

Last Stop Saloon fined by OSHA

■ **Staff report**
Columbia Gorge News

THE DALLES — Oregon OSHA recently issued The Dalles restaurant Last Stop Saloon an \$8,900 citation, which owner Todd Carpenter has appealed.

The citation is for “willfully [choosing] to allow indoor dining despite capacity limitations imposed by public health order in

an extreme-risk county,” according to a document released by Oregon OSHA.

Last Stop was one of four Oregon businesses in May 2021 to receive a citation for “willful” COVID-19 violations. The other three were Cork Cellars Wine and Bistro in Sisters, Country Bakery in Halsey, and Creative Woodworking Northwest Inc. in Portland, according to the document.

Oregon OSHA has issued 32 citations for willful violations, totaling more than \$600,000, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the document. Last Stop is currently the only business in Wasco County to have received one.

Carpenter declined to comment on the situation and his attorney did not immediately respond to request for comment.

NW Natural plans new pipeline in Bingen, White Salmon

■ **By Jacob Bertram**
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NW Natural, the natural gas company serving Bingen and White Salmon customers, is preparing to upgrade their gas distribution system by installing 1.5 miles of pipeline in Bingen and White Salmon.

According to Elaina Medina, public information officer for NW Natural, Phase 1 of the project will see the installation of 8-inch polyethylene gas pipeline, starting from the intersection of Ash and W. Humboldt streets in Bingen to the intersection of E. Jewett Boulevard and Dock Grade Road in White

Salmon. Phase 2 will see the extension of the pipeline starting from the intersection of Dock Grade and Jewett, to Wauna Avenue, then N.E. Tohomish Street, ending at the intersection of N.E. Tohomish Street and N. Main Avenue in White Salmon. Crews worked to fill potholes last week on the Jewett grade, causing traffic to narrow to one-lane alternating traffic with flaggers assisting the change, marking the first groundwork done by contractors for the company.

Information regarding construction hours and traffic advisories on the pipeline will be announced later in July, once the company has

secured all their permits, Medina said.

The 5,500 linear feet of pipeline, Medina said, will help to ensure “consistent service and meet future growth in the area.”

Both cities released Determination of Non-Significance evaluations of the potential environmental impacts involved with the project. This means the company will not be required to perform an environmental impact statement before starting the project, as required by the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).



Horizon class of 2021 graduated June 5 at the Christian school, located in Hood River.

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Horizon Christian holds commencement

■ **By Trisha Walker**
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Horizon Christian School, Hood River, graduated a class of 15 during commencement ceremonies June 5. Rachel Caldwell, community relations director, said the class of 2021 averaged at GPA of 3.4, with 40% at a 4.0 or higher.

Student graduation speeches were given by Diego Minguela and Valerie Bruggeman.

“With the chaos that is going on globally, we can stand firm on our rock and move forward through this season of life,” Minguela told

his classmates. “God has placed in each one a gift that He wants us to share with the world for His goodness to be poured out. Even though we are unsure, scared, anxious, or ‘all of the above,’ we can be certain that God is with us. Joshua 1:9 says, ‘Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid’ do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

“Isaiah 55:8-9 says, ‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than

your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,” said Bruggeman in her speech. “The beginning of COVID felt like we lost control of everything that kept us grounded: Sports, dreams for the future, even each other. If that isn’t a hard reality check that God is in control, not us, then I don’t know what is. He was, is, and always will be in control.”

Caldwell said 67% of the graduating class of 2021 are headed to a university, and 13% to community college; Horizon students earned \$530,500 in scholarships.

SPORTS

Dufur boys end South Wasco win streak

■ **By Mike Weber**
For Columbia Gorge News

In a matchup between two of the top Class 1A Big Sky League boys basketball teams, the Dufur High Rangers dealt the previously undefeated South Wasco County Redsidies their first loss, 73-52, Saturday at Dufur High School.

Dufur, guided by Coach Hollie Darden, overcame a double-digit deficit after the Redsidies (5-1 Big Sky, 6-2 overall) built a 23-12 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Rangers (6-1 Big Sky, 6-2 overall) then turned things around by outscoring the Redsidies 61-29 over the final three quarters to get the victory.

“We got off to kind of a slow start and they got the early lead on us,” said Darden. “We kind of turned it around by getting things going in transition and by making a lot of good outside shots and we also had a couple of dunks, so that was

exciting to see. We’re planning on competing in the 1A Culminating Week state playoffs June 21-26 at Baker High School and that would really be a lot of fun. We just have to come up with funds to pay for expenses of that trip.”

