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# CGCC increases tuition

Cost per credit rises by \$2, general fees by \$3

By MARK GIBSON  
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The Columbia Gorge Community College Board of Education unanimously approved a \$2 per credit tuition increase, coupled with a \$3 per credit increase in general fees, during their regular

board meeting Tuesday, April 14. Tuition and fees were last raised in 2012.

The college adopted the fees prior to considering the full budget proposed for the 2015-16 academic year because students applying for summer and fall courses could not be processed for financial aid without the adoption of a tuition and fee schedule, according to CGCC staff.

"It gives me a cold sweat to think

about raising tuition and fees," said board vice chair Charlotte Arnold during discussions regarding the increase. "I don't want to do this, but I might have to do the hard thing and vote for it."

Other board members agreed, noting that the college was "between a rock and a hard place" and would have to do something to address the projected \$2.4 million budget gap projected in the coming year.

"We've toed the line for three years (with no increase in tuition or fees)," said board member Charleen Cobb. "When we have to, we have to. We have to have a balanced budget."

Tuition and fees constitute approximately 35 percent of the annual operating revenue for CGCC. Tuition and fees were last raised for the 2012-13 academic year, according to a tuition and fee report generated by CGCC. The rate in-

creases are expected to generate \$174,000 in the coming fiscal year.

The adopted tuition and fee schedule is equal to the current year state-wide average for all other Oregon community colleges at \$91 per credit tuition and \$15 per credit general fees, the report stated.

Additional fee increases include a \$200 increase to the nursing pro-

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## SAVING 'SPEED DEMONS'

Photo by Trisha Walker

RACHEL, LEIF and Lila Mortenson "sweep" Coho fry towards waiting nets on Rock Creek. Volunteers gathered Thursday and Friday morning to help the fish continue their run to the Columbia.

## Mosier residents do impromptu salmon rescue

By TRISHA WALKER  
News staff writer

About 16 or so volunteers gathered at Rock Creek in Mosier to help Coho salmon fry reach the Columbia River on Thursday morning.

Mike Igo, Mosier's "Unofficial Official

Town Naturalist," quickly organized the event on Monday after observing the low water levels at Rock Creek.

The fry are unable to make it to the Columbia without some human help — volunteers used nets to capture the fry, placing them in buckets for a ride to deeper

waters. Community members gather yearly, when water levels are low, to help the fish continue their run to the Columbia, said Igo.

Austin Dillon, of Oregon Fish and Wildlife, was present to help volunteers

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## Hood River man charged with kidnap, rape

By PATRICK MULVIHILL  
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A Hood River man is facing eight different felony charges, including rape and kidnap.

Michael Scott Linden, 52, was charged with two counts of burglary, two counts of kidnapping, rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, assault fourth degree, strangulation and two counts of unlawful use of weapon — all of which are felonies. Linden was also charged with assault and menacing, which are misdemeanors.

Linden could face upwards of 40 years in prison for the most severe charges levied against him, which are subject to mandatory minimum sentences by Oregon Ballot Measure 11.

According to a case file obtained from the Circuit Court, Linden was accused of "unlawfully and knowingly" invading Jessica Michelle Linden's residence on Culbertson Drive in Parkdale and committing numerous crimes. Linden was allegedly armed with a gun and a knife.

Sgt. Ricardo Casteneda of the Hood River Sheriff's Department arrested Linden Tuesday night at the Indian Creek Golf Course parking lot after stopping a vehicle there, said Hood River County Sheriff Matt English. Linden was booked in Northern Oregon Re-



Michael Scott Linden

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# Spotlight

A weekly series about a day in the life ...

## Divide and culture: Jackie Shaw leads club plant sale

By TRISHA WALKER  
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No one is quite sure how long the Odell Garden Club has been putting on their annual Blossom Fest plant sale — it's estimated at around 20 or 30 years — but whatever the tally, it's the club's largest fundraiser.

Jackie Shaw, the club's vice president, has been in charge of the event for the past 10 years, taking it over from former president Jenny Vann. She "doesn't do much" to get ready for the sale; she simply tends, digs, cuts, grows, waters, fertilizes and eventually sets up and labels the plants for the one-day event, held in the Community Building at the fairgrounds — this year, on April 18.

"I just do a lot of digging of my plants; I do a lot of dividing," she said of the undertaking. "It's fun and I love doing it. I like starting stuff."

She took over the sale "to be nice. I'm vice president, and I took over because they wanted me to because I was the one who brought the most plants," she said. "I can't remember how I got voted into that job, but I could get voted out pretty fast."

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Photos by Trisha Walker

JACKIE SHAW has been in charge of the Odell Garden Club's annual Blossom Fest plant sale for the past 10 years. Here, she tends some of the many plants, shrubs and berries on her property in preparation for the April 18 fundraiser.

## Four To Go

### Oregon Trail Rally scheduled April 24-26

Oregon Trail Rally happens April 24-26, in Dufur most of April 25, then at Double Mountain Brewery Saturday at 7:30 p.m. for a street party with the rally cars on display Racing on the logging roads around Hood River on April 26. The event service park will be at the Port's Lot 1 all day Sunday, where spectators can check out the cars and visit with the teams. However, to see racing, spectators will have to either go to Portland Raceway April 24, or to Dufur on April 25.



### Mosier School has three board posts open

The Unified Board of Directors for Mosier Community School and Mosier Middle School currently has three vacancies due to terms expiring. The open positions will be filled by election.

Voters must be part of the Membership Foundation. Those who wish to apply and/or vote should an application from www.mosierschool.com.

Applications are due by April 24, and candidates are encouraged to attend a public forum on May 6 at 5:15 p.m. at the school. For details contact board co-chair Robert Teskey at teskeyr@nwasco.k12.or.us.

### Pie with the mayor on Monday

Mayor Paul Blackburn will host office hours at Shari's Restaurant on the Heights on April 20 from noon to 1 p.m. Come enjoy a slice of pie and meet your Mayor.



Mayor Paul Blackburn

### Plant stewardship classes held this spring

Columbia Gorge Community College, in partnership with the Discovery Center, will offer a series of plant stewardship class this spring. A group of three workshops, each including a presentation and field trip, can be taken as a series or individually. The first is Wildflower Stewardship, April 30.

Register online or by calling 541-5066011. Cost of the series is \$69, or \$29 each.