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October 28, 2017

Obituary for James Livingston

James Livingston January 22, 1935 ~ September 17, 2017

Long time Morgan Road resident and generous Skyline Ridge Neighbors supporter is no longer with us. Many birds and neighbors will enjoy the fruits of his labors for years and years to come because of his donations to our annual SRN Summer Gathering. Thank you Jim, for making our neighborhood and world a better place.



Obituary for James Livingston

source: <http://www.columbiafh.com/obituaries/James-Livingston-5/#!/Obituary>

James Livingston January 22, 1935 ~ September 17, 2017

James passed away at his home in Portland, September 17, 2017. He was 82 years old. James was born in Fort Lewis, Washington to William Livingston and Josephine

Gould. He graduated from Gladstone High School and in 1955 married his high school sweetheart, Marjorie. From this marriage, they had two children.

In 1969, they moved to their current home just south of Scappoose. James loved birds, he would spend time feeding them as well as crafting bird houses among other woodworking. He enjoyed reading mystery books and hosting parties. James retired from the Port of Portland as plumber.

James is survived by his daughter Susan and her husband Dan Norvald of Scappoose grandchildren; James G. Livingston, David Norvald, Anton Livingston, and Derek Norvald, and brother; Al Livingston. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Marjorie, and their son James J. Livingston.

Interment at Columbia Memorial Gardens, Scappoose, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to OPB in James' name.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of James Livingston please visit our [Sympathy Store](http://www.columbiafh.com/obituaries/James-Livingston-5/#/). (<http://www.columbiafh.com/obituaries/James-Livingston-5/#/> Obituary)

Fall Soup Supper @ Skyline Grange - Today

All ready!



For the 11th year, Skyline Grange invites the Skyline community to a hearty home-cooked community supper. We cook; you enjoy. The menu will delight vegetarians and meat-lovers, picky and hardy eaters, children and adults.

WHEN: Saturday, October 28, 2017
TIME: 5 – 8 p.m. (serving 5-7 p.m.)
WHERE: Skyline Grange
11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

DETAILS:

There is a suggested donation of \$7/adult or \$18/family.

Ingredients are well-labelled. But please note there are minimal true vegan dishes and there are several dishes with nuts this year.

MENU:

- Meat or Fish Based Soups:

Sara's Split Pea, Valerie's Clam Chowder, John's Skyline Elk Stew, Laurel's Hungarian Mushroom, Rhonda's Chicken Noodle, Libby's Healing Chicken, Sen's Chili, Kristin's Corn Chowder, Diane's Pork Pho, and Susan's African Peanut-Chicken

- Meatless Soups:

Peggy's Curried Squash and Molly's Minestrone.

- Salads:

Lori's Napa Cabbage & Apple Salad and a huge Mixed Salad with vegetables from Brake & Speroff home gardens

- Made-From-Scratch Breads/Muffins:

Elinor's Challah, Karen's Doctor's Quick Bread, Rachael's Cornmeal, & Thor's Whole Wheat Bread

Made-from-Scratch Desserts:

Pat's Apple Crisp, Rachael's Gingered Carrot Cake, Karen's Pear Cake, Tracy's Pumpkin Crumble, and Jolene's Oatmeal-Fudge Bars

- Beverages:

Caffeinated & decaffeinated coffee, teas, ice water, & lemonade

NOTE:

Oregon Food Bank Collection Box will be available to accept your non-perishable food donations. (Donation box is available at all Grange events.)

Restrooms are accessible only by stairs.

Dishes will be labeled with ingredients.

Sauvie Island Firefighters Association annual Chili Feed

Details

- Sat, Nov 04, 4:00 PM - Sat, Nov 04, 7:30 PM
- 18342 NW Sauvie Island Rd

- 18342 Northwest Sauvie Island Road, Portland, OR, United States

The Sauvie Island Volunteer Firefighters Association would like to invite you to our annual Chili Feed. We will be cooking up our famous chili on Saturday, November 4th, 4:00pm-7:00pm. Join us at the Station for a warm meal with your neighbors. As always we will be selling chili at the end of the night. Please spread the word to your neighbors, who aren't of... [Read more](#)
Posted by Michael Rubenstein from Sauvie Island

Government

Hearings on Wood Smoke

Multnomah County Proposed Wood Smoke Ordinance - Open House
Thursday, November 16

Linnton Community Center, Main Hall, 10614 NW St. Helens Road
Note that parking in the lot is very limited but parking is available on Highway 30.

