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TO: THE NEWS MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC

FROM: COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK & ELECTIONS DEPT.

RE: NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION: DROP SITES, PUBLIC CERTIFICATION TEST.

Oregon General Election November 6, 2018.

The General Election will be held November 6th 2018. At the General Election, candidates are elected to Federal, State, County, City and some special district offices. In addition to five state measures, there will be three local measures for Columbia County voters to decide on (5-270, 5-271, and 5-272). All active registered voters in Columbia County (approximately 37500) will receive a ballot tailored to their residential address.

Election details can be found on the Columbia County Elections department page of www.co.columbia.or.us.

Voter registration. The last day for a new registrant to register to vote for this election is October 16th. Already registered voters can review and update their registration information by visiting www.oregonvotes.gov and clicking the "My Vote" tab.

Ballot Mailing. Ballots will be mailed beginning Wednesday, October 17th. The last day ballots will be mailed to households will be November 1st.

Voters' Pamphlet. The state voters' pamphlet will be delivered one per household October 10th to the 12th. Inserted in the center of the pamphlet will be the Columbia County voter's pamphlet. If you do not receive a voters' pamphlet, contact your local post office. Voters' Pamphlets can also be viewed online at the above mentioned websites.

Returning voted ballots. Ballots must be received by the county clerk or delivered to an official drop site no later than 8:00 p.m. on November 6th, 2018 - postmarks do not count. The U.S. Postal Service has stated that ballots could take up to 5-7 days to reach county elections offices once they are put in the mail. If you cannot return your ballot by mail by the Thursday prior to Election Day, you should plan on returning your ballot to a dropsite.

Drop sites for the election will be as follows:

Columbia County Courthouse
24-Hour Drive-up Drop Box
230 Strand St

Scappoose City Hall
24 Hour Drop box
33568 E Columbia Ave

Vernonia Public Library
701 Weed Ave

Clatskanie Library
11 Lillich St

Rainier City Hall
106 B St W

Mist Birkenfeld RFPD
12525 Hwy 202

Public Certification Test. The Public Certification Test of the counting equipment for the General Election will be held on Tuesday, October 30th, 2018. The testing will begin at 10:00 AM in the County Elections Dept. The public is welcome to attend.

Please publish as a news article in the next available issue.