

Photo Courtesy of R. Aman

PANORAMIC VIEW to the west ahead of them, volunteers carry injured hiker down Dog Mountain trail.

## Volunteers are dog's best friend on Dog Mtn. trail

gency Medical Services (SCEMS) were called to the Dog Mountain Trail Monday at 1:10 p.m. for an injured hiker at the top of the Mountain.

The adult female had an ankle injury was carried down the trail in a litter and upon arrival at the trailhead refused transport to the hospital. While crews were assisting the injured hiker down the trail they came across a dog that had severe abrasions to his paws. Medics bandaged the animal and carried the 90 pound dog down the remainder of the trail.

While SCEMS is never called onto trails for animal

Skamania County Emer- rescues they have seen and assisted dehydrated and injured animals while on calls due to lack of preparation from the owners.

EMS officials noted that, although hiking through the Columbia River Gorge can be a wonderful experience, preparation and planning are key. Research the area you intend to hike, pack enough food and water for you (and your pup), wear appropriate attire and be realistic when choosing a hiking trail.

Skamania County Fire District #1, Wind River Search and Rescue, Silver Star Search and Rescue and Skamania County Sheriff's Office were also on scene.

## **BUCKLE UP AND RIDE RIGHT** Police enforce speed, phones, car seats

From May 18 until May 31, the the state. Hood River City Police Department will be conducting a two week traffic safety Blitz campaign. The focus will be on seat belts, speed, and cell phone use while driving. The purpose of this traffic enforcement is to promote safety, compliance, and to reduce the number of motor vehicle related injuries or deaths. This enforcement must be restrained in either a child

Oregon law requires a child weighing less than 40 pounds to be properly restrained by a child safety seat. A child under one year of age or weighing less than 20 pounds must be restrained in a rear-facing child seat. A child over 40 pounds but under age eight or less than 4 feet, 9 inches tall campaign will take place throughout seat with a harness system or in a

booster seat that raises the child up so that a lap and shoulder belt system fit correctly.

Law Enforcement will not only be checking for persons wearing seat belts, but also that they are being worn properly. Please take the time to buckle up and stay safe. For additional information, please contact Sergeant Don Cheli at the Hood River Police Department at 541-387-5256.



## **STATE ST. SIGNALS**

Getting two antennas to talk to each other was Tuesday's task for Land Electric owner Rafael Landeros, right, and Joe Zargo, at the pedestrian-controlled crosswalk signal on State Street at the Hood River Library. They were installing two antennas that carry the signal when a walker pushes the button on either side of the street, activating flashing lights to alert drivers that the crosswalk is in use. The signals were down through most of the State Street Urban Renewal project in 2014-15, and one of the solarpowered antennae was not charging correctly and needed to be replaced. Landeros said they expected to have the devices in synch and operating by Wednesday. "We know it's really needed," he said. Inset: "We'll be calling tech support," Landeros said, given the difference between the original antenna and the new one they were to install Tuesday, which came with a more elaborate set of fuses.

See age A12 for details on the city's June 5 ribbon cutting for the Urban Renewal Project, a block-and-a-half away at Third and State streets.

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