6:30 - 8 p.m. (with the presentation starting at 7 p.m.)

A letter from District 1 and 3 Commissioners:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

After this summer, we all understand the negative impacts of wood smoke. The fires in our beloved Columbia River Gorge and throughout the state brought poor air quality advisories to our region for much of August and September. We were frustrated at being advised to stay indoors during the summer months and many even experienced coughing and difficulty breathing caused by the poor air quality.

But wood smoke is a health hazard in the winter months as well, particularly during certain weather conditions, called inversions, when smoke from household or other fires lingers close to the ground and creates smoky, hazy conditions.

Given that wood smoke has been shown to contribute to heart and lung disease, respiratory distress and low birth weight, we are

crafting an ordinance to reduce harmful wood smoke when the problem is most severe. In addition to the negative health impacts, our region has been close in recent years to violating federal air quality standards. Violating these standards would result in sanctions on business, industry and individuals.

The ordinance we're considering to combat the wood smoke problem will not be heavy-handed. Our draft proposal is similar to the policies adopted in Washington, Jackson and Klamath counties and other local governments throughout the state. It would apply only when inversion events create unhealthy air conditions - on average about 3-4 times per year. Last winter, we didn't have any inversion events. Low income households and those without an alternative source of heat would be exempt from the regulations, and we would support people in transitioning from wood-burning to other healthier alternatives. The program would be complaint-driven and households would get two warnings before being subject to a fine. We want this to be an educational effort, not a punitive one.

We want to hear from you about this proposal. The draft ordinance is attached, along with additional information on the harmful effects of wood smoke and information on steps taken by other local governments grappling with this problem.

In the coming weeks we'll also hold several community hearings to educate the public about wood smoke and obtain your thoughts and feedback. Below is a list of those opportunities. Please share these with your members, networks, and others who may be interested in this issue.

Community Hearings:

November 6, 7-8:30pm, Fairview Community Center, 300
Harrison St. Fairview, OR

November 16, 6:30-8pm, Linnton Community Center, 10614 NW
St. Helens Rd. Portland, OR

December 7, 9:30-11:00am, Multnomah Building, 501 SE
Hawthorne, Portland, OR

We also welcome your feedback via email or phone. The contact information for our offices is below. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

In good health,

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Commissioner Sharon Meieran

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

ODFW steps up CWD monitoring efforts as "devastating" disease spreads in North America

Monday, October 23, 2017

SALEM, Ore.—ODFW is increasing its monitoring of deer and elk herds for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a fatal neurological disease that has never been detected in Oregon's cervids but is

spreading in North America.

The disease is caused by a protein prion that damages the brain of infected animals, causing progressive loss of body condition. It's untreatable and always fatal. The prions that cause CWD can also last a long time in the environment, infecting new animals for decades.

ODFW has been keeping an eye out for the disease for years now, running check stations in eastern Oregon to test harvested deer and elk on the opening weekends of popular hunting seasons and requiring disease testing at captive cervid ranches. (The test to confirm CWD involves collecting an animal's lymph nodes or brain stem and can only be conducted once an animal has died.)

ODFW sampled deer for CWD over opening weekend of rifle deer season. The department will host another two check stations this weekend for Rocky Mountain elk season (Sunday and Monday, Oct. 29 and 30 in Biggs at exit 104 along I-84 and at the ODOT weigh station one mile east of Prineville on Hwy 26). All successful hunters driving by these locations should stop and get their animal tested, which takes just a few minutes.

ODFW is also testing road-killed deer and elk and is expanding this testing to western Oregon this year. Animals that exhibit signs of wasting or neurological disorder are also tested. If you see or harvest a sick deer or elk, report it to the ODFW Wildlife Health Lab number at 866-968-2600 or by email to Wildlife.Health@state.or.us and do not consume the meat.

