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Leverkusen, den 1.1.2021

An den Oberbürgermeister der Stadt Leverkusen,
Herrn Uwe Richrath,
Büro des Rates

Bitte setzen Sie diesen Antrag auf die Tagesordnung der zuständigen Gremien sowie die des Rates :

Die Fachverwaltung der Stadt nimmt Kontakt zu der Initiative „Kältegang" für Obdachlose auf und prüft mit der Initiative gemeinsam, ob die kleinen, preiswerten – ca. 2000 Euro -, leicht zusammenbaubaren und zudem effektiven Unterkünfte, die man in den USA für Obdachlose - Conestega Hut / der Stadt Eugene /Anlage - entwickelt hat, nicht auch an einigen Stellen unserer Stadt versuchsweise aufstellen könnte.

Begründung :

Hier scheint man eine Form der Unterbringung gefunden zu haben, die möglicherweise sogar eine Chance bietet, den betroffenen Mitmenschen eine festen Wohnsitz zu testieren und damit einen wesentlichen Baustein für eine Rückkehr in ein geordneteres Leben zu schaffen.

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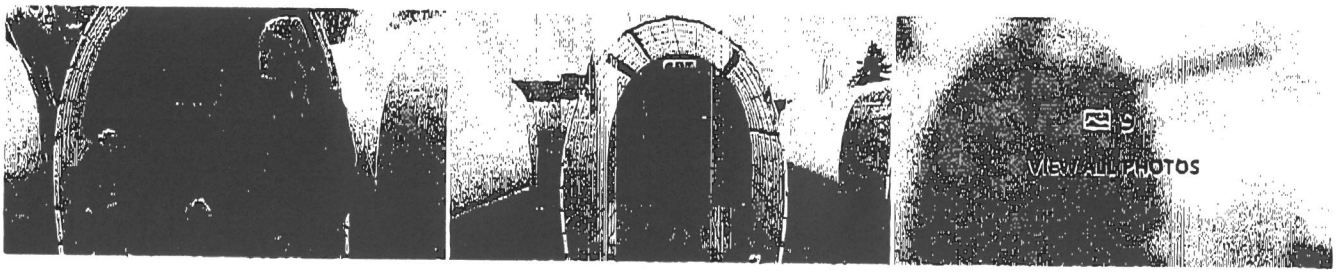
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Conestoga Huts for the homeless a solution for the Northwest?

by Keith Eldridge | KOMO News
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Conestoga Huts for the homeless (KOMO Photo)

A dynamic new approach to homelessness with roots in settling the West: Conestoga Huts. The trend started in Eugene and the supporters are hoping it will spread through the Northwest.

"This is our hut," said Tracy Joscelyn leading a tour of her hut. She said this temporary

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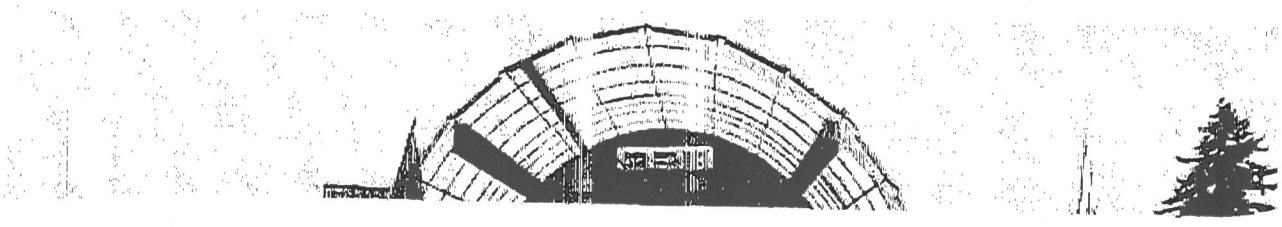
Conestoga Huts for the homeless (KOMO Video)

