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Controlling Columbia County's mosquitoes

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In a new proactive approach to control mosquitoes and the diseases they can spread, the Columbia Drainage Vector Control District will use high technology in their efforts this spring and summer.

The District has purchased two drones to add to their tool box of control equipment that also includes a helicopter and on-land vehicle herbicide spraying. Columbia Drainage Vector Control District Director Mike Roberts said the drones will help District crew members locate and treat mosquito breeding areas all along the Columbia River and other areas in Columbia County. The District's boundaries stretch from the Multnomah County line to the Clatsop County line and seven miles inland from the Columbia River.

Roberts said adding the hi-tech drones are critical in helping to track down mosquitoes the could be carrying the West Nile Virus.

"We found West Nile Virus in bird species in Columbia County a few years ago," he said. "What we are seeing is with the warmer and longer summers the mosquito species that carry West Nile are moving further north from California and Southern Oregon into our area. We predict we will have more West Nile in the future."

According to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), West Nile virus (WNV) is carried by mosquitoes and can infect humans, horses, and birds. Humans can only get the virus from the bite of an infected mosquito. The disease does not spread from other animals to humans, or from person to person.

Most infections are mild, with fever and flu-like symptoms, but severe infections may cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), and rarely, death.

WNV was first diagnosed in humans in Oregon in 2005. There have been 195 human cases of the virus in Oregon between 2005 and 2019, according to the OHA.

To prevent WNV

• Avoid mosquito bites.

• Mosquito-proof your home by draining standing water where mosquitoes breed.

• Help your community by reporting sick or dead birds to reduce your risk for becoming sick.

The Public Health Division of the Oregon Health Authority works with local health departments, mosquito control districts and other agencies to detect and test for the presence of WNV.

"We have a real boom of mosquitoes when the river rises and floods inland areas," Roberts said. They can also breed in pods and old tires. There are species of mosquitoes that have a flight range of 20 miles, that's why it is very important that we treat these species."

Now, with a small scout drone that can land on water in the search for the mosquitoes and a large done that will be used to drop approved herbicides onto the mosquito breeding areas, the District is gearing up for a more intense control effort.

"Beforehand, we would go into the fields with trucks to locate and treat the mosquito breeding areas, but there are many locations we would not get to because of hazards and a multitude of mud," Roberts said. "In the spring we would use a helicopter, which would allow us to treat about 600 acres at a time.

Roberts said he helicopter could cover approximately 3,000,depending on the flood waters, but it also faced limitations in finding and treating the mosquitoes. Even with the drones, Roberts said there will be control challenges.

"The issue with the drones is that we have to have a line of sight when using them," he said. "We will use the drones to their potential but we can't fly it where we can't see it. We will use the drone as much as possible when we cannot get to breeding areas with the helicopter.

Roberts said, by law, the drone can have an altitude of only 400 feet so that it does not conflict with airplanes.

"So we will be operating the drones at about 100 feet so we are above the trees," he said.

The drones were purchased for approximately $20,000 from Blue Skies Drones, a the Seattle company. The District has a $40,000 helicopter budget. Roberts said he is hopeful the drones will help reduce the use of the helicopter and the $40,000 budget. The District's overall annual budget is $800,000 supported by taxes collected within the District's boundaries.

Photo courtesy of Mike Roberts

This is one of the drones that will be used in Columbia County to find and treat mosquito breeding areas.

Photo courtesy of Mike Roberts

This scout drone will be able to land on water to search for mosquito breeding areas.

Painter Memorial Run set for Aug. 1

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The latest celebration for former Rainier Police Chief Ralph Painter's legacy has raised $1,600, which will be used to support scholarships for graduating high school seniors in Columbia County.

The money was collected Sunday, Jan. 5 during a Painter Memorial Run fundraising effort at Rainier's El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant.

Julie Heuer, one of Painter's six children and a key organizer of the Ralph Painter Memorial Run, said the scholarship project was launched following her father's death in 2011 and since that time, approximately $30,000 has been collected through the run and other community fundraising events.

