

*And all at once...*  
SUMMER COLLAPSED INTO FALL

October 2021  
**Newsletter**



## Overcoming Obstacles

*This spotlight is dedicated to Deanna D.*

Deanna is the true definition of what it means to overcome obstacles!

Over 2 years ago Deanna found herself homeless and living in a local women's shelter. While at the shelter, Deanna faced many obstacles and tried several times to get back on her feet.

She was knocked down again and again, but she never let it take her out! She persevered in learning skills, how to trust others, and most of all - recognizing that she has a fighting spirit within her.

Today, Deanna is a very different person than she was before. Through working with a job developer, she gained employment as a housekeeper at a local hotel. She surrounded herself with trusted people and built a strong support system. And last, but not least, she made her biggest dream become a reality; she now has an apartment to call her own.

Through her trials and tribulations, Deanna has shown grace and determination that will last her a lifetime.

Way to go Deanna!

*By Mendi Harnish, CCM PA*

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*Deanna with a key to her apartment*

*"She made her biggest dream become a reality"*



# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Robin Mouser, CCM Director

## October is **National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month**.

## Keeping Current

### Fall is here and so are the festivities!

With holidays around the corner, it is important to remember that COVID-19 continues to threaten our communities and precautions are necessary to keep ourselves and those around us healthy.

Remember, the best way to prevent illness is to:

- **Wash your hands often**
- **Wear a mask in public settings or when in close quarters to those outside of your immediate household**
- **Practice social distancing**

Vaccines for COVID-19 are also widely available. If you are interested in getting a vaccine but don't know where to go, contact your PA. They can assist you in locating a clinic in your area or provide information on how to contact your local Public Health Authority.



Oregon recognizes that we are all better off when everyone can contribute to their community through meaningful employment.

The Covid-19 pandemic has been difficult for many businesses. Across the State and our Country, we have seen a higher rate of unemployment among people with disabilities than their peers without disabilities.

This month, as we celebrate both the philosophy and Oregon State policy of Employment First, we remind ourselves that recovery from the pandemic must include all Oregonians.

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), Oregon Commission for the Blind (OCB) and Oregon Department of Education (ODE) invite the public to a series of free webinars every Tuesday in October from noon to 1 p.m. around the theme of inclusion. A podcast about the webinars is available online at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/EMPLOYMENT/EMPLOYMENT-FIRST/Pages/training.aspx>



# DID YOU KNOW?

**October was originally the 8<sup>th</sup> month of the year!**

October was named after the Latin word "octo" meaning "eight." This is because October was originally the eighth month of the year! This all changed after the adoption of the Roman calendar. Julius Caesar and Augustus introduced July and August, making October the tenth month in the year instead of the eighth month.

## Fun Facts About Halloween

- The traditional colors of Halloween are black and orange. ...
- Around 40% of Americans dress up in a costume on Halloween. ...
- Snickers chocolate bars are considered the number one favorite Halloween candy.
- Candy corn was originally called Chicken Feed.
- Ireland is believed to be the birthplace of Halloween.
- Jack O' Lanterns were originally made from Turnips.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



## Upcoming Events



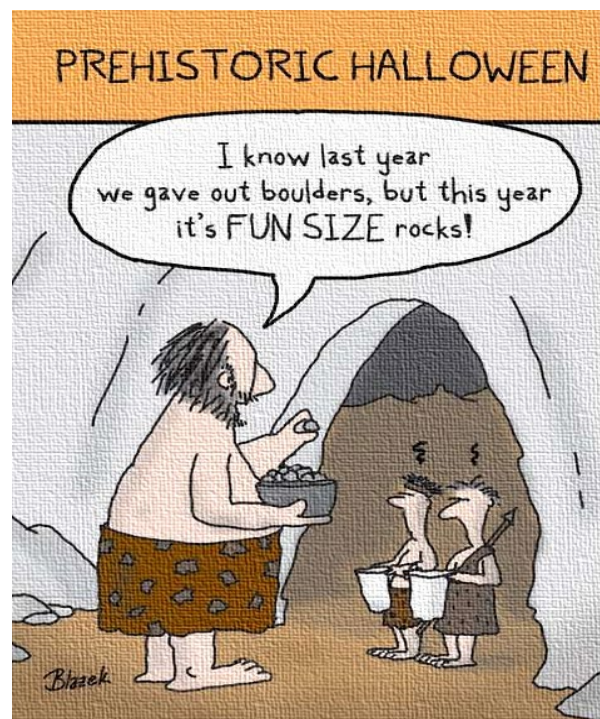
## CCM TRICK OR TREAT DRIVE THRU!

**Coos:** Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm

**Curry:** Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 1-2 pm  
at Kid Town in Azalea Park.

**Douglas:** Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm

**Klamath:** Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm  
the CCM staff will carve a pumpkin for you to vote on the best one.



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Travis C.  
Kole K.

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Diana R.  
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