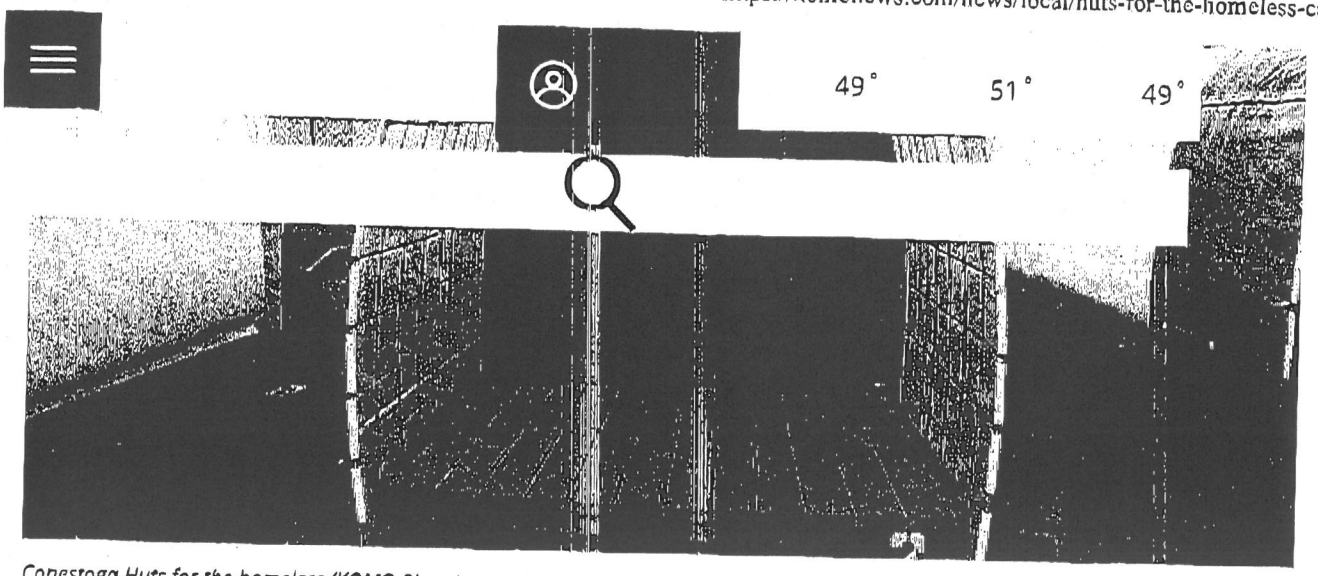
It is only 60 square feet of indoor living space. "It's just really warm and awesome and amazing," said Joscelyn. The main thing is it gets her off the streets and into a secure spot. "When you have a place to keep your possessions dry and safe instead of hauling them around, then you can start stabilizing your life and figuring out what the next step is."

The huts look similar to a Conestoga Wagon, the precursor to the Prairie Schooner covered wagons that helped bring settlers west.

"I designed the Conestoga Hut," said Erik de Buhr of the group Community Supported Shelters in Eugene. He is the driving force behind this effort, which is supported by donations.

He said Conestoga Huts are stronger and more permanent than tents and at $2,500, much less expensive than tiny homes which can cost from $10,000-$20,000.





Conestoga Huts for the homeless (KOMO Photo)

And they take only a few hours to assembly rather than weeks for tiny homes. "Oh it's a great idea." said David Quale. "It's very transitional." He leads a group of volunteers from the Eugene community in putting the finishing touches on their 84th Conestoga Hut.

"They are weather proof," he said. "They're insulated. They're lockable which is really important because a lot of people on the street lose their stuff."

"I would say this place pretty much saved my life," said James Clapp. He lives at the Conestoga Hut village designed especially for veterans. "Where I'm going to go from here? I'm looking for new employment opportunities."

