

# THE DALLESSPORT/MURDOCK NEWS

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OF DALLESSPORT AND MURDOCK*

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## 2026 Dallesport Park Survey — Your Input Is Still Needed

Klickitat County is updating its Comprehensive Plan, and this survey is the primary way Dallesport residents can weigh in on parks, recreation, and future community amenities. If you want a voice in what gets prioritized and funded, this is it. We need more Dallesport voices to share their opinions!

The 2026 Dallesport Park Survey takes about 8 minutes to complete and can be submitted once per device (cell phone, computer, or tablet). Every response matters, and higher participation gives our community a stronger voice in county-level planning.

Please consider sharing the survey with others in your household and your neighbors and encouraging them to participate as well.

You can access the survey using the QR code here



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## ***APRIL ELECTION: WHAT DALLESSPORT RESIDENTS SHOULD KNOW***

The next election in Klickitat County takes place on April 28, 2026. As a special election, it focuses on local funding measures rather than candidates.

Not every resident will receive a ballot. Ballots are only mailed to voters who live within a district with a measure on the ballot, such as a school, fire, or other local service district.

If you do receive a ballot, expect it around April 10. Ballots must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day and can be mailed (no stamp needed in Washington) or dropped at an official ballot box.

**Planning to vote?** The deadline to register or update your information online is *April 20*. After that, in-person registration is available through Election Day (*April 28*) at the Klickitat County Auditor's Office.

While this is a smaller election, it's part of a larger election year. Washington's primary election takes place on *August 4*, followed by the general election on *November 3*, when voters will weigh in on a wide range of local, state, and federal offices. Now is a good time to make sure you're registered and ready to participate.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER

The Dallesport/Murdock Community Council has officially adopted its updated bylaws following several months of discussion and work sessions. This marks an important step forward in clarifying how the Council operates and supports the community moving ahead.

At the upcoming **April 9** meeting, the Council will shift focus toward long-term planning. **Evan Evangelopoulos from Klickitat County's Comprehensive Plan team will join the meeting** and bring the County's updated Land Use Workbook for a working session with the group. This will provide a hands-on opportunity to better understand how local input can shape future land use and development in our area.

As always, community members are encouraged to attend, listen in, and be part of the conversation.

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## *The Crag Rats: 100 Years on the Mountain*

In a place like ours, where the Columbia Gorge meets Mount Hood, the landscape is both a gift and a responsibility. For the past 100 years, one group has quietly carried that responsibility on behalf of all of us: the Crag Rats.

Based in Hood River, the Crag Rats are the oldest mountain search and rescue team in the United States, founded in 1926 and still entirely volunteer today. Their story began with a search for a lost boy on Mount Hood. What started as a call to help a neighbor became a century-long commitment to showing up when it matters most.

Since then, they have responded to countless rescues across the Gorge and Mount Hood, often in the harshest conditions. Their work is technical, dangerous, and done without pay or recognition. They are not an outside agency. They are locals. Neighbors who drop everything when the call comes in.

As more people are drawn to the beauty of our region, their role has only grown more important. The Crag Rats are a reminder that community is not just where you live, it is what you do.

To mark their 100-year anniversary, a special film showing and Q&A will be held on April 15, a chance to hear their stories and recognize a century of service right here in our backyard.

### **Event Details**

Columbia Center for the Arts  
Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
215 Cascade Ave Hood River, OR  
Doors at 6:00 p.m.  
Show from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
Tickets: \$20

Interested in joining this iconic group? Becoming a Crag Rat is a multi-year commitment. Candidates must bring mountaineering experience, earn certifications, and be sponsored by current members. After a review and vote, they enter a 1–2 year probationary period, training and assisting in real search-and-rescue missions before being considered for full membership.

# LYLE SCHOOL NEWS



## Important Dates

April 8th – School Board; Work Session  
 April 16th – ASB Spring Carnival  
 April 22nd – School Board; Regular Meeting

**February Students of the Month** – February was all about *kindness!* The following students were named student of the month by their teachers: Natalie Ackerman, Kashton Neal, Alexa Rodriguez, Harley Wright, Ayebree Moore, Dariel Spalding, Damian Sustaita, Nevaeh Vega, Averielle Abrams, Bradley Cich, Ethan Sabourin, Erick Dominquez, and Melanie Barajas.