Although CWD has not been shown to sicken people, the [Center for Disease Control advises hunters not to eat meat](#) from animals infected with CWD. It's also always a good idea to wear latex or rubber gloves when field dressing an animal and to wash hands and instruments thoroughly afterwards.

ODFW is also asking hunters interested in having their deer or elk tested for CWD to [contact their local office](#) to set up an appointment. ODFW is most interested in deer and elk that are at least two-years-old (e.g. not spikes). To get an animal CWD tested, hunters will need to bring in the animal's head, which should be kept cool prior to sampling if possible. ODFW will also take a tooth for aging and hunters should receive a postcard several months later with information about the animal's age. If an animal tests positive for CWD, the hunter will be notified. (Note that samples are tested out of state and results can take several weeks.)

Hunters heading to a state with CWD are reminded they are prohibited from bringing back any parts of their deer, elk or moose that contain brain matter or spinal cord tissue ([see page 29 of Big Game Regulations under "Parts Ban"](#)). This is where the CWD prion is most concentrated.

"CWD is considered one of the most devastating wildlife diseases on the American landscape today," said Colin Gillin, ODFW State Wildlife Veterinarian. "Once CWD enters a state and infects free-ranging deer and elk, it has been nearly impossible to eradicate with present day tools. So we want to do all we can to keep this disease out of Oregon."

Once animals show the clinical signs of the CWD, the disease has probably already been on the landscape one or more years. It can take several years for an animal to become ill but the disease can be transmitted throughout the period of the infection.

Early detection of CWD could allow Oregon to potentially eradicate the disease before it takes root. The state of New York was successful in limiting CWD's spread because it quickly located the first few individual animals infected and removed them, and no further cases were detected.

“If we ever document CWD in Oregon, we want to act quickly and will need the support of Oregon hunters,” Gillin. “Early detection is our best chance to keep the disease from spreading, should it enter the state. That is why we need the active involvement of hunters and all Oregonians to continue surveillance and keep an eye open for animals that appear sick.”

CWD appears to spread most quickly through movement of live animals, although it can also spread by transport of carcasses by hunters or through infected migrating deer and elk. Documented cases of CWD have occurred in Alberta, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Saskatchewan.

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Wildlife-vehicle collisions peak this time of year: Drivers may not salvage roadkill until 2019

Friday, October 27, 2017

SALEM, Ore.—Several times already this year, an OSP trooper has arrived at the scene of a vehicle collision with a deer or elk and the driver has asked if the animal can be salvaged and taken home. ODFW offices are also getting such requests.

The answer is no, not yet. New rules allowing drivers to lawfully salvage roadstruck deer and elk don't take effect until Jan. 1, 2019.

Calls and questions about the new roadkill law are increasing because wildlife-vehicle collisions peak this time of year. According to ODOT statistics, there were 1,160 such collisions in November of last year and 1,052 in October, compared to just 377 in December 2016.

That's because deer and elk are on the move this time of year, due to their annual migrations that see them crossing major Oregon highways to get from higher elevation summer habitats to lower elevation winter habitats. Deer are also on the move due to their annual "rut" or breeding season which lasts from late October until mid-to-late November. Fewer daylight hours also contribute to higher incidences of collisions.

"Be extra careful driving this time of year, especially where there

is a lot of vegetation next to a road, or when going around curves as wildlife near the road might not be visible,” said Oregon State Police Captain Bill Fugate. “Drivers who see an animal near the roadway should try to reduce their speed and be aware that other animals will often be crossing, too. Finally, if you can, stay in your lane because serious crashes involving wildlife are often due to drivers swerving to avoid hitting an animal.”

After any wildlife-vehicle collision, ODFW, OSP or ODOT attempt to salvage animals and will donate edible meat to a local food bank when possible.

With the passage of SB 372 by the 2017 Oregon State Legislature, drivers will also be able to salvage roadkilled deer and elk for the meat beginning Jan. 1, 2019. The Legislature gave ODFW time to develop a safe, responsible salvage program. As with all regulations, ODFW staff will write draft rules and present them to the Fish and Wildlife Commission for public comment and consideration before adoption.

