

Give a gift if you want to love the holidays

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People who love Christmas tend to be people who love to give.

It's no wonder a third of all annual giving takes place in December. Those who have plenty can't and shouldn't enjoy the holidays without helping those with less.

The United States ranks fifth overall in giving compared to other countries, the personal-finance website WalletHub reports.

WalletHub also ranked the states based on 14 indicators of charitable behavior and Oregon did pretty well.

We're seventh in volunteer rates, 12 in the number of charities per capita, 13 in the percent of income residents donate and 16 in both the percent of the population who donate money and the

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Above left: Greg and Christina Merten's leonberger dogs Gulliver and Murphy pose with Santa at last year's Clatsop Animal Assistance fund-raiser.

Above right: Owen and Savannah, rescued greyhounds belonging to Roger and Jonena Lindsley of Astoria, get their time with Santa.

Bottom left: Visitors look through auction items at last year's Clatsop Animal Assistance party.

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Marinas target abandoned boats City sells them via website; others hold public auctions

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Boat for sale at a steal of a price.

\$1,000 will get you the American, a 35-foot wooden recreational vessel.

For a little under \$8,000, you can have Master Chris, a 72-foot commercial craft.

Buy a boat

The city has available boats listed on the web at ci.warrenton.or.us. A link on the home page will take you to Marina Items for Sale.

The city has placed seven boats for sale after going through an arduous process to obtain ownership rights through a state maritime seizure process. All the boats were abandoned – some of them for years -- and left to die at Warrenton Marina.

"The Master Chris showed up in the middle of the night and they just walked away from it," Harbormaster Jane Sweet said.

Other boats were left to rot when owners couldn't afford the maintenance or moorage fees. Some sank.

The city of Warrenton started out with

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The 35-foot wooden recreational vessel American will go for debt payment plus \$1,000 or best offer.

Recent incidents spur fears of chronic wasting disease in Oregon

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Twice in the past month, hunters have brought elk or elk parts infected with chronic wasting disease into Oregon.

It's a major concern for state wildlife officials since Oregon is a CWD-free state. The fatal neurological disease has never been detected in the state's captive or free-ranging deer, elk or moose.

In the most recent case, two hunters brought prohibited elk parts from Colorado and Wyoming –

where chronic wasting is a problem -- into the Rogue Valley.

Earlier in November, a Madras man brought banned parts of a CWD-positive deer from Montana to Oregon. In that case, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife collected the banned parts and incinerated them, which is one of the only ways to destroy the pathogen.

In both instances, Oregon State Police cited the hunters.

The risk of transmitting the non-reversible disease to Oregon's wild game population is high, especially in light of the two recent incidents.

One infected animal can affect the future of all susceptible species in the state.

By bringing potentially CWD-infected elk parts containing central nervous system tissue into Oregon, the health and population of Oregon's deer, elk, and moose is jeopardized.

"We need hunters who go out of state to be vigilant and not bring prohibited ungulate parts back to Oregon," said Duane Dungannon, state coordinator for the Oregon Hunters Association. "CWD rep-

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