

# DSSO Newsletter

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## **New RSPF Manager, Jonathan Cray**

The Oregon Public Utilities Commission (PUC) would like to announce the arrival of our new manager for the Residential Service Protection Fund (RSPF) Program.

Jonathan (Jon) Cray comes to us from Stockton, California. He holds a Master of Sciences in Communication Science and Disabilities from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. His prior experience is with Communication Services for the Deaf. He was the Center Manager of this non-profit organization that provides equipment and relay services for the State of California.

Jon is responsible for three programs administrated by the RSPF Program. He is responsible for Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service (OTRS), Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP) and Telecommunication Devices Access Program (TDAP).

- OTRS provides a 24-hour, 7 days a week, telecommunications relay services for hearing-, speech- and/or mobility-impaired individuals. This service is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- OTAP provides eligible low-income Oregonians with basic telephone service at reduced rates.
- TDAP purchases and loans special telecommunication devices to Oregonians who are deaf, hard of hearing and/or speech-impaired, or who have other physical disabilities that prevent them from using standard telephones.

The next TDAP Advisory Committee meeting is on October 2nd at 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Small Hearing Room at the PUC Building in Salem. For more

information, please contact Kelli Chrisman at 800-648-3458 TTY; 800-848-4442 voice or [Kelli.chrisman@state.or.us](mailto:Kelli.chrisman@state.or.us).

## **DSSO Events for October**

Sprint Relay has a quick event planned for October 6th at the Rogue Valley Mall, from 6 p.m. to close. This event has free Sprint coffee mugs and free refills for attendees. The Sprint representative will be there to discuss Sprint Relay on Sidekick (2 and 3) and other similar devices. This event is near Starbucks Coffee at the Mall. (This event is not sponsored by DSSO).

Game Night is on November 11th at 6:30 p.m. The place is Lions Center on Holly Street (parking on Grape). The event was moved to November 11th to make room for Halloween party on the 14th. Entry fee is \$1 per adult and 50¢ per child. We sell soda and water for 50¢ each. Each bingo card costs 50¢ per game. There will be a dessert potluck. The September winners are Stephanie Blunkall (Blackout) and Brenda Farina and Cody Schatz (free games).

DSSO will have its first Halloween party in a few years on October 14th. Please check the flyer for details.

DSSO's monthly meeting will be on October 22nd at 4 p.m. The location is Lions Center on Holly Street (parking on Grape).

## **A Big Fishing Trip - 6 Salmon caught**

Dennis Ross, Ron Hase and Floyd Duvall went fishing right after the World Deaf Timberfest held in Stayton, Oregon. They went fishing with Ron Hase's cousin on the Columbia River in the area of the Dalles on September 5 and 6. Dennis, Floyd and Ron caught two salmon each and really enjoyed themselves with fishing, conversation and being away from their families for a couple of days. Dennis Ross provided the pictures and measurements.



Dennis (red shirt): 40", 25 lb.; 35", 15 lb.



Ron (green shirt): 36", 21 lb.; 39 1/2", 24.10 lb.



Floyd (plaid shirt): 37", 20 lb.; 33", 14.14 lb.

## **Federal employment requirements now revised for deaf**

The Federal Government has changed the requirements for Schedule A. This Schedule A allows deaf to be directly hired by bypassing the usual application procedures and to put them on a trial basis employment. After a certain waiting period, the deaf person is officially hired. The government recently loosened the Schedule A requirements to enable increased employment of deaf and disabled people.

If you have questions about Schedule A requirements, please check online at <http://federaljobs.net/disabled.htm> for employment opportunities and other answers.

If you do not have a computer at home, please contact DSSO. DSSO will get brochures and other publications related to disabled employment and Schedule A.

## **Deaf Pizza Night for October**

The next pizza night is on October 28th at 5 p.m. to close. The location is Abby's Legendary Pizza at corner of Riverside/Highway 99 and Stewart. This event is open to deaf, hard of hearing, family, friends and other interested people.

Remember, there will be no pizza nights in November and December.

DEAF CHAT COFFEE

Rogue Valley Mall  
Starbucks Coffee Company  
1600 North Riverside  
Suite 2072  
Medford OR 97501

Hosted by  
Janice

[\[jjcvand@charter.net\]](mailto:jjcvand@charter.net)

AND

Linda Guerrero

[\[LindaRedHair@hotmail.com\]](mailto:LindaRedHair@hotmail.com)

Every 3rd Saturday

5:30 p.m. 'til close

October 21, 2006

Everybody are welcome.

This ongoing activity is open to all members of the deaf/hard-of-hearing/hearing impaired  
community

including interpreters, students, teachers, family and friends.