“ODFW will work to write rules that make getting a permit to legitimately salvage a roadstruck deer or elk as simple as possible, but that also discourage poaching,” says Doug Cottam, ODFW Wildlife Division Administrator. Salvaging roadkill has been unlawful to discourage people from deliberately hitting a game animal with their vehicle in order to keep the meat or antlers, or from poaching an animal and covering it up by claiming it was roadkilled.

“OSP will continue to aggressively enforce wildlife laws once this new regulation takes effect on Jan. 1, 2019,” added OSP’s

Fugate.

Until 2019, current Oregon wildlife regulations remain in place and state “No person shall possess or transport any game mammal or part thereof, which has been illegally killed, found or killed for humane reasons, except shed antlers, unless they have notified and received permission from personnel of the Oregon State Police or ODFW prior to transporting.” Even licensed hunters may not pick up roadkilled deer and elk during legal hunting seasons.

For more information about roadkill and what to do if your car hits a wild animal, visit [ODFW's webpage](#).

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New research looks at growing population of cougars in the mid-coast region

Thursday, October 26, 2017

NEWPORT, Ore.—A few decades ago, cougars in the coast range were practically unheard of. But as Oregon’s healthy cougar population has expanded into northwest Oregon from population strongholds in the Blue Mountains and south Cascades, ODFW is observing more cougar harvest, sightings and damage complaints along the coast.

Researchers have studied cougar home range sizes, population

densities and diet in the Cascades and eastern Oregon, but not along the coast. A new study aims to change that through a research effort that will collar 10 adult cougars in the [Asea Wildlife Management Unit](#), which includes parts of Lincoln and Benton counties.

ODFW will work with volunteer agents who have hounds to tree cougars in the study area so ODFW can immobilize them, take samples including blood and DNA, and get them fitted with a GPS collar. Location data collected from the collars will be used to calculate home range size and habitat selection.

Like similar research in other parts of the state, the study will also use scat detection dogs to refine a cougar population estimate for the unit and to analyze their diet. The scat provides DNA data used in capture-recapture models that estimate population size and density. The diet analysis provides important information on what percent of common prey items (deer, elk or small mammal) are making up area cougars' diets.

Collaring of the cougars will begin this month and will continue until 10 adults are collared or April 1, 2019. Once a cougar is collared the GPS unit will collect location data for 17 months.

It is legal to harvest a collared cougar but ODFW prefers that hunters not shoot a cougar with a collar if possible. Hunters who do will need to contact ODFW and return the collar so the data can be retrieved and the collar reused, plus complete the normal check-in process that is required whenever a hunter takes a cougar or bear in Oregon.

“Better data means better science based management decisions, and this data will help refine our cougar population estimates for this region,” says Jason Kirchner, district wildlife biologist in Newport. “This research will help ODFW manage for a viable population of cougars and assess effects on their prey populations, so we can improve management and conservation decisions for both cougars and ungulate species on the coast.”

Oregon’s statewide cougar population is estimated at 6,400. The Alsea Unit is part of [Zone A, the Coast/North Cascades Zone](#), which has an estimated population of 950 cougars of all age classes.

The research is being funded through federal grants from the Wildlife Restoration Act and donations from Oregon Wildlife Foundation and the Oregon Hunters Association.

Photos of cougars available at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/odfw/albums/72157623436767547>

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[Resource Directory:](#)

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Listing of organizations and businesses herein does not imply any endorsement of SRN nor does it imply a lack of endorsement for similar organizations or businesses not included.

COMMUNITY LINKS:

Skyline Grange: <http://www.srnpdx.org/skyline-grange-894-0>

Forest Park Conservancy: <http://www.forestparkconservancy.org/>

Linnton Community Center: <http://www.linnton.com/lcc.asp>

Linnton Neighborhood Association: <http://linntonna.org/>

West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District:

<http://wmswcd.org/>

Skyline School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/skyline/>

Lincoln High School: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/lincoln/>

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