

29th COVID-19 death reported in Wasco County

North Central Public Health has reported a 29th COVID-19 death in Wasco County.

According to a June 11 press release, the person tested positive April 13 and died May 21.

The release noted vaccinations are now widely available and are the key to ending the pandemic. Local pharmacies offer the vaccine, and a mobile vaccine unit at St. Mary's Academy parking lot, 1112 W. 10th

St., The Dalles has also been offering free vaccine.

Clinics are also being held at One Community Health in The Dalles.

For more information on vaccine access and current scheduling, visit COVID-19 Vaccine in Oregon or contact North Central Public Health District at 541-506-2600, or visit www.ncphd.org or wascohermangilliamcovid19.com.

VARIANT Affected patient not identified

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Current research suggests available vaccines are effective at preventing COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations caused by variant strains of COVID-19.

According to the press release, variant information was gathered through public health surveillance testing for variant strains, not for the purposes of clinical

public health management of individuals. As a result, the sample was not correlated to an individual.

Although this is the first detected variant in Klickitat County, it is likely that other cases exist in the community, according to county health officials.

KCHD will continue to respond to COVID-19 with the current course of action. This includes encouraging community members to get vaccinated in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Community members can schedule their vaccinations online through

KCHD at us1.quickscreen.health/klickitat-county-vaccination#/screening or by calling NorthShore Medical, Skyline Health, or Klickitat Valley Health for a vaccine appointment.

Residents without internet or computer access can still make appointments over the phone by calling the Health Department at 509-773-4565 or 509-493-1558.

Health officials warn individuals who are not vaccinated should still wear a mask and everyone should continue good hand washing.

Cherry Fruit Fly emerges

Cherry Fruit Fly models developed by Oregon State University indicated that the cherry fruit fly would emerge in The Dalles May 29.

According to Ashley Thompson, Oregon State University Extension horticulturist, the emergence of the fly signals the beginning of the control program against this insect, which is the sweet cherry industry's chief insect pest.

The entire cherry growing area — including the cities of The Dalles, Mosier and Dufur — are within a cherry fruit fly control district and all homeowners with a backyard cherry tree, as well as commercial orchardists, are required by law to begin a control program within 10 days of emergence.

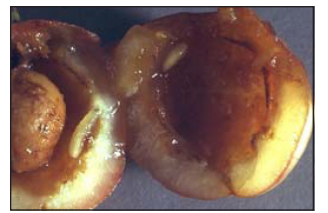
The control program means an application of an insecticide beginning 10 days after emergence and approximately every seven days through cherry harvest.

For homeowners, the recommended materials would include any product with Spinosad or Malathion as an ingredient that is labeled for fruit trees.

The cherry fruit fly overwinters in a cocoon as a



Adult Western Cherry Fruit Fly, above, and worm, at right. Ken Gray image courtesy of OSU



dormant pupa and emerges in response to the rise in temperatures in the spring.

The adult fly mates and begins egg laying within five to seven days after emergence. Eggs are laid beneath the skin of the cherry and the eggs hatch into a worm in approximately three days.

The worm feeds within the cherry fruit, maturing in approximately two weeks. The worm then eats its way out of the cherry, falls to the ground, and goes into the resting stage until the next year.

There is only one

generation of cherry fruit fly per year. Fly emergence occurs over several weeks, however, which requires a season-long control program, Thompson pointed out.

To obtain a free pesticide spray guide for this and other tree fruit pests, contact the OSU Wasco County Extension Office at 541-296-5494 and leave a message as staff is still working remotely.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Applications approved

A request to divide a single lot of the Riverfront Business Park in The Dalles into eight lots and develop eight live/work units was approved by administrative decision of the City of The Dalles community development department. Applicant was Jeremy Robertson, property owner is Alpenbros, LLC. The property is located at 3761 Klindt Drive.

Summer youth activities, programs posted

Are you interested in providing your child structured opportunities to grow? Hood River County School District (HRCSD) is helping promote summer youth activities and programs on its website. Activities and programs range from mountain biking, to making art, to summer reading, and more. To find information about summer 2021 activities and programs for children in the Columbia Gorge area, visit the HRCSD website www.hoodriver.k12.or.us/Domain/751.

¿Está interesado en brindarle a su hijo oportunidades estructuradas para crecer? El Distrito Escolar del Condado de Hood River (HRCSD) está ayudando a promover

actividades y programas de verano para jóvenes en su sitio web. Las actividades y los programas van desde el ciclismo de montaña hasta la creación de arte, la lectura de verano y más. Para encontrar información sobre las actividades y programas de verano de 2021 para niños en el área de Columbia Gorge, visite el sitio web de HRCSD a www.hoodriver.k12.or.us/Domain/751.

Auditions: 'As You Like It'

Auditions for Performances at the Adult Center (PACT) fall production of Shakespeare's comedy, "As You Like It," are scheduled for Sunday, June 27 and Monday, June 28, from 6-8 p.m. both days, near the stage in Jackson Park. The show will be directed by Sullivan Mackintosh and co-produced by Lynda Dallman and Gary Young. Proceeds will benefit Meals of Wheels; performance dates are Sept. 11-12 and 17-18.

Roles are available for age 16 to seniors. Slides and scripts will be provided at auditions, but actors are encouraged to read a synopsis of the play before auditions.

Contact Lynda.dallman@gmail.com or show up on June 27-28.

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