

River City Speedway season underway, next race is on June 18

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Trophy Dash: Shawn Dorie, St. Helens. Heat 1: Dan Fox, Warren; Curtis Zelmer, Portland; Mark Hill, Scappoose. Heat 2: Greg Greer, Rainier; Don Jenner, Vancouver; Dorie. Main: Doug Davenport, Vernonia; Don Jenner; Robert Jenner, Vancouver; Martin; Greer; Tenney; Fox; Mike Harrison, St. Helens; Sam Jeffers, St. Helens; Zelmer.

Street Stock – Fast Time: Rick Rehanek, Vancouver; 16.49. Trophy Dash: John Nusom, Gresham. Heat 1: R.T.

Cutler, Portland; Derik Beehler, St. Helens; Gerardo Caballero, Portland. Heat 2: Steffen Strawn, Deer Island; Mike Crase, Portland; Zelmer. Heat 3: John Haugenson, St. Helens; Todd Newton, Portland; Brad Martin, St. Helens. B Main: Strawn; Crase; Ken Bryan, Toledo; Zelmer; Cutler; Williams, Vernonia. Main: Martin; Nusom; Haugenson; Caballero; Rehanek; Matt Jenner; Newton; Bryan; Cutler; Crase.

Mini Stock – Fast Time: Joel Beehler, St. Helens; 16.93. Trophy Dash: Travis Tolman, St.

Helens. Heat 1: Jerry Wright, Portland; Kyle Frelich, St. Helens; Danny Wallin, Portland. Heat 2: Jason Scheibel, Longview; Charles Ingram, Portland; John Adams, Portland. Heat 3: Adam Beehler, St. Helens; Brad Beehler; Tolman. Main: Brad Beehler; Adam Beehler; Joel Beehler; Tolman; Tim Oyler, St. Helens; Ingram; Adams; Scheibel; James Young, Portland; Frelich.

Dwarf Cars – Fast Time: Clay Goblen, Oregon City; 15.31. Trophy Dash: Joe Eaton, St. Helens. Heat 1: Brad

Martin; Ryan Martinez, Portland; Leo Machler, Portland. Heat 2: Jack Mires, Washougal; Brad Hicks, Portland; Eaton. Main: Martinez; Martin; Goblen; Brian Hicks, Portland; Mires; Machler; Mike Harrison; Brad Hicks.

Tracer – Fast Time: Cody Smith, Scappoose; 17.15. Trophy Dash: Smith. Heat: Smith; Jonathan West, St. Helens; BaLeigh O'Connor, St. Helens.

Pacific Mini Sprints – Fast Time: Dave Walters, Portland; 14.75. Trophy Dash: Walters. Heat: Keith Everson, Marys-

ville; Walters; Jesse Shannon, Centralia. Main: Walters; Greg Lane, Portland; Everson; Shannon; Derek Schoessler, Portland.

Women's Division – Fast Time: Jenae Frelich, St. Helens; 16.79. Trophy Dash: Kathy McMullen, Deer Island. Heat: Lindsay Paulsen, Portland; Tiffany Gee, Scappoose; Morgan Tenney, Scappoose. Main: Gee; McMullen; Frelich; Paulsen; Tenney; Victoria West, St. Helens.

From the Sheriff's Desk . . .

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terrent effect on crime. Our goal to have a regular presence in patrol anywhere in this county is now impossible.

In designing what your Sheriff's Office will look like following the election and the inevitable budget cuts, we have attempted to take the will of the people into consideration. Columbia County voters spoke loudly to deny the Sheriff the resources needed to maintain a capable patrol presence in our more rural areas. And, while the entire county defeated Measure 5-210 57 percent to 43 percent, the rejection of the measure in the Nehalem Valley was even higher – almost 63 percent to 37 percent.

