



Pay Dates: 9/4, 10/9, 11/6, 12/4

Upcoming PSC & TRAC Events

- **Cornhole Tournament (TBD)**
- **Rock Concert (TBD)**
- **BBQ Burger Meal (October 5th)**



Words to Inspire from Garrett & Sometimes Cambell



Keep your face always
toward the sunshine,
and shadows will fall
behind you.

WALT WHITMAN



1. Life is a circle of happiness, sadness, hard times, and good times. If you are going through hard times have faith that good times are on the way. —Unknown
2. Sometimes, the bad things that happen in our lives put us directly on the path to the best things that will ever happen to us. — Unknown

Celebrating This Month!!!

- *Suicide Prevention Awareness (All Month)*
- *Labor Day (September 1st)*
- *Grandparents Day (September 7th)*
- *Patriot Day (September 11th)*
- *Mexican Independence Day (September 16th)*
- *Peace Day (September 21st)*

Notice of Fee Increases – Stop Payment and Check Copy Requests

The Oregon State Treasury has increased the processing fees imposed on all government agencies for check stop payment requests and cashed check image copy requests.

- Check stop payment request processing fees have increased from \$10 to \$11 per check
- Cashed check image copy processing fees have increased from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per check

These increased processing fees have been imposed by the Treasury immediately, however, in order to provide the Adult in Custody population with proper notification, Central Trust will not implement these increased fees until September 1st, 2025.

Central Trust will continue to process check stop payment fees and check image copy requests at the previous rate noted on the current forms until September 1st, 2025, after which the new fee will be imposed.

BBQ CHEESEBURGER MEAL

This summer, the PSC is grilling burgers for our incentive level 3 AIC's. Come down and grab a hot grilled cheeseburger with your friends!

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SHIFT

Meal Price: \$5.00

You May Purchase 2 Meals Total

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SHIFT

Meal Includes

- 1 Patty (½ lb.)
- 1 Slice of Cheese
- 1 Pickle Spear
- 1 Sesame Bun
- 1 Bag Potato Chips



Delivery Details

When: Sunday, October 5th

Where: Pick up in Corridor 6 in front of TRAC

- Please fill out the order form that has been distributed to your unit and send it to TRAC (have your unit officer stamp & sign it first)
- CD-28 forms must be received by **FRIDAY September 5th 2025**
- Money will be taken after September 4th payday
- Open to Incentive Level 3 AIC's ONLY
- Due to logistical issues Unit 26 (MIN) not included
- Please state your work schedule on CD-28 form if applicable

An Evening of Classical Music Recap

There is one word to sum up the performance of David Gilmore: **"Phenomenal"**. Watching the way this man plays the piano is an artform itself. Hearing him play is a musical treat to the ears and a gift to the soul. Even if you're not a fan of classical music, but you're a fan of music, this was where you wanted to be. Remember that next time when the sign up comes around for this man's performance. On behalf of everyone that showed up to the concert, we would like to thank David Gilmore for his spectacular masterclass in the art of playing the piano.



“A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE,”

and what a night it was. With the main performer David Miner vocally transporting you to another place and time. You could close your eyes and envision yourself at the Arlene Schnitzer Hall or one of the scenes from the songs. From “Beauty and the Beast” to “Jekyll and Hyde” with “Into the Woods,” “Les Miserable,” and “Phantom of the Opera” along with other known musical numbers mixed in. This experience was enhanced by special guest David Gilmore on piano and Jonathan Sanders with accompanying vocals. Together they wove a tapestry of vocals and piano that had you not only captivated, but also wondering what was next. “A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE” was a night to remember to say the least. So, a huge thank you to David Miner for his masterful performance and thoughtful arrangement. Also, thank you to David Gilmore and Jonathan Sanders for their accompaniment. If you attended the showing thank for your support and to those who were unable to we hope to see you in the crowd soon.



Outside Motivation at TRAC



The High Desert Toastmasters (Club #1348808) hosted their inaugural event at the Two Rivers Activity Center (TRAC) on June 28, 2025. They welcomed Sofia Cardenas from Tri-Cities, WA who shared her inspiring story of adversity and triumph as someone that overcame similar struggles to our Adults in Custody (AIC) population. Sofia spoke about her life journey and various past careers, which included probation officer, jail correctional officer, and now with The "NEXT Step-Up" organization in the Tri-Cities. Her organization provides education, therapy and coaching for victims of domestic violence and DUI as well as classes addressing cognitive thinking.



If you would like to attend a meeting, please submit a kyte to Ms. Hunter to sign up. Must be Incentive Level 3 to attend.

Every Saturday evening from 6:30 – 8:45
in Room 19-27

A special thanks to Ms. Hunter, TRAC,
TRCI Bakery and our Toastmaster
volunteers for facilitating this event.

Submitted by AIC Nick Simms

Mock Job Interview Event



Saturday, July 19, 2025 High Desert Toastmasters Club #1348808 of Umatilla, OR hosted their "Mock Job Interview Event" to their Adults in Custody (AIC) population at the Two Rivers Correctional Institution (TRCI). The event focused toward providing AIC's second chance job opportunity skills with three real life community hiring managers who actively participated in face-to-face practice interviews with the AIC's and shared stories of their personal and professional experiences.