"The money is put into an account in my dad's name and we give out one or two scholarships each year, depending on how much we can raise," she sad.

"My dad he loved working in the community and with the youth in the community," Heuer said. "He mentored many teens and he was really involved in programs that provide food for children in the community over weekends. We want to continue his love for the kids and the community by providing scholarships for continuing their education."

High school seniors throughout Columbia County can qualify for the scholarships. Scholarship applications are available at all Columbia County high schools and are due by April 27. The only requirement is that the seniors maintain a 3.0 GPA and that they participated in cross country or track and field.

"My dad was a big runner in high school and at Clackamas Community College," Heuer said. "He continued to run thought his whole life and he even participated in the Police and Fire olympics in Canada and in the Hood to Coast in Oregon.

Heure said she and her sisters and brothers often ran with her father on his outings, but it was challenging for them.

"He was a fast runner and it used to dive us crazy when we ran with him," she said.

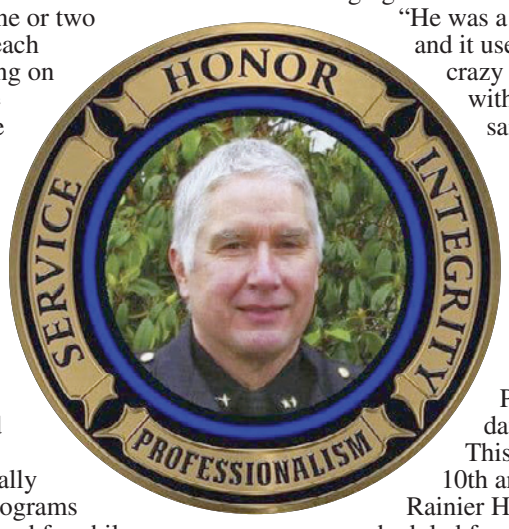
The Ralph Painter Memorial Run, the main scholarship fundraiser, is usually held in July close to Painter's birthday on July 17. This summer's 10th annual run at Rainier High School is scheduled for Aug. 1 due to a conflicting event in late July.

"El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant operators stepped up with their fundraiser and so that has been wonderful," Heuer said. "We have also had smaller fund raisers that community members have started on their own."

Painter was shot and killed Jan. 5, 2011 while on duty in Rainier.

Heure said the Memorial Run and Scholarships has turned her father's unfortunate death into a positive.

"It is really easy to get caught up in the unfairness of the situation," she said. "We are very lucky to have had my dad and to have a community to remember and honor him."



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Organizers said the Ralph Painter Memorial fundraisers have generated approximately $30,000 that has been given out in scholarships to students across Columbia County.

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Wauna Mill employee Larry McCallister, right, presents the $15,000 check to Deborah Hazen, center, vice president and fundraising chair of the Clatskanie Foundation with Virginia Leloff, left, representing the Clatskanie Senior Citizens, Inc. The three are standing at the side of the "Castle" in Clatskanie.

$15,000 for Castle restoration

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Wauna Mill employee Larry McCallister has given a $15,000 check for the Thomas J. Flippin "Castle" restoration project. The check represents a grant from the Georgia-Pacific Foundation.

The 120-year-old Victorian mansion, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, houses the Clatskanie Historical Society museum as well as serving as a special events venue, and as the Clatskanie Senior Center.

Work is on-going to restore and repair the building. So far, approximately $425,000 towards the goal of $500,000 has been raised to complete the project - designed to sustain the Castle and its programs for future generations.

Deborah Hazen, vice president and fundraising chair of the Clatskanie Foundation and Virginia Leloff, representing the Clatskanie Senior Citizens, Inc., which owns the Castle, accepted the gift last week.

Both Hazen and McCallister are board members of the Historical Society.

Those wishing to donate may contact Hazen at, 503-338-8268, or email dshazen13@gmail.com.

Read more about the Castle restoration project in a series of articles at thechiefnews.com.

Folks around Columbia County shared their photos of the snow this week with The Chief. See more photos at thechiefnews.com.

County warming center opens

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The Columbia County Warming Center is located at 125 N 17th St. in St. Helens.

