**City Community Updates**

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* COVID
	+ **Current Case Numbers:**

Yamhill County has **had 2,786** **positive COVID cases** reported to date (up 193 from 2,593 this time last week). There have so far been 37 deaths (2 in the past week). [Here is the link](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fhhs.co.yamhill.or.us%2fpublichealth%2fpage%2fcovid-19-coronavirus-information&c=E,1,BIo0Hq9cMDWeu_IhcC1-X3cgKMIGxQVv-gLBI-hPApl4IPMP2G3BRESDu1rUl6C_d_7Ug1yP4IfYz0A_t-2P_WGR2ahKKlXi5rDdZ6W8yoE,&typo=1) to Yamhill County COVID webpage. [This is the OHA Epidemic Trends and Projections Report](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.oregon.gov%2foha%2fPH%2fDISEASESCONDITIONS%2fDISEASESAZ%2fEmerging%2520Respitory%2520Infections%2fEpidemic-Trends-and-Projections.pdf&c=E,1,ofqXshjT1CDJMrMIvCeLt8Y7CmnS9ddHqTyC6D3o4FDHtTKUSW5RIP621Bpy6QB0jc5PtSO48V7YHkkdrIDiIpkaVD6-23YPXJR6vKhe&typo=1) (Re= 1.22, updated every three weeks, last updated 12/18). Below is a graph of data taken from the [OHA’s Weekly School Metrics Data Report.](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.oregon.gov%2foha%2fPH%2fDISEASESCONDITIONS%2fDISEASESAZ%2fEmerging%2520Respitory%2520Infections%2fWeekly-County-Metrics.pdf&c=E,1,sxnzrO85I0XL6wa8pzD7SOjnpKMg8rraXqCcIrcWAab3UaN9S5z6US5iJE6BmXGqHNxDubXXO1L99pgk0q4asSQxpZEojj3-vpiCwHnSGvxBL4AdVus,&typo=1)



* Police



Michael Cook, a Carlton resident who Police Chief Kevin Martinez said displayed a “total disregard” for the no-contact agreement meant to protect his former girlfriend, was sentenced to 30 days in the Yamhill County Jail by Presiding Circuit Court Judge Cynthia Easterday.

The 36-year-old pleaded guilty to one count of coercion, a Class C felony.

Police investigated Cook’s continued prohibited contact with the victim, according to the chief.

Charges, filed with Cook already jailed, allege he dragged his victim from her vehicle as she was trying to get into it, and tried to force her into his vehicle parked nearby in the area of Main and Pine streets, Martinez said.

At one point, she told him, “please, just leave me alone,” according to a probable cause statement. He placed her in a bear hug, dragging her about 20 feet toward his vehicle.

Cook pinned her against his vehicle, pushing his right forearm into her back while opening the door of the vehicle. He shoved her into the open door with her shouting, “get off of me, get off of me.”

Bystanders reacted at one point, yelling at Cook to leave her alone.

She broke free, ran to a nearby location and tried to enter a building. Cook approached her again, the pair struggled and he snatched her keys from her.

When a bystander then approached, Cook walked away, still possessing the keys, which were later recovered.

When interviewed in jail, Cook denied anything happened.

He has been arrested multiple times for violating the no-contact release agreement with the woman. Martinez said when Cook was arrested that his department’s top concern was her safety.

The agency’s first criminal contact with Cook occurred last July. He was indicted on one count of fourth-degree domestic assault, two counts of harassment and one count of coercion involving the victim.

He was originally charged with two counts of fourth-degree assault and jailed on $20,000 bail. He posted bail. Violations of his release agreement led to forfeitures of the 10% posted on several occasions to secure his release from custody.

Cook, who received credit for time served, will be placed on 36 months’ probation upon his release.

One count each of third-degree robbery, coercion and harassment were dismissed as part of a plea agreement between Deputy District Attorney Alisa Ray and defense attorney John Druckenmiller of McMinnville.