The event was facilitated by High Desert Club Member, AIC Jason Shorts for his Distinguished Toastmaster Project. The night started with each of the three guest hiring managers sharing their tips and experiences in personal and professional capacities. This was followed by one-on-one practice interviews involving a hiring manager and audience AIC. The event concluded with a Q&A panel session moderated by AIC Shorts for the remainder of the two-hour event.

High Desert Toastmasters club extends a big thank you to the guest hiring managers: Jonathan Egan – Human Resources managers for the City of Umatilla, OR; Timothy Lange – District Manager for Olam Spices; Natasha Ugarte – Employment Specialist for WorkForce Oregon, Employment Department. As well as a thank you to the TRCI Administration and staff for permitting the event as well as our club volunteers, Ed Keeney, DTM14, Club Liaison/Treasurer; Josiah Barron and Club Secretary, Vikki Chappelle; club members and guest AIC's who attended the event.

The event was a success! Enjoyed by the AIC guests and club members as well as the community guests – including one who has walked our walk with a felon history. The takeaway of the event: Everything we do while incarcerated are skills transferrable to employment and we all deserve a second chance to show who we are today, not who we were.

Written by AIC Jason Shorts, VPPR



Financial Services

Informational Briefing

Savings Options for Adults in Custody

What is the Transitional Release Savings Account (TRSA)?

- Funds in the TRSA are protected from debt/obligation collection and garnishment.
- Established per SB844(2017)/ORS 423.105 as a means for AICs to save funds for release from ODOC custody.
- 5% of each eligible deposit is transferred into an AIC's TRSA until the account reaches \$500.
- AIC's may elect to transfer funds into their TRSA by submitting a Trust Account Transfer Request form (CD1832) up to \$500.
- AIC's may continue the 5% deduction of their eligible deposits beyond \$500 if court-ordered financial obligations (COFOs) are satisfied.
- Funds in the TRSA are not available to AICs until release from ODOC custody (*no exceptions*).

What is the General Savings Account (GS)?

- Funds in the GS Trust Account are not protected from debt/obligation collection or garnishment.
- Established as an optional means for AICs to save funds for release outside of the TRSA.
- AIC's may elect to transfer funds into the GS Trust Account once per calendar month by submitting a Trust Account Transfer Request Form (CD1832).
- Funds in this account are not available until the AIC releases from ODOC custody; an exception may be granted by the CFO or designee per OAR 291 Div. 158.

What About External Savings Accounts?

AIC's may have accounts with external banking institutions however, ODOC staff are not able to facilitate. AIC's may not have unauthorized money items in their possession (such as checks).

Note: Trust Account Transfer Request Forms (CD1832) are available on AIC housing units or through Business Services. If the amount being transferred is excessive, it will be limited. The minimum transfer amount is \$5.00.

Please address any questions to Business Services by submitting an AIC communication (available electronically on the tablet).

Questions?

AICs may submit an AIC Communication form to Business Services (electronic communication option preferred & available on the tablet). Friends and Family may submit questions to dldoctrustinfo@doc.state.or.us.

**PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT
(PREA INFORMATION)**

The Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse, sexual harassment and for retaliation for reporting an incident. You may report in person to any staff, through an inmate communication, through the grievance system, by calling the PREA hotline by dialing 9 from any inmate phone.

Filing an Anonymous PREA Report

If you are uneasy about filing a PREA allegation, you may file an anonymous report with an outside agency.

You may write to:

**Governor's Office of Constituent Services
900 Court Street NE, Suite 160
Salem, Oregon 97301**

Please indicate in the beginning of your letter you are filing a PREA allegation and you are requesting to remain anonymous. The Governor's Office will refer all anonymous allegations to the DOC PREA Coordinator to assure an investigation is completed based off the information that is provided.

Community-Based PREA Advocacy (Support) Program

ODOC has partnered with community based, confidential advocates of sexual abuse victims to provide services to inmates. Inmates at ODOC who have experienced sexual abuse may reach a community-based advocate by dialing 711 inmate telephone systems, or may request a private call through the PREA Compliance Manager at the facility. Advocates provide victims of sexual abuse information about their options, resources, information and emotional support. There is no charge for calls to advocates.

Role of an Advocate:

- Provide confidential support and crisis intervention
- Inform you about the investigation and medical examination process
- Educate you about healing from sexual abuse
- Offer resources and referrals

Advocates will:

- Not tell you what to do
- Not communicate with the institution unless you request them to do so and sign a release
- Not provide legal advice

Community-based advocacy centers provide sexual abuse support to people of all genders. Community-based advocates will not report unless you request them to do so and if you sign a release of information.

DOC is committed to providing inmates with avenues to seek assistance. Below are additional resources:

**Just Detention International Headquarters
3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340
Los Angeles, CA 90010**

The community-based advocacy crisis line is for individuals needing assistance coping with sexual abuse related issues and should not be used for other purposes.

Telephone calls and mail with community-based advocacy centers is considered privileged communication and will be handled similar to legal calls/official mail.

If you have any other questions regarding PREA, you may ask any staff member, write the PREA Compliance Manager at your institution, or you may write:

E. Sage, PREA Coordinator
Oregon Department of Corrections
2575 Center St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301