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The Community Action Team has opened Columbia County's only overnight warming center for those people needing a place to get out of the cold winter conditions.

The center opens when temperatures fall below 32 degrees. The facility is inside the Community Action Team's building, at 125 N 17th St. in St. Helens and offers a warm, dry place with sleeping cots and other amenities.

"When we are open, those using the center can sign up for showers and use our laundry facilities," Community Action Team housing program manager Heather Johnson said. "We also offer toiletries, socks, stocking caps and coats and we serve warm snacks, like soup, coffee, cocoa and tea."

While the Action Team does purchase some of the amenities, Johnson said other items are donated by the community.

The center has been operated by the Community Action team since 2017. The center opens when the Community Action Team has enough volunteers to staff the facility, usually about six volunteers per night.

"Staff supports the center, but can't work all the hours because they are here during the day, so we rely heavily on volunteers," Johnson said. "If we don't have enough volunteers, then we don't open. The warming center could not operate without the volunteers. We are so very grateful for their commitment."

Because of the wintry weather, Johnson expects that the center will be operating each night this week, except Friday, from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. The Warming Center has opened for nine nights since Dec. 1. This week's opening is the first in 2020.

Johnson said that 36 people were served at the center in 2019. Several of those people took advantage of the Action Team's community resource referrals.

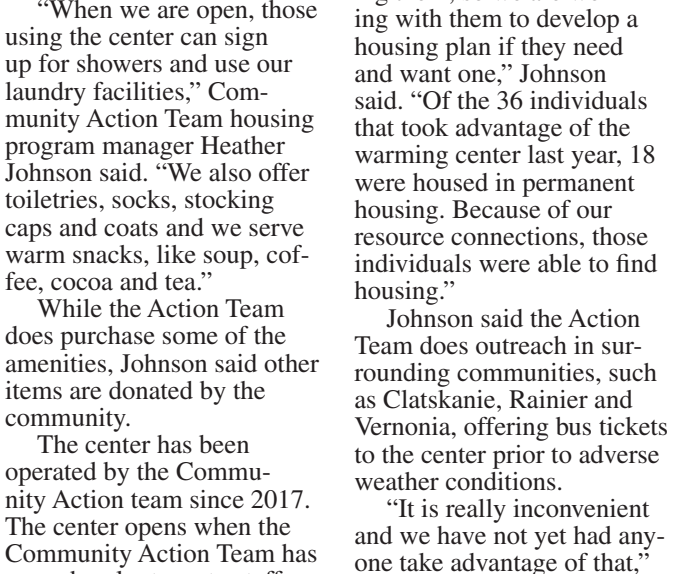
"We are navigating anyone who wishes through those resources, connecting them, so we are working with them to develop a housing plan if they need and want one," Johnson said. "Of the 36 individuals that took advantage of the warming center last year, 18 were housed in permanent housing. Because of our resource connections, those individuals were able to find housing."

Johnson said the Action Team does outreach in surrounding communities, such as Clatskanie, Rainier and Vernonia, offering bus tickets to the center prior to adverse weather conditions.

"It is really inconvenient and we have not yet had anyone take advantage of that," she said. "We are looking at ways to expand to those outlying communities, but it is challenging to find a location and the volunteers needed."

Those wishing to use the warming center should check in from 8-10 p.m. at the facility at 125 N. 17th Street, in St. Helens.

For more details, call 503-366-6559.



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The Port of Columbia County has approved a grant for the Scappoose Industrial Airpark earthquake study.

Earthquake study at airpark

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The Port of Columbia County is getting involved in a study to ascertain how resilient the Scappoose Industrial Airpark (SIA) would be in the event of a major disaster, such as the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, and to find out how to make necessary improvements to make it more resilient.

The Port approved an agreement with the State of Oregon through the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) for a grant for a resiliency study with the Critical Oregon Airport Relief (COAR) Program.

The port requested $112,000 for the study and was awarded 75 percent of that total by the ODA, according to port documents. The total awarded was $84,000, leaving a $28,000 required match for the port. The study would begin later in the year, and would take approximately one year to complete.