After trailing 34-32 at halftime, Dufur outscored South Wasco 19-7 in the third to take control of the contest with a 51-41 lead after three quarters. The Ranger momentum continued in the fourth, as they outscored the Redsidies 22-11 for the final 21-point margin of victory.

The Rangers’ outside shooting was a key element to Dufur’s success as the Rangers made a total of nine three-point field goals. Dufur’s Henry Begay (18 points) hit six three’s to help lead the Ranger offense. Dufur seniors Jacob Peters (14 points) and Cooper Bales (13 points) also scored in double figures.

South Wasco senior Garrett Olson led the Redsidies in scoring with 21 points.

Redsidies junior Remington Anderson-Sheer had nine and Oscar Thomas scored eight.

Dufur won two out-of-three games last week to move into first place in the Big Sky League standings. The Rangers won at home 56-33 over the Horizon Christian High Hawks (4-4 Big Sky, 4-6) June 8, followed by a 54-49 nonleague loss at home to the Damascus Christian Eagles (7-0) June 9.

The Rangers played their final Big Sky League regular season contest Monday on the road against the Ione/Arlington Cardinals, followed by a Tuesday nonleague home game versus the Trinity Lutheran Saints (6-3) of Bend (results came after printed edition deadline).

The Rangers conclude the regular season with a nonleague matchup at home June 19 at 1:30 p.m. against the Crosshill Christian Eagles (8-2) of Turner. Dufur will continue playing next week in the 1A Culminating Week

state playoffs at Baker High School June 21-26.

South Wasco had its six-game win streak snapped in the loss to Dufur. The Redsidies won their sixth straight with a 79-47 win over the Trout Lake Mustangs June 9 at Trout Lake High School. South Wasco played its final regular season contest Monday at home against the Country Christian Cougars (3-5). The Redsidies will probably compete in the Class 1A Culminating Week state playoffs June 21-26.

Horizon capped the season by winning two of four games in a five-day span, including a 42-32 win over the Sherman High Huskies (2-5) June 11 at Horizon High in Hood River. Senior Caleb Lingel led Horizon in scoring with 12 points.

Senior Will James and sophomore Kole Martin led Sherman in scoring with nine points each. For seniors James, Jed Harrison, Patrick Ramos and Wade Fields, it marked the final game of

their Sherman High School career. The Huskies captured a win in their season finale, 72-46, over Trout Lake (1-7) at home June 12.

The Hawks, guided by Coach Darrin Lingel, won 51-46 over Trout Lake June 7. The Hawks lost 56-33 to Dufur June 8, followed by a 64-53 nonleague loss to the North Clackamas Christian Saints in Oregon City June 10. Junior Alex Whitaker led the Hawks in scoring with 13 points.

“It was a quick and fast season, but I’m happy that our kids got to play basketball, especially the seniors and it was fun for them, and they had a great time,” said Lingel, who retired as the Hawks’ coach following the game. “The kids all did a good job and they responded well to the unusual situation of this weird basketball season, and they had a really positive attitude about it. I’m proud of them and they all did a good job. We were in every game this year, but we just had

trouble pulling out the close games to get a win.”

A group of seven Hawk seniors concluded their Horizon High School career in Friday’s home game versus Sherman. Those include Caleb Lingel, JJ Holste, Deacon Lundby, Kai Robertson, Diego Quezada, Caleb Nelson and Jesse Williams.

“I told the seniors after the game that I was really proud of them and they set a good example for the younger kids,” said Coach Lingel. “I see lots of positive things ahead for this team in the future. This was my final game after 12 years as coach, so it was a good way to end it with a win. I have lots of good memories and there were a lot of my former players here watching the game, so that was really fun, and we had a good time with lots of hugs.”

Wrestlers to compete outdoors

The Hood River and The Dalles wrestling teams held Intermountain Conference dual matches Saturday against host Pendleton outdoors at Happy Canyon Arena.

Pendleton won the dual against HRV, 52-15, and 60-12 against The Dalles.

Highlights for HRV included Jaime

Rodriguez’s win by pin at 126 pounds and Carson Farlow’s decision at 132. Rodriguez was the third-place finisher at the 2020 IMC district tourney.

This year’s IMC tourney will be held Saturday in Prineville.

Hustlers open Legion season

The Columbia Gorge Hustlers American Legion baseball team opened its home season Tuesday (June 15) with a doubleheader against Oregon City.

The Hustlers, with players from throughout the Gorge, are coached by Steve Sugg. They were scheduled to play at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Quinton Street Ballpark. The

games are part of a seven-game home stand for the Hustlers, who host Alpenrose in a single game at 5 p.m. Thursday; host Hodgen Distributing (Pendleton) in a Saturday doubleheader beginning at noon; and Silverton for two games beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, June 21.

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