Halloween is CREEPING up on us! Remember to BOOO safe out there!
Douglas County Government wishes everyone a safe and happy Halloween experience. Take a minute to think about safety this Halloween. Trick-or-Treat with trusted neighbors; wear reflective costumes and materials; stay on sidewalks and obey traffic signals; if you are driving, watch for all the little ghosts and goblins; and when in doubt, throw the candy out.

For more information about Douglas County and the services we provide log onto our website below.

Douglas County Commissioners Chris Boice and Christine Goodwin had the opportunity to attend a White House Conference on October 11, 2018, hosted by the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, in Washington D.C.

Commissioners Boice and Goodwin were part of a delegation of Oregon county officials attending the conference. They were joined by county commissioners and judges from Coos, Crook, Douglas, Grant, Harney, Josephine, Linn, Marion, Morrow, Polk, Union and Yamhill counties.

The conference included meetings at the White House with key administration officials to discuss how federal policies impact Oregon counties and residents. Topics discussed included the opioid epidemic, forest fire management, housing, veterans services and workforce/job development.

Prior to the White House meeting, county leaders participated in a federal policy briefing at the National Association of Counties (NACO) office.

Commissioner Boice and Goodwin were very honored to be representing Douglas County at the White House and the for the opportunity to meet with Vice President Mike Pence, as well as Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, to talk about meaningful support for issues and challenges affecting Douglas County. They both encourage citizens to visit our nation’s capitol to see first hand the sacrifices of our forefathers, so we can appreciate what we have today.

“This was a great opportunity for county commissioners to tell the White House about the challenges and opportunities we face at the local level,” said Mike Eliason, Association of Oregon Counties interim executive director. “Federal policies have real consequences in counties across our state, and we’ll continue to work with the administration to positively influence those policies.”

Oregon commissioners were part of the latest group of county officials to attend such an event. County leaders from approximately 40 other states have been invited to the White House over the past year.

The Miles Fire Was Declared Contained as of October 16, 2018

Update: According to the US Forest Service, the Miles fire was declared as 100 percent contained on April 16 at 54,334 acres. Firefighters are continuing with safety measures and repair work within the fire area in southern Douglas County and northern Jackson County. Nearly all personnel on the fire are removing danger trees along the perimeter of the fire and several internal roads or repairing dozer and hand lines used for suppressing the fire. “We’re asking for people to be patient about the road closures because there’s a lot of heavy equipment and fillers in the fire area,” said Keeoki Correa, Incident Commander Trainee. “We have another three to four weeks of work for danger tree removal ahead of us.” Current road closure information is available at the link below. The public is asked to adhere to the closure orders for their own safety and fire safety of fire personnel. Even when the roads are reopened for use, Correa warns people to be aware of visibly dead trees and green trees affected by fire. In addition, road conditions can quickly deteriorate during rain storms because the fire may have burned the absorbent dust layer, allowing water to run quickly at a high volume.

Just a reminder from your local fire protective agencies: Despite the recent rainfall, fire season is still in effect. Even though you see a fire danger rating of ‘low’ and an Industrial Fire Precaution Level rating of IFPL I, we ask that you remain diligent in your daily activities and while camping, hiking or visiting our forests and wildlands. For a complete, list of public or industrial fire restrictions that are currently in effect on all DFPA protected lands, visit www.dfp.state.or.us.

The November 6, 2018 General Election is fast approaching, and Douglas County Clerk Patricia Hitt has a few reminders for Douglas County residents.

- Residents who have registered to vote, are asked to watch their mail boxes for election ballots, as ballots were mailed on Thursday, October 18, 2018. If registered voters have not received their ballots by Thursday, October 25, 2018, please contact the Douglas County Election’s Office.
- Ballots need to be returned by 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.
- Any voter, regardless of where they reside, may place their signed and completed ballot, in the return envelope provided, in any of the election drop boxes located throughout the county. Ballots put in one of the drop boxes do not need postage, and can be placed in the drop box until 8:00 pm November 6, 2018. For a list of ballot box locations, please visit the Election’s website here.
- Ballots sent through the mail need to allow enough time for the ballot to be returned to the Election’s Office; by the deadline at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 6, 2018; postmarks DO NOT count.
- Voters need to make sure they sign the ballot return envelope prior to mailing, or dropping in a ballot box. Ballots cannot be counted, unless the voter’s signature can be verified. If your signature has changed, you will need to fill out a new voter registration card so that your current signature on file. If the Douglas County Election’s Office has any questions about your signature, they will contact you. If you are no longer able to sign, please contact the Election’s Office for instructions prior to returning your ballot. In Oregon, a power of attorney does not qualify as a voter’s signature. For more information, please visit the Douglas County Clerk’s Office, in Room 124 of the Douglas County Courthouse, 1036 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg, Oregon, or call (541) 440-4252, or visit our website at the link below. Voters’ pamphlets are compiled and distributed by the Secretary of State’s office.

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Talking Tech with the IT Team of Douglas County
This week’s topic: Digital Tips for Parents

As parents you know you need to watch your child’s online existence, but it might seem like a daunting task. Your best bet is to work WITH your child. Have open discussions about the potential risks of online activities, what to do in difficult or uncomfortable situations, and what your expectations are as to appropriate behavior.