"We always focused on the airport as a key facility in the event of a major disruption where supplies and recovery efforts are conducted from that isolated island should Highway 30 and the Willamette River be closed," Craig Allison, Property and Operation Manager for the port said.

The purpose of the study would be to see how resilient SIA would be in the event of an earthquake, what would make it survive and function should a major disaster occur, and find out what measures would be necessary to take and what those measures might cost in order to upgrade SIA to make it more resilient, Allison explained to the commissioners at the Port meeting.

Commissioners seemed in favor of the COAR grant, with some suggestions regarding funding of the project.

"This is a benefit not just to the Port. It's actually a bigger benefit to the whole Columbia County," Commissioner Chris Iverson said. "I am not opposed to this at all, but I'm just wondering if this cost should be shared by more than just the board."

When asked for a suggestion on how that should occur, Iverson said that an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the port and willing parties would be the best method. Iverson listed Scappoose, St. Helens, Columbia City and Clatskanie as cities that would benefit from the study.

Executive Director for the Port Doug Hayes agreed with Iverson's comment, stating the runway would be marshaled for getting food, water and other necessities to Columbia County in the event of an incident.

Commissioner Larry Ericksen said he went to a meeting in St. Helens where experts from the Disaster Preparedness Group, a subsection of the state Department of Emergency Management, said the runway would no longer be viable after the Cascadia earthquake.

"They made a big issue about that," Ericksen said.

The commissioners then unanimously approved the resolution of $84,000 for the resiliency study and $28,000 for the Port's matching contribution.

The grant will guide future investment by the port as well as identify projects that might qualify for future grants in the program.

Veteran volunteer program expanding

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The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is expanding its Veteran Volunteer Program statewide, including into Columbia County, and is now recruiting volunteers interested in working with aging veterans to help them access needed benefits and resources.

The goal of this program is to equip volunteers with information so they can help educate and connect veterans — primarily, seniors in care home facilities — to their earned benefits and other potential resources.

The program was piloted in Clackamas, Polk and Deschutes counties. A phased rollout is planned that will be staggered over the next two to three years.

"This program is about mobilizing the power of volunteers to help Oregon veterans understand and gain access to their earned benefits," Veteran Volunteer Coordinator Mark Newell said. "I hear from a lot of people who want to thank our veterans in a tangible way, and this is one way volunteers can have a lasting, positive impact on a veteran's life."

Emil Graziani, a Vietnam veteran and a program volunteer, said he has encountered many fellow veterans who are unaware of their earned benefits or don't feel entitled to them.

"I share my own experience of staying away from the VA for decades," Graziani said. "Volunteering with this program allows me to help them find services that may be really beneficial to them or have a positive financial impact. I also feel like volunteering in this program gives me something back, too. Spending time with these veterans really lifts me up."

Volunteers work closely with the Veteran Volunteer Coordinator and accredited Veteran Service Officers in each county, locating veterans in long-term care facilities who may need assistance accessing their benefits.

"Veterans over the age of 65 now represent over half of the state's veteran population," Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs Director Kelly Fitzpatrick said. "They are an important part of our Oregon veteran community, and effective outreach is critical to ensuring they have access to all the benefits and resources they need and are entitled to."

The program is open to anyone 18 years or older. If you enjoy working with the aging population and want to make a difference in the lives of veterans, you are encouraged to apply.

The first training for interested volunteers will be held on Jan. 20 for those in the Columbia, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill county areas. There is no cost for the training but registration is required.

To register, or for more information about volunteer opportunities in your area, please visit oregonvetvolunteer.com or contact Veteran Volunteer Coordinator Mark Newell at 503-373-2057 or veteranvolunteer@odva.state.or.us.

Up in smoke: Wood stoves, chimneys emit pollution at levels similar to a wildfire

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Breathing smoke from burning wood in chimneys and wood stoves can harm a person's health, according to a just-released report from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The DEQ data shows that 12.8 million pounds of dangerous particulate matter, known as PM 2.5, can leave Oregon wood stoves and chimneys each year. That's more than half the amount of pollution from the 2017 Sonoma County wildfires, which burned 110,700 acres and emitted an estimated 20 million pounds of PM 2.5.

