

## YOUR VOICE CONTINUED

their authenticity. It must be read, studied and understood by each individual to be accepted with any degree of intellectual trust. Every book, chapter and verse must be read over and over again, year after year.

Being in the truth is not church. Churching has nothing to do with the truth. Fact ... the churchgoer does not read the books. It is a physical impossibility to read the books respectfully, diligently and

responsibly and be in a church.

Only when the individual takes on the tremendous task of reading all the books will that person be convinced that the books are of a "Divine" source.

It is a large book and it is daunting. Before a person touches the book and glances at its pages something must happen. They must find someone they trust who they believe understands the books. This is not easy in our day of mistrust

and suspicion. I cannot convince anyone that the books are what they claim to be. All I can do is try to convince a person to read them for themselves.

The power to convince is found in the books miraculous method to predict political history. Political prophecy of course has been destroyed and mocked by pastor and the church system along with movies, TV shows and books. No one has a nickel's worth of trust or

interest in what I have to say about political prophecy simply because they can not distinguish what I say from the stupidity they have heard from the world.

Allow me this. If you have the time and the interest read at least one chapter (a lot more really). This one chapter is easy to read for it is laid out in grade school level manner and it establishes the foundation understanding of political prophecy. It is the second chapter

of Daniel and it is an interesting read. The Book of Daniel could be (and I have) studied for 30 years it is that complex and interesting and vital.

**Gary Fischer**  
*The Dalles*

## Elder care recognized in June

### June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

■ **By Teresa Clyne**  
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KLICKITAT COUNTY — Caring for elders is a fundamental responsibility that all cultures share. With age can come the potential to be taken advantage of, be neglected, or be harmed. We must show compassion and prevent suffering and damage whenever possible.

June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month. June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, a day designated by the United Nations for the entire world to voice its opposition to any form of abuse of the older generation.

Many older people are unable

to advocate for themselves. They may be physically frail or scared of speaking up for fear of repercussions.

Elder abuse is a crime. Whether physical, mental, or sexual mistreatment, it can be considered a crime in Washington through action or inaction. Financial exploitation, or improper use of an elder or vulnerable adult's income or resources, is included in this definition.

Neglect is also a crime. A person or entity with a duty to care for an elder or vulnerable adult must maintain their physical or mental health as charged. If they show a pattern of conduct detrimental to that duty, or inaction to that duty, they may be guilty of neglect.

Be on the lookout for signs of elder or vulnerable adult abuse:

- Neglect could appear as lack of food and water, dirty clothing, poor

hygiene, poor housekeeping, and lack of medication.

- Financial exploitation could appear as basic needs not being met, unpaid bills, unusual purchases, or unexplained fiscal activities.

- Physical abuse could appear as bruises, black eyes, welts, broken bones, cuts, sprains, sudden changes in behavior, or a caregiver refusing to leave the elder adult alone.

- Mental abuse could appear as threatening significant harm, using derogatory names, insults, profanity, ridicule, harassment, or humiliation to gain control.

- Sexual abuse could appear as unusual bruising on the thighs or chest, unexplained STDs, unexplained behavior such as withdrawing from social interactions, or having panic attacks.

It can be easy to overlook some of these signs, and this month, and the

annual day of recognition, reminds us how important it is to look out for elders and vulnerable adults in our communities.

Respect, compassion, and attention are what our seniors deserve every day of the year. If you see something of concern, but are unsure how to respond you can contact Adult Protective Services at 1-877-734-6277. If you have a loved one or friend living in a facility, like a nursing home, adult family home, or assisted living, or they are receiving any supportive living services, report any abuse or neglect you suspect to 1-800-562-6078.

Contact the vulnerable person's local banking institution and law enforcement.

