

# County enforcement sweep checks compliance of sex offenders

In a joint operation by county-wide law enforcement agencies, a compliance check was conducted of all Columbia County residents who are required to register with law en-

forcement as sex offenders.

Seventeen officers from the Oregon State Police, Scappoose, St. Helens, Rainier and Clatskanie Police Departments, Columbia County Sheriff's Office and Columbia Coun-

ty Parole and Probation carried out the project on Dec. 15.

State law requires people who have been convicted of certain sex offenses to register with law enforcement agencies where they live, and whenever they change their address. Registration is required every year within 10 days of their birthday and within 10 days of an address change.

Currently, 49 sex offenders are registered in Columbia County. This does not include those who are under active supervision by Columbia County Parole and Probation for sex offenses.

The check found that 35 of the 49 sex offenders are in compliance, seven are out of compliance and two are in jails outside of Columbia County. Officers were unable to verify the addresses or locate the others. Of the seven who were

not in compliance, two were arrested and jailed for failing to

register. Investigations are continuing on the other five.

## Two pulled under vehicle by water

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thony Shepard, about 21, Vernonia - scrambled out of the vehicle but were also caught in the current.

Woodall and Lindsay were sucked under the rig but managed to get out before they went over the falls, though Woodall was sucked under again when the car hit the pool at the bottom of the falls. The five managed to climb out of the steep-walled chasm and up to Beaver Falls Road, where they were picked up by a good

Samaritan and taken to the Clatskanie Fire Department.

Two Clatskanie ambulances took the five to St. Johns Hospital in Longview. Lindsay had a collapsed lung and, because of severe bruising, Woodall was checked for internal injuries. They are all okay now.

Woodall's Suburban, which he is still paying for, is at the bottom of Beaver Falls, though it can't be seen because of high water. It will remain there until a strategy is developed to recover it.

## ANNUAL MEETING TIME

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