"As Oregon faces a week of very cold weather, Oregon Environmental Council hopes everyone in the state stays safe and warm," Environmental Health Director Jamie Pang said. "We know many of our residents rely on the affordability of wood stoves and chimneys as primary or secondary sources of heat, but we found the comparison to wildfire smoke important to share for homeowners who can afford better sources of heating."

Pang said Oregonians can make changes in their homes and support policies to protect our air quality and environment.

"One big opportunity is to phase out the use of wood stoves and fireplaces and commit to cleaner ways of heating, and creating ambience, as a way to improve Oregon's air quality and save our climate," he said. "Federal tax credits and local grants in some Oregon communities are available to help individual households make this important change."

Wood smoke is toxic

According to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, just one hour of burning 10 pounds of wood generates 4,300 times more carcinogenic PAHs (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons) than 30 cigarettes.

Wood burning in Oregon is both a major source of "black carbon" which is contributing to climate change, and particle pollution (in particular PM 2.5), which is a pollutant so small, it can enter a person's bloodstream, according to the DEQ. Other pollutants emitted by burning wood include: nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides, dioxins and toxic gases such as formaldehyde, benzene, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, acetaldehyde, and acrolein. Inhaling woodsmoke can lead to eye irritation, respiratory illnesses, bronchitis, and asthma, among other things. The DEQ said burning wood is the dirtiest form of energy production compared to other heating devices

The data from Oregon DEQ estimates that 12,791,821 pounds of PM 2.5 is released throughout the state from wood burning. This data will be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency's National Emissions Inventory. Click on the interactive map for more information.

OEC encourages people to decrease the amount of wood burned in a home, if it is not a primary source of heating, and to switch to a cleaner heating system if possible.

The Oregon DEQ has received more funding from the Oregon Legislature, which provides $500,000 to help individual households in:

- Klamath County – "Woodstove smoke reduction through efficient energy systems"
- Town of Lakeview – "Town of Lakeview Woodsmoke Reduction Program"
- Harney County (Burns & Hines) – "Woodsmoke Reduction Project"
- City of Pendleton – "Woodsmoke Reduction Project"
- City of Prineville – "Prineville Woodsmoke Reduction Grant"

Each local jurisdiction has more information on its grant program.

Congress recently extended the $300 tax credit for replacing an older wood stove with one that is that is EPA-certified to be 75% efficient, until Dec. 31. OEC encourages Oregonians to take advantage of grant funding and tax credits.

Visit OEConline.org for tips on how to minimize the harm from burning wood.

At least 11 Oregon counties and municipalities currently restrict wood burning during certain months and when air quality is bad – with exemptions for families who use wood stoves as their sole source of heat and for low-income households. They include:

- Multnomah County (October 1-March 1). The County also posts live-updates on each day's burn status, and you can sign up for text alerts for bad air-quality days.
- Lane County Regional Air Protection Agency (October 1 through May 31)
- Hillsboro/unincorporated Washington County (November 1 to March 1)
- Klamath Falls (October 15-March 15)
- Town of Lakeview (October 15-March 31)
- Eugene, Springfield, and Oakridge (October 1-May 31)
- City of Prineville (January 1-December 31) open-burn restriction program
- City of Burns voluntary restriction program
- City of Pendleton open-burn restriction program
- Grants Pass/Josephine County year-round burn advisory and restriction
- La Grande (October 1-March 31)

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··Blotters··

The police blotter relates to the public record of incidents as reported by law enforcement agencies. All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Information printed is preliminary and subject to change.

Rainier Police Department

December 10
• Douglas Simonsen, 57, of Rainier, was taken into custody and lodged at the jail on charges of assault and harassment.

December 14
• A vehicle near the bridge was tagged as abandoned. The vehicle was later removed.
• A vehicle on Washington Way was tagged as abandoned. It was removed prior to the tow date.

December 17
• A male subject took several rolls of quarters off the counter of a local business.
• A delivery bag with money in it was taken from another business in town.

