelchair or oxygen tank, or are power-dependent. All information you provide will not be shared with any vendor or other organizations and will be used for emergency purposes only.

Finally, if you can't go online or need assistance, you can call one of the following agencies depending on where you live: Wasco County Communications Manager at 541-506-2760, Klickitat County Emergency Management at 509-773-0582, or the Hood River County Sheriff's Office at 541-386-2098 — and I don't know for sure who to call in Sherman County, but if you live there, you probably do.

Since I have space for only a few more words, I thought I would add one short joke as we enter the flu and cold season.

"It's just a cold," the doctor said. "And as you know there's no cure for that. You'll just have to wait it out for a few days."

"But it's making me miserable. There must be something I can do."

"Well, you could go home and take a hot bath. Then open all the windows and stand for a while in the cold air."

"But wouldn't I get pneumonia? You might. But for that we have a cure."

In Welcome Back, Kotter (1975-1979) Vinnie Barbarino's favorite insult was "Up your nose with a rubber hose!" I received correct answers from Rhonda Spies, Barbara Cadwell, Tina Castañares and Lana Tepfer this week's winner of a quilt raffle ticket.

On a Zoom video conference call (which are popular these days), when someone joins the call you see their face pop up with the other participants arranged in a grid, which reminds me of the opening credits for this television show that aired from Sept. 26, 1969, to March 8, 1974, on ABC. For this week's "Remember When" question, what was the name of the sitcom that revolves around a large, blended family with six children and considered one of the last of the old-style family sitcoms? Email your answer to mcseniorcenter@gmail.com, leave a message at 541-296-4788

or send it with a recording of the theme song sung by the Peppermint Trolley Company.

Well, it's been another week, trying to be real about what I can and can't do. Until we meet again, take a moment to wonder, "What can I learn today?"

"Optimist: Someone who isn't sure whether life is a tragedy or a comedy but is tickled silly just to be in the play." — Robert Braut

The Dalles Meals-on-Wheels daily menus. If you would like to pick up a meal at noon, call 541-298-8333 before 10:30 a.m.

Menu

- Thursday (24):** Sloppy Joes
- Friday (25):** Meatloaf with Macaroni and Cheese
- Monday (28):** Stroganoff over Rice
- Tuesday (29):** Hungarian Goulash
- Wednesday (30):** Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

SPARK! grant applications now open

SELCO Community Credit Union has begun taking applications for its annual SPARK! Creative Learning Grants with an aim to help educators meet unprecedented challenges in the 2020-21 school year.

The grants award as much as \$1,000 each to K-12 educators to fund projects across the 27 Oregon counties that SELCO serves.

"In its 27th year, the SPARK! Creative Learning

Grant program has long sought to bridge funding gaps for educators with the belief that funding should not be an obstacle for educational projects that excite curiosity, deepen understanding, and encourage new ways of learning. And never has innovative thinking been more important," said a SELCO press release.

This year, SELCO has made some modifications to the program in order to

help educators, including a later application window — which will remain open through Oct. 31 — to offer applicants additional time to identify project needs.

"Educators across the state are looking for unique and creative ideas to help their students overcome the significant obstacles that this school year will bring," said Craig Carpenter, SELCO's senior vice president of lending and business

solutions. "SELCO's mission with the SPARK! program has always been to make sure that a lack of funding never gets in the way of a great idea," Carpenter said.

"The need for fresh ways of reaching students will be imperative, and we are eager to help support educators' as they work to meet these challenges."

SPARK! Grants for the 2019-20 school year helped fund a wide array of projects,

from a Revolutionary War reenactment day for fifth-graders in Culver to an underwater robotics class in Portland to a stop-motion animation STEAM class in Dallas.

SELCO's SPARK! committee reviews applications based on project originality, proposal clarity, number of students who will be affected, skill development, and diversity and impact of projects, including to schools that have never received a

SPARK! grant before.

For more information about SELCO Community Credit Union's SPARK! Creative Learning Grants or to view a student-produced video from a past project, or to apply, visit www.selco.org/spark. For questions, email spark@selco.org or call 541-686-5382.

For more information about SELCO Community Credit Union, visit selco.org or call 800-445-4483.

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Sept. 16 — W. Second, 300 block — Female cited and released for offensive littering after throwing food onto a property.

Sept. 16 — W. Second Place, 400 block — Male warned for public urination.

Sept. 16 — Terminal Avenue, 200 block — Male cited for criminal trespass II and criminal mischief III.

Sept. 16 — Mt. Hood Street, 400 block — Male returned to a business from which he had been previously trespassed.

Sept. 17 — Third and Union — Male arrested for two counts of criminal trespass II and lodged at NORCOR.

Driving under the influence of intoxicants:

Sept. 12 — E. 19th, 1700 block — Male's BAC registered .29 percent. He left the hospital and was possibly headed to Washington. Klickitat County Sheriff's Office was given information regarding driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Sept. 14 — W. Cherry Heights Road and W. 10th — Male lodged at NORCOR for driving under the influence of intoxicants, three counts of reckless endangerment, reckless driving, misdemeanor driving while suspended and vehicle elude. BAC registered .17 percent. In the same incident, a juvenile female was cited and released for minor in possession of marijuana.

Motor vehicle crashes, incidents, offenses and impounds:

Sept. 12 — E. Second and Union — Aggressive driver reported. A male jumped out of his car and started yelling.