Here are a few easy starter tasks to get you going:

- Together with your child review their phone and computer apps. Work with them to set privacy settings to the most restrictive levels on each of the apps, games and chat programs. Explain that your goal is to limit who and how much private information others can see of their profile. It’s also a good idea to limit an outsider’s ability to see when your child is online.
- Talk about what a safe profile looks like. Instead of uploading a profile photo of themselves, suggest they use a picture of their favorite pet or game character. Ask them to create a safe screen name and never post their full name. Suggest using partial or nicknames or initials, instead. Discuss the fact they should never give out date of birth, home address, school info or details about sports teams, hobbies and the like.
- Obviously talk about things that are off limits, like anything that is sexually provocative (or could be seen that way by others). Make sure you know who your child’s virtual friends are, and how often they are communicating. Are they talking by text? Video chat? Through gaming sites? Teach them to deny friend requests from people who are not face-to-face friends as well.
- Teach your kids what that they post online is forever. It’s easy to post hurtful comments and inappropriate personal pictures with your BFF or new boyfriend...but actions taken out of temporary teenage angst can have lifelong impacts. Future colleges, employers and scholarship organizations often research your online presence to find out what kind of person you are. In many cases they can find posts you thought you deleted. Do you really want them to see that awful thing you did in middle school? Or, see that embarrassing photo you thought was only sent to your BFF, but the whole school saw it in a matter of minutes.
- Finally, teach your kids about cyber bullying and to trust their instincts. If they have a sense that something is not quite right, they feel threatened or they see something that is inappropriate—they need to know that they can come talk to you. Work with your school, local police or the social media provider to report concerns. Most will have procedures in place for you to report abusive or inappropriate behavior. **DCITTeam**

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**DOUGLAS COUNTY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**

**The Honorable Machelle Briggs-Mayfield**
Justice of the Peace, South Douglas County District Justice Court

When the shoe (or gavel in this case) fits, make it your career. The Honorable Machelle Briggs-Mayfield is not your typical judge. She brings youthful enthusiasm, a refreshing smile and a positive can-do attitude to the citizens of Douglas County. She is the Justice of the Peace for the South Douglas County District Justice Court. Judge Briggs-Mayfield also acts as the Municipal Court Judge for Canbyville and Ridgefield (Glendale, starting in 2019). She started as a clerk in 2016 in the Justice Court office, but she said she has been preparing for this role her entire life. Shortly after being hired as a clerk, she was appointed as a Pro-Tem under Judge Carol Roberts. In November 2016, with the retirement of Judge Roberts, she was appointed by Governor Kate Brown to complete the term. Judge Briggs-Mayfield successfully ran for office in the May 2018 Primary election, receiving 68% of the popular vote. Her six-year elected term will begin in January 2019. Judge Briggs-Mayfield said getting elected was a confirmation of the trust and faith the citizens have in her and the job she is doing.

Judge Briggs-Mayfield received her Special Courts Jurisdiction Certificate from the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada-Reno. Every year she is required to attend and continue her education and training. Recently, Judge Briggs-Mayfield was selected to serve a second term as the Secretary for the Oregon Justice of the Peace Association. Justice Courts have been and will always be in a state of perpetual evolution. Judge Briggs-Mayfield wants to be a catalyst for positive change, and she is committed to investing the time and energy required to serve the citizens of Douglas County.

Judge Briggs-Mayfield is proud to be a hometown girl. She has two beautiful daughters, loves to sing and lead worship in her church, and for the past 13 years has sung the National Anthem for the Canyonville Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day Ceremonies.

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**DOUGLAS COUNTY CAREER DAY**

A Teachable Moment! On October 16, a panel of Douglas County employees took time out of their busy schedules to share about their chosen professions with students from Phoenix School for a Career Day at the Douglas County Courthouse.

The informal panel sat down with students to talk about career opportunities, what skills and qualifications are necessary for a career in their field, and what they look for in a good employee. Keith Cubic, Planning Director shared great tips for identifying quality candidates; while County Chief Financial Officer, Jessica Hansen talked about her passion for numbers; Sean Fallon, IT Director spoke about the ever changing landscape of technology; but it was Douglas County Sheriff’s Deputy, John Dorland and K9 Officer Grimm that upstaged everyone with their presentation. Also joining the panel were: Janet Coleman, Building Facilities Director; Rocky Houston, Parks Director; Joshua Heacock, Public Works - Engineering Division Manager; Rob Salerno, Assistant Juvenile Department Director and Michael Kurtz, Human Resources Director.

In total nine departments participated in sharing their career passion with the students from Ms. Gabrielle Webster’s class at Phoenix School. There are 21 job opportunities currently open with Douglas County. For more information check out the link below.

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**Free Drive-Through Flu Clinics**

Saturday, November 3, 2018 - from 10:00 until 2:00
North Douglas Fire & EMS, 531 S. Cedar Street, Drain

Sunday, November 4, 2018 - from 10:00 until 2:00
Tri City Rural Fire, 140 S. Old Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek

Contact the Douglas Public Health Network for more information.