**Possible Carlton traffic impacts from surrounding area ODOT work in Lafayette, Dundee, and McMinnville:**

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| Plan ahead – there will be lane closures, and other impacts as construction gets underway.Project Area MapOR 99W Project Area Map.Starting this week, motorists will see activity in McMinnville as crews prepare to begin working on three projects in the area.1. OR 18 Yamhill Spur Bridge: This week crews are clearing vegetation to prepare for the bridge replacement. Visit the [webpage](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2flnks.gd%2fl%2feyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAxMDcuMzI5NDA1NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5vcmVnb24uZ292L29kb3QvcHJvamVjdHMvcGFnZXMvcHJvamVjdC1kZXRhaWxzLmFzcHg_cHJvamVjdD0xOTM4OSJ9.nrQttdCLxLJK6pxt5Y81wcTNTJrjibxN8oGMGqXg-ls%2fs%2f928362726%2fbr%2f92798838254-l&c=E,1,mf09zQr-JFiKUNFLPutRn0LYUo826md2aYNPZa4HCNWEd-77K_QOg8xxQpghtmAx0b28JEtfewhGRgopeJe2Q0aJArCjTYHK2Rj8X728IbUFuXtatpO1cv0,&typo=1) for more details on this project.2. Road Improvements on OR 99W from McDonald Way to McDougall Junction: This project will begin next week, starting with upgrading and installing ADA curb ramps. Visit the [webpage](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2flnks.gd%2fl%2feyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAxMDcuMzI5NDA1NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5vcmVnb24uZ292L29kb3QvcHJvamVjdHMvcGFnZXMvcHJvamVjdC1kZXRhaWxzLmFzcHg_cHJvamVjdD0xODYxMSJ9.YNO-rt1PSMWkxQhrfl4R0YKuN3gQaik54BCFwv2zpjw%2fs%2f928362726%2fbr%2f92798838254-l&c=E,1,Cc8Kt8WTHNx9d5iC963HoUhw_8B2Ou3Njc2w4MF3SEOLv-_CVX3SrMhNn21tR0BCrjBERaRuycDk-MAwmwoe0yjwyXIFC08mj-I8m8jfS2Gm9XKN&typo=1) for more details on this project.3. Road Improvements on OR 99W from 1st Street to Parks Drive in Dundee: We will be reconstructing the roadway, installing sidewalks, and making other improvements. Visit the [webpage](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2flnks.gd%2fl%2feyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAxMDcuMzI5NDA1NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5vcmVnb24uZ292L29kb3QvcHJvamVjdHMvcGFnZXMvcHJvamVjdC1kZXRhaWxzLmFzcHg_cHJvamVjdD0xNzg4MiJ9.64rjCl8y8nb-QUvBXCs6NyQLZWppd1FwtnCbHUCw1xo%2fs%2f928362726%2fbr%2f92798838254-l&c=E,1,_GFmsMoiXmbl-C0y9PUUErPP-YDwVNWrL5adTyxtD_5eqxLwCgiY5Ls1pbekHBF0TkuhyOk5Q2W668b8RhEwprZj6u61gR6eFe_7Y80z1ja5vXQ,&typo=1) for more information. |

* Public Works
	+ We will be installing vents at the concrete reservoir. This was a capital outlay project to improve ventilation. The Public Works Director was able to save approximately $20,000 on this project.
	+ The City of Carlton received 6” of rain from last Thursday to Tuesday. This January rainfall, which is similar to last year, helps with our summer conditions.
	+ There was a sewer backup on S Pine St Saturday night. The public works staff were called in on overtime to respond. The mainline was plugged with a high volume of grease. ORVAC was dispatched to remove the grease. Staff was responsible for traffic safety as it was at a major highway intersection. Video and pictures recorded the event.
* Hawn Creek Park playground is waiting for some good weather to finish the concrete walkway.
* Finance and Administration
	+ The City of Carlton is accepting applications for an open Councilor position due date is January 25, 2021.
		- [VACANCY- City Councilor | City of Carlton Oregon](https://www.ci.carlton.or.us/citycouncil/page/vacancy-city-councilor)
	+ An independent contractor will be scheduled to come in January and begin the process of a water and sewer rate analysis for FY22.
	+ ODOT will be meeting with the HWY47 AdHoc Committee sometime in March.
	+ Interviews for the City Manager finalists and virtual meetings for the community will take place the week of January 11.
		- The interviews include:
			* Neighboring City Administrators
			* Citizen Ad-Hoc Committee
			* Department Heads
			* City Council
		- The virtual receptions include:
			* City Staff
			* Community members need to RSVP to anthony@jensen-strategies.com to get a link for January 12, 2021, virtual community reception. The reception is from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
* Projects
	+ **Main St Utilities**
		- **PGE is to coordinate the overhead power removal on Main St between Yamhill Street and Pine Street. Customers will be served from the back of the building.**
	+ **Water Plant**
		- **During the Panther Creek Reservoir's dredging this Summer, the water plant will be taken offline for maintenance repairs. Through a negotiated water agreement with McMinnville Water and Light, the City of Carlton will receive water from McMinnville during the project time.**
* Trivia
	+ **Where does the name January come from?**
		- ***From the Roman God, Janus, who is always depicted with two heads. He uses one head to look back on the year before, and the other head to look forward into the New Year!***