

Trash Talk

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Homegrown Success

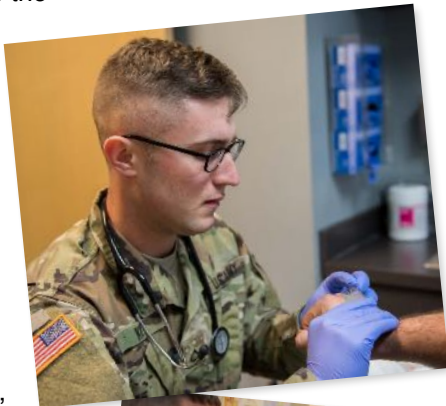
Newport son Dallas Kay now Combat Medic in the Army

Growing up in Newport, Dallas Kay likely did not imagine he'd be living as an Army Combat Medic 3,000 miles across the continental U.S. from his Oregon hometown. This 2010 Newport High School graduate and third-generation Newportian has made quite a journey from his family roots to pursue his aspirations. Dallas' Dad Casey Kay has worked for Thompson's Sanitary as a driver for several years and loves to tell you about his sons. He and his wife Trish along with Dani Kay, Dallas' mother, raised their boys to be hard-workers and supported them in their goals.

After high school, Dallas attended Western Oregon University starting out as a hospitality major, which then moved into a medical concentration. He wasn't quite sure his direction at WOU, so looked to the United States Army as an option. The Army was interested in the medical classes he had begun and Kay wanted adventure, so Dallas enlisted. For basic training, Kay was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, then onto Fort

Sam in Houston, Texas for Combat Medic Training. Since

January 2016, Private First Class Kay has been stationed at Fort Meyer in Virginia, serving with the 4th Battalion, 3d US Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) which



Pfc. Kay on the job

conducts memorial affairs to honor fallen comrades, and ceremonies and special events to represent the Army. It was here where Kay earned special recognition for helping to save the life of a civilian, who was in shock, by running several miles to get a medic van in time to get her treatment. Everyone at Thompson's Sanitary is proud of this Newport son and wanted to pass on his story to inspire others.

In the Know

Free Compost

Celebrate Earth Day, April 22, with free compost

Thompson's Sanitary Earth Day tradition of free compost is here again April 22, available while supplies last, at the Agate Beach Transfer Station, 8096 NE Avery Street, open 9:00am-4:00pm. Come by and pick up one free load of compost per customer which was hauled directly by TSS from Pacific Region Compost, the facility we haul all curbside Mixed Compostables to. This is full-circle recycling at it's best!

We need your help!

Update your account info so we can keep you informed

This last Winter was an unusual one for our community with multiple school closures, event cancellations, as well as interruption in waste collection. TSS is looking at new ways to communicate interruptions of service, but we need your preferred method of contact and valid phone numbers and emails. Please send a quick message to info@thompsonsanitary.com to update your contact info.

Carts out by 6am

Please put out your carts by 6:00am on your service day

Its important you put out your carts by 6:00am your service day, so we don't miss you! Routes sometimes change and even though your recycling has been picked up at 10:00am for the last two years, it's possible it could change. At TSS we're constantly examining our routes for efficiency, so help us (and you) by having your cart out by 6:00am.

HELP US NOTIFY YOU

Thompson's has always made communication with our customers a top priority



I think we can all agree that this year started with some unusually severe weather, not only for the coast but all of Oregon. I want to thank all of our customers for being patient and understanding as we balanced safety with route postponements or even cancellation (as our Friday customers know

specifically about this year). As a family business we take direct care in our employees and of our community. And we don't make decisions lightly that affect either one. This year we postponed part of a service week for a day due to snow and then unfortunately had to cancel collection of Friday customers due to a freezing rain storm. It was a rough week.

Safety comes first for both our employees and the community at large. As I talked to colleagues in the garbage business, we discussed the usual topics of how we live in a fast response world, short email response times, social media, trending topics, just to name a few. There wasn't a conversation that went by where the severe weather didn't come up. I was reassured that even in areas that are very accustomed to getting snow and ice, they were having to cancel routes. Not just for a day but for whole weeks! (Think Central Oregon here). To make matters worse, some of those companies' recycling service is by design an "every other week" frequency. So that means if you miss a week its four weeks between that recycling cart getting emptied. I asked 'how are you communicating', and I got a long list of all the ways. Twitter, FaceBook, Radio, Webpage, as well as a direct phone call.

This article now comes full circle; we want to communicate with you about how your service is impacted by weather or similar situation. In a continued effort to do that, we want to utilize a service to call only those customers who are affected. **To do this we need a current and preferred phone number for you!**

Please help us to better communicate with you by providing your best phone number. Just email us at info@thompsonsantary.com and we'll update our database. We hope the rest of our year goes without interruption. Please know that if we postpone or cancel routes we do so for safety and make the decision with careful consideration. Be safe out there!

Rob Thompson

Attention Beachcombers

help track marine debris



Marine Debris Tracker allows you to report where you find marine debris or litter anywhere

in the world... and then prevent it from impacting our oceans.

The Mobile App, which is on the Apple App Store and listed as MarineDebrisTracker (notice no spaces), is a joint partnership of the NOAA Marine Debris Division and the Southeast Atlantic Marine Debris Initiative (SEA-MDI), located within the College of Engineering at the University of Georgia. A primary goal of SEA-MDI is to use innovative technologies and unique expertise to add culturally relevant outreach tools and information to the current NOAA Marine Debris Division.

Marine

Debris Tracker is the first product of this initiative. It is the hope that it will spread awareness of marine debris, as well as serve as an easy to use and simple tool for marine debris data collection. You can also find more information on Facebook under Marine Debris Tracker.