Other helpful numbers to support seniors:

- National Elder Fraud Hotline: 833-FRAUD-11

- FINRA Securities Helpline for Seniors: 844-57-HELPS (844-574-3577)

- Klickit County Senior Services: 509-773-3757 or 509-493-3068

- Programs for Peaceful Living: 509-773-6100 or 509-493-2662 and the 24/7 crisis line 844-493-1709

- Skamania County Senior Services: 509-427-3990

- Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault: 509-427-4210

We can all help protect our seniors every day by doing a few simple things. Know the symptoms of abuse. If you suspect something, say something and do something. Help spread the word and Stop Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse.

## Want to write a letter?

Columbia Gorge News encourages readers to submit letters to the editor for the weekly opinion page. Letters on all topics are welcome.

Writers must include their name and hometown (for publication) and daytime phone number (for verification, not for publication). Letters from an agency or group must be credited to the author or a contact person.

Anonymous or "name withheld by request" letters are not accepted.

Letters must be 350 words or fewer; generally, the briefer the message, the better. Opinion pieces longer than 350 words may be published as a guest commentary at the discretion of the editor.

Letters are published as space allows, and efforts are made each week to provide as much space as possible.

Deadline for letters is noon on the Friday prior to publication.

We reserve the right to edit all letters: Letters must be civil.

Vulgar or inappropriate language will not be considered, nor malicious, false or misleading statements.

Letters attacking an individual, rather than an opinion, are not acceptable.

Letters criticizing a particular business over a particular complaint or grievance will not be considered.

The opinions expressed in letters are "Your Voice," and do not necessarily

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Letters may be submitted online at [www.ColumbiaGorgeNews.com](http://www.ColumbiaGorgeNews.com): Scroll to the bottom of the page and select "Submission Forms," then select "Letter to the Editor."

NEW — Letters also may be sent via email to [Letters@gorgenews.com](mailto:Letters@gorgenews.com).

Or mail your letter "attention editor" to any of the Post Office boxes listed at bottom of page 4.



## NEWS TIPS?

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## Congratulations

to all the Hood River Valley High Graduates and continuing college students. The HRCEF is proud to acknowledge their accomplishments. The amount awarded to these students exceeded \$272,400 this year.

<b>Magali Amezcua</b>	Mike's Ice Cream Scholarship, Providence Hood River Memorial Health Care Scholarship
<b>Morgan Baker</b>	Masami (Min) Asai Memorial Scholarship, Parkdale Elementary Alumni Scholarship
<b>Monserrat Beltran</b>	AVID Scholarship, Parkdale Elementary Alumni Scholarship, Parkdale VFW Scholarship, Providence Hood River Memorial Health Care Scholarship
<b>Reid Blaine</b>	Parkdale Elementary Alumni Scholarship
<b>Chloe Bullock</b>	Butch Ogawa Memorial Scholarship, Ryan Bowe Memorial Scholarship
<b>Yulisa Castillo Munoz</b>	HRCEF Board of Directors Scholarship
<b>Marcos Cisneros</b>	Mary Clifford Memorial Scholarship
<b>Grace Clute</b>	Isabel Gilkerson Memorial Scholarship
<b>Aime Diaz</b>	Earl Koberg Memorial Scholarship
<b>Jacquelyn Elias</b>	Jim Carnes Family Scholarship
<b>Omar Escobedo</b>	AVID Scholarship, Beachman Jakku Memorial Scholarship, Earl Koberg Memorial Scholarship, Parkdale Elementary Alumni Scholarship, Susan McCarthy Memorial Scholarship
<b>Jose Eusebio-Perez</b>	Jeff and Melissa Rippey Scholarship
<b>Tanner Fletcher</b>	Jeff and Melissa Rippey Scholarship
<b>Benjamin Garafalo</b>	Earl Koberg Memorial Scholarship, Isabel Gilkerson Memorial Scholarship
<b>Jacquelyn Garcia-Angulo</b>	AVID Scholarship, Carmen's Route, Eagles Valedictorian Scholarship
<b>Benjamin Griggs</b>	Rodger Schock Memorial Scholarship
<b>Grace Guertin</b>	Beardsley Family Scholarship, Marie Asai Memorial Scholarship
<b>Joshua Haynes</b>	Ryan Bowe Memorial Scholarship
<b>Jacob Kaplan</b>	Earl Koberg Memorial Scholarship
<b>Campbell Keller</b>	Providence Hood River Memorial Helping Scholarship
<b>Victor Ledezma-Calderon</b>	Jeff and Melissa Rippey Scholarship
<b>Jesus Ledezma-Santoyo</b>	Jeff and Melissa Rippey Scholarship
<b>Cristina Lopez</b>	Isabel Gilkerson Memorial Scholarship
<b>Josue Martinez</b>	AVID Scholarship, Beardsley Family Scholarship
<b>Gael Martinez Magana</b>	Beachman Jakku Memorial Scholarship
<b>Erica Matthisen</b>	Susanna Blake Gabay Scholarship
<b>Abigail McCormack</b>	HRCEF Board of Directors Scholarship
<b>Yaritzzy Munoz</b>	Providence Hood River Memorial Health Care Scholarship
<b>Ryan Nolan</b>	Mary Clifford Memorial Scholarship
<b>Alexander Osorio</b>	VID Scholarship