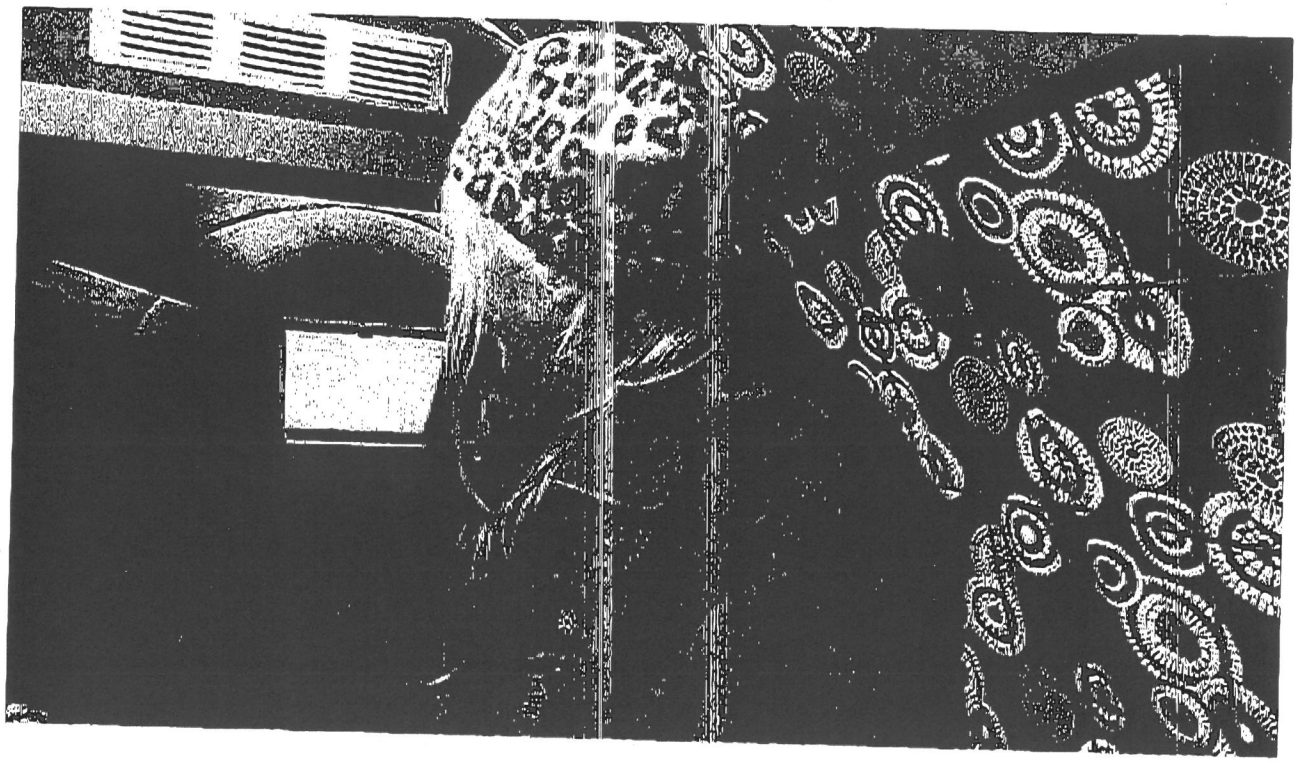
Eugene is one of only two Northwest cities to embrace the idea of dealing with homelessness in this fashion. The city council voted for an overnight camping ordinance that allows people to sleep in vehicles, tents or Conestoga Huts. They are allowed a maximum 20 huts on parking lots, six huts at churches and one hut at a private home.

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"They look nice and they look orderly and I think the people in this community appreciate the look of it as well," said Regan Watjus of the Eugene City Manager's office.

"It was fantastic," said Jeff Howard. "It gave me a stable place to operate from." Howard said the program works. He has gone from a Conestoga Hut to his own apartment with a future. "Who knows. Hopefully brighter things. Just having a safe secure place is amazing. It's life changing."



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"I think it's headed as a Pacific N[illegible] regional approach to temporary shelter," said [illegible]eople on the streets and into permanent housing.

Walla Walla is the other city in the Northwest with Conestoga Huts. Aberdeen is looking at them. Tacoma and Olympia have decided to stay with the focus on tiny homes.