I firmly believe that people generally support law enforcement and their Sheriff's Office, but that they just couldn't add more outlay for any government services, especially in this economy. I understood that possibility as we went to them to ask. We had to ask, because we knew what we would be facing if we didn't. Now we are going to face those hard choices, and I want to make sure citizens are aware that we understand that no path we end up taking will make anyone completely happy. Still, we think that there is a way for us to be successful with the resources we have left.

Bearing in mind the will of the people, and the fact that we continue to get 911 calls for service from throughout our county, we are formulating a strategic

plan to best use the resources we have left to address the serious public safety problems in our county. Those problems include: Homicides and death investigations, rapes, major assaults and attempted murders, as well as the serial thefts, child abuse and burglaries going on in our unincorporated areas. The few deputies we have left will have to divide up their time in order to address these problems.

This is not the Sheriff whining about our circumstances, however. I see an opportunity for us to focus our efforts on the most egregious crimes taking place in our county, and expect in the coming months to have a strategic plan in place that will enable us to do just that, even in the midst of budget and staffing shortages that are forecasted to continue. The tradeoff is that we will see a major reduction in our ability to have real-time response to most 911 calls for service. It was this situation our efforts in the levy campaign were designed to avoid, but we will still have a limited number of enforcement deputies to go after the most serious crimes.

We will still have enough resources to be successful in a number of Sheriff's Office programs, including the jail (despite some staffing shortages there), Civil Process services, Search and Rescue, and our Marine Patrol program (funded largely by the State Marine Board). With an enhanced investigative contingent (and diminished patrol presence), our goal is to carve

out opportunities for success that will be translated into the best use of our limited funding for the citizens we serve.

Beginning July 1, we will be closing our business office and Animal Control office every Friday (in line with similar closures planned for other county offices), but this will enable my staff to continue to provide services to remote locations in the county (Vernonia and Clatskanie) once a month. These extension services include concealed handgun licensing and fingerprint services that make it easier for citizens to access these services from the Sheriff without having to drive all the way to St. Helens to do it.

These are interesting times in which we live. Government services across the country are facing major cuts in staffing and services, and the economic recession that has touched us all individually is trickling down to the services citizens depend on. I and my staff are eager to find ways to take lemons and turn them to lemonade as we fulfill the mission of the Office of Sheriff to conserve the peace in our county. I am personally excited and up to the challenge to make the most of what we have left.

I thank you in advance for your patience with us as we work through the details and cobble together the best possible scenario for everyone concerned!

Action Ads

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Notice of Public Hearing

Before the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon

In the Matter of Rate Adjustments for Curbside Collection Services for Franchised Haulers in Rural Columbia County.

1. The Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at or after 10:00 a.m. in the Board of

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County Commissioners' Meeting Room, Room 318, Courthouse Annex, St. Helens, Oregon.

2. The purpose of the hearing is to consider proposed rate adjustments to be effective July 1, 2011, for curbside garbage and recycling services by Franchised Haulers for residents and businesses in rural Columbia County. Affected customers are serviced by Waste Management in rural Scappoose area and rural Vernonia area; Waste Connection

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dba Hudson Garbage Service in rural St. Helens and Rainier & Clatskanie Sanitary Service in rural Clatskanie. There rural areas include customers outside of City limits. The proposed rate adjustments also affect drop box services in the aforementioned areas.

3. You may obtain basic proposed rate adjustments for rural curbside garbage and recycling services by visiting the County's Website at www.co.columbia.or.us/lds/. For additional proposed

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rate adjustments not on the County Web page, you can contact the Columbia County Solid Waste Coordinator @ 503-397-7263 or e-mail roy.weedman@co.columbia.or.us for more information.

4. This is a public hearing. Interested parties may appear and be heard. Columbia County does not discriminate on the basis of disability and will provide reasonable accommodations in accordance with the County's ADA Pol-

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icy. To request accommodations or to review the County's ADA Policy, please contact the Board of Commissioners' Office at 503-397-4322.

5. The hearing will be held according to the procedures established in Chapter 5 of the Columbia County Solid Waste Management Ordinance.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2011. (signed by Anthony Hyde, County Commission Chair)

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