DEAF COFFEE and CHAT

Lisa Hanson's Home/Business  
6371 Rogue River Highway  
Grants Pass OR 97527

Hosted by  
Lisa Hanson

[\[interpretoregon@hotmail.com\]](mailto:interpretoregon@hotmail.com)

Every last Saturday

12 noon until sunset

October 28, 2006

Quick Directions:

Exit 48 to City of Rogue River/Savage Rapids Dam

Turn left onto Depot Street

Turn right onto Highway 99/Rogue River Highway

Stay on 99 all the way to the above address

# HALLOWEEN!

OCTOBER 14TH

6 P.M. ENTRY - 7 P.M. START

Lions Sight & Hearing Center  
Holly Street (Parking on Grape)

#### ENTRY FEES:

Kids - \$3; Family - \$8; Members - \$4; Member couples - \$8; Non members - \$6; Non member couples - \$10; Senior members - \$4; Senior non members - \$5

#### Prizes available:

DO NOT FORGET COSTUMES!

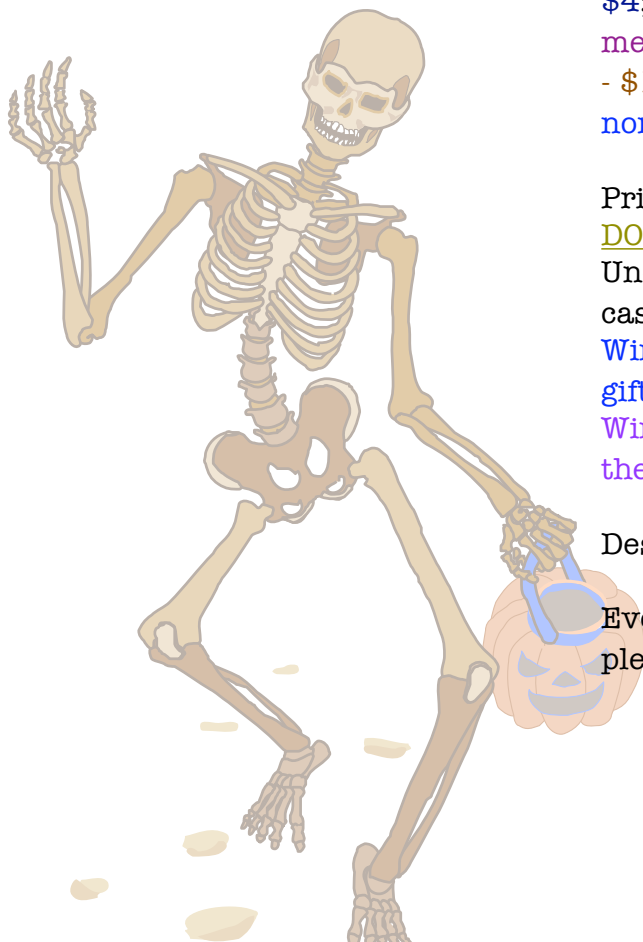
Under 5 years old - toy; 6 to 12 - cash; 13 to 18 - cash; adult - cash