<b>Luka Paider</b>	HRCEF Board of Directors Scholarship
<b>Dora Plascencia Macias</b>	AVID Scholarship, Earl Koberg Memorial Scholarship, John and Martha Weber Memorial Scholarship, Providence Hood River Memorial Helping Scholarship
<b>Brandon Rivera-Magaña</b>	Jeff and Melissa Rippey Scholarship
<b>Samia Rodriguez</b>	Providence Hood River Memorial Health Care Scholarship
<b>Briana Santillan</b>	Parkdale Elementary Alumni Scholarship, Sally H. Connell Memorial Scholarship, Taro (Tot) Asai Memorial Scholarship, Ted Webber Scholarship
<b>Jesus Santoyo</b>	Butch Ogawa Memorial Scholarship
<b>Luke Southall</b>	Steve Gates Memorial Scholarship
<b>Maxwell Spears</b>	Henry Lin Memorial Scholarship, Megan Perkins Scholarship
<b>Bryan Telles</b>	HRCEF Board of Directors Scholarship
<b>Adrianna Trejo</b>	HRCEF Board of Directors Scholarship
<b>Chrixian Valdez</b>	Duckwall Pooley Sons & Daughters Scholarship
<b>Lesly Vega</b>	HRCEF Board of Directors Scholarship
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<b>Julian Yue</b>	Earl Koberg Memorial Scholarship
<b>Stephen Bustamante</b>	Cascade Locks Alumni Association Scholarship, James and Wayne Holman Memorial Scholarship
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<b>Haley Hughes</b>	HRCEF Board of Directors College Scholarship
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<b>Aaron Lachino-Pinon</b>	Ruth and Horace Daum Scholarship, Cascade Locks Alumni Association Scholarship
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<b>Abigail Loihl</b>	HRCEF Board of Directors College Scholarship
<b>Rachael Mooney</b>	Ruth and Horace Daum Scholarship
<b>Alejandro Munoz</b>	Cascade Locks Alumni Association Scholarship, James and Wayne Holman Memorial Scholarship
<b>Estefani Reyes Moreno</b>	Mary Clifford Memorial Scholarship
<b>RaeAan Rhodes</b>	Diana Carroll Scholarship, Ruth & Horace Daum Scholarship
<b>Samantha Thompson</b>	Janet C. Thompson Memorial Scholarship, Ruth and Horace Daum Scholarship

## Summer Fundraising Raffle

**Tickets:** \$10 or 3 for \$25 (Max 1,000 tickets sold)

**Ticket Locations:** Rosauers Super Market or [TicketTomato.com](http://TicketTomato.com)

**Dates:** Drawing August 1

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