Sept. 13 — First and Union — Male cited for two counts of violation driving while suspended.

Sept. 13 — I-84 at exit 85 — Hit and run reported. A semi-truck driver admitted his trailer collided with a car's passenger mirror. The driver of the car was found to be driving while suspended. Oregon State Patrol took over the investigation.

Sept. 14 — W. Sixth, 1200 block — Two vehicle, non-injury traffic crash reported.

Sept. 14 — W. Sixth, 1200 block — Hit and run reported.

Sept. 14 — W. Second, 2700 block — Hit and run reported.

Sept. 15 — W. Sixth and Webber — Hit and run reported.

Sept. 16 — W. Ninth Place, 2200 block — Vehicle reported to be blocking an alleyway.

Outstanding warrants, parole, probation or terms violations:

Sept. 13 — Highway 197, 1400 block — Male cited and released on three Wasco County statewide misdemeanor warrants.

Sept. 13 — W. Sixth — Male arrested and lodged at NORCOR on a confirmed, statewide felony parole board warrant.

Sept. 14 — W. Sixth, 1900 block — Female cited and released for a failure to appear warrant out of Clackamas County.

Sept. 15 — W. Fourth, 100 block — Male cited and released on a warrant out of Hood River Circuit Court.

Sept. 16 — The Dalles — Restraining order violation reported.

Sept. 17 — Mt. Hood Street, 500 block — Female cited and released for two warrants out of Wasco County Circuit Court. In the same incident, a male was cited and released for two warrants, one out of Wasco County and another out of Sherman County.

Sept. 17 — W. Seventh, 2700 block — Juvenile male cited and released on a warrant per the juvenile department.

Sex offenses:

Sept. 11 — The Dalles — Sex crime reported.

Sept. 16 — The Dalles — Sex crime reported.

Theft, burglary or robbery:

Sept. 11 — Lincoln Street, 400 block — Male arrested and lodged at NORCOR for burglary II.

Sept. 12 — W. Sixth, 2500 block — Theft reported.

Sept. 12 — Mt. Hood Street, 500 block — Female contacted regarding the theft of diapers and detergent. The female said she did not realize she had not paid for the items, which were later returned. She was trespassed from the property.

Sept. 13 — E. 10th, 2200 block — Stolen front license plates from a vehicle reported.

Sept. 13 — W. Sixth, 2100 block — Theft of a phone reported.

Sept. 13 — W. Sixth, 3600 block — Stolen vehicle out of Dallesport reported. The

vehicle was located in The Dalles. A male was cited for unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

Sept. 13 — Kramer Field — Subject reported being robbed by three subjects. He was punched in the face and said a firearm was pointed at him. His phone and \$126 were stolen. The incident is under investigation.

Sept. 14 — E. Third, 500 block — Drill reported as stolen.

Sept. 14 — Cherry Heights Road, 500 block — Stolen vehicle reported.

Sept. 14 — E. 15th, 1300 block — Theft of a wedding ring and wedding band reported. Money and swords were also reported missing.

Sept. 14 — E. 10th, 1900 block — Theft of a floor jack, valued at \$450, reported.

Sept. 15 — E. Eighth, 300 block — Theft reported.

Sept. 15 — W. Seventh, 3100 block — Theft of a phone reported.

Sept. 15 — E. 12th, 1700 block — Female cited and released on a theft III warrant out of Multnomah County.

Sept. 15 — River Road, 200 block — Theft reported.

Sept. 16 — E. Second, 2600 block — Theft of a catalytic converter reported.

Sept. 17 — W. 10th, 3200 block — Car prowler reported.

Sept. 17 — Home Street, 1000 block — Car prowler reported. A debit card was stolen.

Sept. 17 — W. 10th, 2900 block — Car prowler reported.

Sept. 17 — W. Pomona Street, 900 block — Car prowler reported. A wallet was stolen.

Sept. 17 — W. Pomona Street, 900 block — Car prowler reported. The glove box was rifled through and items taken.

Sept. 17 — W. Pomona Street, 900 block — Car prowler reported. Nothing appeared to be missing from two vehicles but a cane and registration from one of the vehicles were found nearby.

Sept. 17 — W. Pomona Street, 900 block — Theft of a bike reported.

Sept. 17 — W. Pomona Street, 900 block — Car prowler reported. Items were moved but nothing appeared to have been stolen.

Sept. 17 — W. Pomona Street, 900 block — Theft from vehicles reported. A tire jack handle for a pickup was left behind at the scene.

Sept. 17 — Court Street, 400 block — Male cited and released for theft.

Other:

Sept. 11-17 — The Dalles — Officers responded to 16 welfare and/or mental

health calls.

Sept. 13 — W. Second and Cherry Heights Road — It was reported that a male was lighting paper on fire and throwing the papers on the ground. A male said he did not agree with a verse in the bible and therefore had lit the paper on fire with a lighter, placing the paper on the ground and pushing it on the sidewalk. A report was taken for throwing away lighted material.

Sept. 14 — The Dalles — Suicidal subject reported.

Sept. 15 — Walnut Street, 1000 block — Male cited for public urination.

Sept. 15 — W. Eighth, 2200 block — Two runaway juvenile females reported.

Sept. 18 — W. Pleasant Court, 700 block — Two females reported missing.

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