**Read Across America Week** – What an incredible week of reading! Our secondary students kicked things off by buddying up with elementary classrooms, followed by a week of inspiring guest readers. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who shared their favorite stories with our students: School Board Directors Traci Waddington, Jessica Smith, Mitzi Moore, and Amy Roots, Retired Lyle Paraeducator Carol Ullom, Retired Lyle Teachers Greer Curry, and Nancy Moon, Retired Teacher/Principal Dean Oldenburg, and High Prairie Fire Captain Philip Haner.

**Elementary Dance-A-Thon** – Thanks to the incredible support of our community, our students raised \$4,518.74! For 40 non-stop minutes, students and staff danced their hearts out. These funds will be put to great use enriching the elementary experience for every single student. Thank you to everyone who donated, helped coordinate, and truly make this a very memorable event for our students!

**High School CTE Field Trip** – A group of Lyle juniors and seniors along with students from Wishram, Klickitat, and Glenwood went on an overnight CTE/Trade Schools field trip. Students explored CTE programs at Lower Columbia College, STEM pathways at WSU-Vancouver, and the trades at Job Corps. It was a trip all about opening doorways for our rural students and their post-secondary careers and pathways. This field trip was grant-funded.

**Seniors** – Local scholarships are posted to the district website as they are received. Have your senior check often, under Lyle Secondary School/Graduation and Beyond/Local Scholarships.

**Co-Ed Volleyball Club** – We have a new Volleyball Club for secondary students. They meet in the gym on Tuesdays/Thursdays after school from 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. If you have any questions, please reach out to Coach DeRochemont or Coach Carpenter.

## COUGAR ATHLETICS

### **High School Track Meets:**






4/4 – South Wasco Invite in Maupin, OR @ 11:00 AM  
 4/10 – Bruin Invite in White Salmon, WA @ 11:00 AM  
 4/15 – The Dalles Meet in The Dalles, OR @ 3:00 PM  
 4/17 – River's Edge Meet in Umatilla, OR @ 12:00 PM  
 4/24 – Naches Valley Invite in Naches, WA @ TBD

### **Middle School Track Meets:**

4/17 – Trout Lake, WA @ 3:00 PM  
 4/22 – South Wasco, OR @ 3:30 PM

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AA Meetings Wednesdays and Sundays 7pm Lyle School Library 625 Keasey 360-870-3321			1	2 WAGAP Mobile Food Bank @ Dallesport Community Center 12pm-2pm	3	4 Hood River Farmer's Market 10am-1pm  Mt. Hood Railroad Easter Train 11:30am
5  EASTER	6 Lyle Lions Club Meeting 6:00pm	7 County Commissioners Mtg. 9:30am  Lyle School Board Meeting 5:00pm	8 Bookmobile @ Dallesport Community Center 1:30pm-3pm	9 Dallesport/Murdock Community Council Meeting 7:00pm	10	11 Run with the Wild 5K/10K 8:00am
12	13	14 County Commissioners Mtg. 9:30am KPUD Commissioner Mtg. 2:00pm County Water Conservancy Board 5:00pm	15	16 ASB Spring Carnival Lyle School Gym 4:00pm-6:30pm	17	18 Hood River Farmer's Market 10am-1pm
19	20	21 County Commissioners Mtg. 9:30am	22  Bookmobile Dallesport Community Center 1:30pm-3pm EARTH DAY	23	24 Airport Board Meeting 7:30am  Northwest 	25 Cherry Festival Parade 10:00am   Cherry Festival
26  Northwest Cherry Festival	27	28 County Commissioners Mtg. 9:30am KPUD Commissioner Mtg. 2:00pm	29 Dallesport Water District Meeting 2:30pm	30		

## KEY CONTACTS

**Dallesport/Murdock Fire Dept - KCFD # 6**

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509-767-1252

**Dallesport Water District**

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**Dallesport Post Office**

Monday-Friday 8:00am-2:00pm  
Saturday 7:30 am-11:00 am (package pickup  
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