

Sheriff's Mounted Posse at Washington Square Mall

A Sheriff's Office holiday tradition is continuing this year. The Mounted Posse Patrols have begun at Washington Square Mall. Each year, this dedicated group of volunteers "saddles up" on weekends during December to provide information to patrons of the mall and to provide extra sets of eyes and ears in the parking

lots. Members of the Posse are not police officers and will not carry firearms; however, they are in constant radio contact with nearby patrol cars and Washington Square Mall Security personnel. In order to be easily distinguishable from law enforcement officers, members of the Posse will be wearing

burgundy, long sleeve "cowboy" shirts, black jeans, black boots, and a cowboy-style hat. They will also wear blue coats if the weather requires it.

The Sheriff's Posse was formed in 1945. Today there are 21 active members who give their time to train and perform services throughout the county all year long. Most people see the Posse as it represents the Sheriff's Office in numerous parades and at the Washington County Fair.

The Posse is a volunteer organization that is financially supported by membership dues, fundraisers, and private donations.

The Sheriff's Posse will be on its last seasonal patrol at Washington Square Mall this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. When you see them, please waive or tip your hat to show your appreciation for their fine work!

Right; the wind storm that came through the area on December 14, and knocked out power, left this mess of wires on a broken power pole on Main Street in Banks. This picture was taken on December 15.

County storm debris site still open

Washington County's Land Use and Transportation Department will continue to offer free storm debris drop-off at the Hillsboro Stadium through Saturday, December 23. Gates will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

County road crews worked through the weekend, clearing debris and trees from roads. Only tree trunks, limbs or branches, may be dropped off. No building materials or general yard debris will be accepted.

Debris may be taken to the west end of Hillsboro Stadium, 4400 NW 229th Avenue, through Saturday, December 23. Gates will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. County road crews worked through the weekend, clearing debris and trees from roads.

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