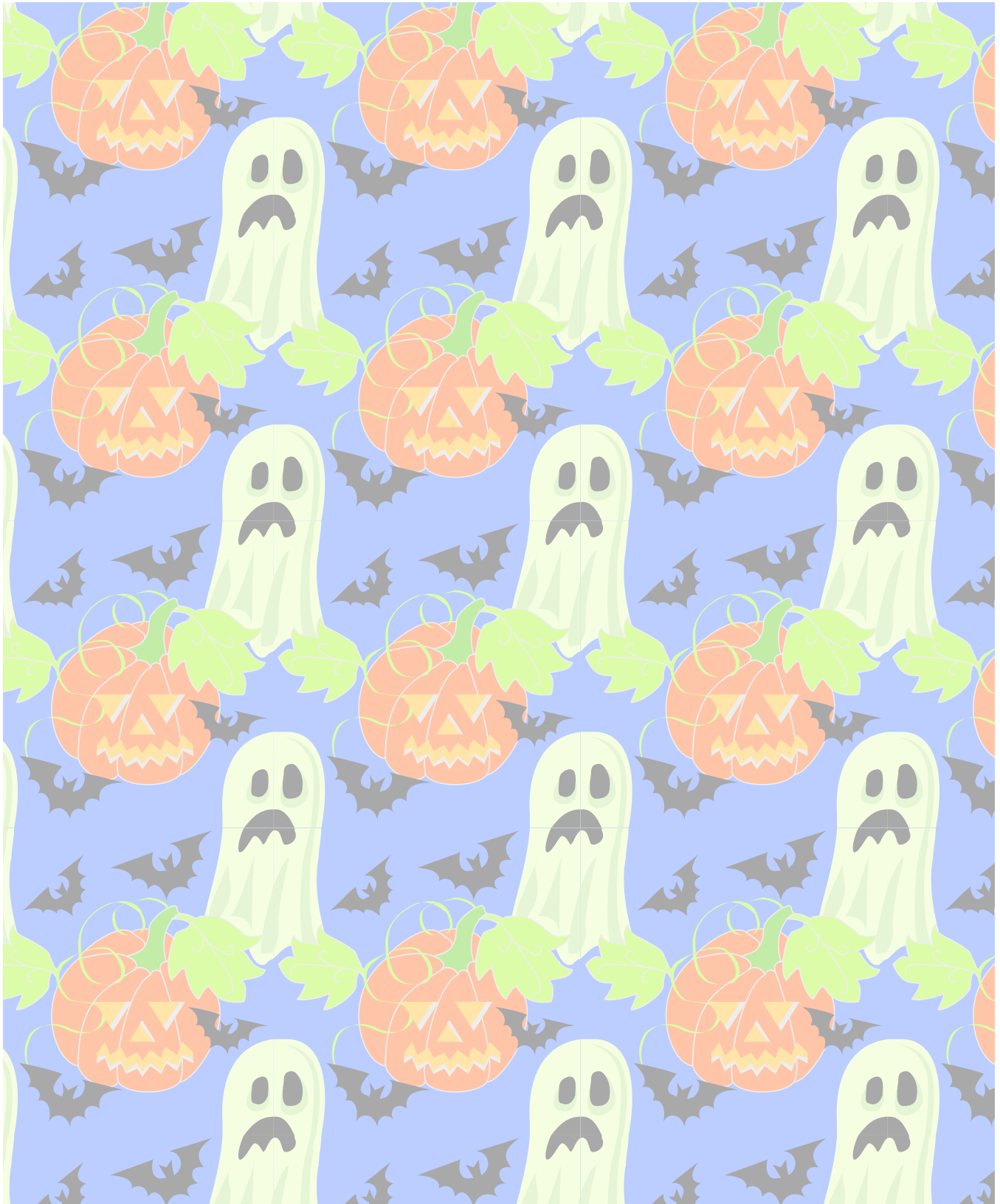
Winner of musical chairs will get a gift certificate

Winner of the guessing jar will get the same jar and its contents

Dessert potluck

Event Chairperson: Dean Darling;  
please contact DSSO for more info





*Northwest Deaf Golfers Association  
Presents*

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**OREGON OPEN**  
October 14 and 15, 2006

**October 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at  
Stone Ridge Golf Course**  
500 E. Antelope Rd.  
Eagle Point, OR 97524  
Pro Shop: (541) 830-4653  
["http://www.stoneridgegolfcourse.com"](http://www.stoneridgegolfcourse.com) [www.stoneridgegolfcourse.com](http://www.stoneridgegolfcourse.com)

**October 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday at  
Eagle Point Golf Club**  
100 Eagle Point Drive  
Eagle Point, OR 97524  
Pro Shop: (541) 826-8225  
["http://www.eaglepointgolf.com"](http://www.eaglepointgolf.com) [www.eaglepointgolf.com](http://www.eaglepointgolf.com)

Green Fees ----- \$80.00  
Prize Fee ----- \$45.00  
Total = **\$125.00\*\***

\*\* (NWDGA Membership Dues will apply if you haven't paid for 2006, costs \$5.00)

**Deadline Due: October 5, 2006**

(Late Fees costs \$10.00)

**Tee time** will be announced at Stone Ridge Golf Clubhouse at 7:15 AM for Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, please contact Perry Laney, Host Chairman, "<mailto:riverfish299@charter.net>" [riverfish299@charter.net](mailto:riverfish299@charter.net) or "<mailto:rivergolf299@tmail.com>" [rivergolf299@tmail.com](mailto:rivergolf299@tmail.com)

Mail this entry form section and make check payable to:  
Scott Martin, Treasurer  
11304 NE Conifer Dr.  
Vancouver, WA 98662-3109

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you are 55+ years old and wish to play a Senior Flight \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact the newsletter at (541) 245-2549 (voice/TTY) or [newsletter@dssso.org](mailto:newsletter@dssso.org)

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Run Medford OR 97504-6358

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6 Sprint Relay 6 p.m. Mall	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Friday the 13th!	14 Halloween Party 6 p.m.
15 Deaf golf tourney Day 2	16	17	18	19	20 Newsletter First Deadline	21 Deaf Coffee 5:30 p.m.
22 DSSO Meeting 4 p.m.	23	24 Newsletter Final Deadline	25 Newsletter printed and sent	26	27	28 Deaf Pizza 5 p.m.
29 Time Change - One Hour Back	30	31 Halloween!		Deaf Golf tour- ney on 14th & 15th		

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