

Spay/neuter clinic will be scheduled for feral cats

A spay/neuter clinic for feral cats is being offered by the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon (FCCO) mobile veterinary clinic in the St. Helens area on Sunday, February 11, 2001. Call Barb Calnon at 1-503-397-4353 at the Columbia Humane Society on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment.

The Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon is a non-profit group of veterinarians and other volunteers dedicated to humanely reducing feral cat populations by spaying and neutering colonies of feral cats. They

also provide basic medical care and vaccinations against rabies and distemper. This will be the first clinic held in Columbia County.

Feral cats are cats that have been abandoned or lost, as well as their offspring. The clinic is available to people who care for and feed feral cats in their yard or barn, as well as those who manage feral cat colonies. Only feral cats who have someone regularly providing food and care for them can be treated at the clinic.

FCCO suggests a donation of \$20 per cat to help cover the

cost of treatments, however any amount is welcome. Columbia Humane Society will be sponsoring a fundraiser to help

caregivers with the cost of the clinic. Anyone wishing to take part in the clinic who cannot meet the cost of treatment is invited to help with a can/bottle drive on Sunday, January 7. Donations and volunteers are welcome.

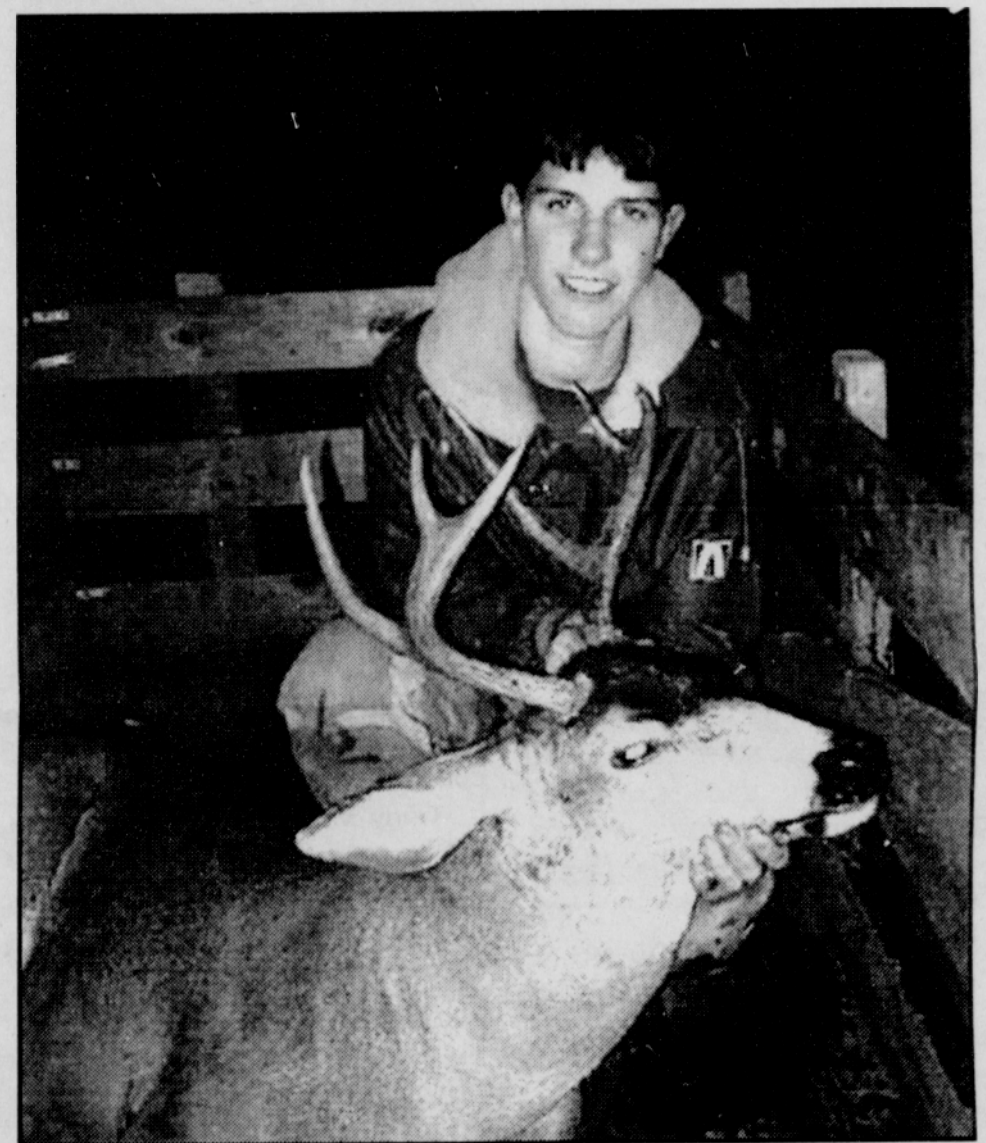
Columbia Humane Society is a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter receiving no governmental funding. The shelter is located at 2084 Oregon Street in St. Helens.

10 Reasons for Not Shopping Locally

10. Trying to set mileage record in car.
9. Too many nice things to choose from.
8. Prefer shopping in cavernous warehouses.
7. Waiting to see if downtown lasts another 100 years.
6. Can't remember how to deal with friendly people.
5. Too stressful to get it all done in a few short hours.
4. Worried GTE will go out of business if you don't order by phone.
3. Enjoy sitting in traffic and experiencing the true meaning of holiday spirit.
2. Not enough snob appeal.
1. Bah Humbug!



Craig Tolonen didn't waste any time getting his elk this year, bringing home this specimen shortly after the season started.



Brian Cook with the 3-point buck he bagged on the first day of buck season in the Nehalem Valley. The 15 year-old Vernonia High School student also brought home the bacon, er, venison, during doe season this year.

Is there a Santa Claus?

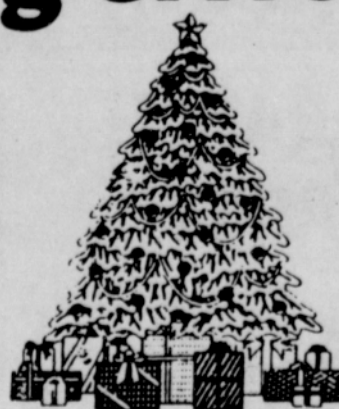


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