December 20
• Tools valued at several hundred dollars were taken from a parked vehicle.

December 22
• An unknown male suspect entered a vehicle and took a purse.

December 23
• A pair of socks and a homemade weapon were turned in as found property.
• A male subject was caught on video shoplifting from a local business.

December 25
• Barry Richards, 56, transient, was taken into custody and lodged on an outstanding warrant.

December 26
• A found bicycle was turned in as found property.

December 27
• A patron who had been playing video lottery wanted to report their cash slip was stolen from their machine while they were outside of the establishment for a period of time.
• A female suspect stole a few cartons of cigarettes from a local business.

January 2
• An officer responded to a residential disturbance. A family was having a disagreement and peace was restored.

January 3
• Fraudulent charges were reportedly charged on a debit card.

January 4
• Chevron reported that a male subject left without paying for his gas. The subject was contacted and opted to pay his bill rather than face theft charges.

January 5
• An officer checked on a report of a suspicious vehicle. Upon inspection, it appeared as though someone had gone through the glove box and the window had been left opened. The owner was contacted and advised they thought their son may have used the vehicle and requested it be secured.
• A citizen reported that an unknown person took items from their unlocked vehicle while they were playing video lottery at a local business.

January 6
• A concerned citizen reported a camp trailer that they believed was a hazard as it was obstructing the view of traffic. The owner of the trailer was contacted and agreed to move the trailer.

January 9
• A subject kicked in the door at the Budget Inn causing damage to the door frame.
• A vehicle that was left unoccupied in the middle of West C Street was towed as a hazard.

St. Helens Police Department

December 14
• Brandon Michael arrested on a fugitive warrant at S 10th St. in St. Helens.
• Simple assault at the parking lot at 1111 Columbia Blvd. in St. Helens. Tehvyn Shane Kiciza West arrested and charged with harassment - offensive physical contact.
• William Peters arrested for violation of a release agreement at 270 Strand St. in St. Helens.
• Gary Bailey arrested for fail to preform duties of a driver - misdemeanor and a PV detainer. Incident occurred at 467 Columbia Blvd. in St. Helens.

December 13
• Justin Carr arrested on an outstanding warrant in the 300 block of North 18th in St. Helens.
• The St. Helens Police, Rainier Police, and Columbia County Sheriff's logs for January were not available at press time.

December 17
• Brandon Scott Hendricks was arrested for unlawful possession of heroin and unlawful possession of methamphetamine at the St. Helens Police Department.

December 17
• Justin Finnell was arrested for a detainer at 535 South Columbia River Highway in St. Helens.

December 31
• Rainier Police Department Stash Rose Richards arrested on an outstanding warrant at 1670 Tualatin St. St Helens.

Weekly Online Poll

Should the US Senate vote to remove President Trump?

❑ Yes ❑ No

Last Week's Results

Are you concerned about the rising tensions in the Middle East?

56% Yes 44% No

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··Community Calendar··

January 17
• Show Opening and Artist Reception: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Clatskanie Bloom Art Gallery, 289 N. Nehalem, Clatskanie. Come meet the artists and see their work. Refreshments, snacks and hot cocoa available.

January 22
• Winter Music Concert and Art Show: 6 p.m. - Doors open for art show, 7 p.m. - Show starts. This show will feature CES and MS Band, Symphonic Band MS Choir, Concert Choir and the high school art class at CMHS Auditorium. Suggested concert donation is $5 general and $3 student/senior.

January 23
• Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District Board of Directors Regular Meeting: 1 p.m. at the Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District Meeting Room

January 24
• Squatch Fest: 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Cowlitz County Convention Center. Activities and speakers include Mountain Monsters Huckleberry, Jeff and Wild Bill on stage, squatch talk – tell your squatch stories, craft and food vendors, axe throwing, cornhole tournament and beer garden sponsored by Antidote Tap House and Avid Cider. Something for the whole family.

January 25
• Meet the Mayor: 9-11 a.m. at Columbia City Hall, 1840 Second St. Columbia City. An informal public meeting with discussion of any concerns or ideas for improving our city. For more details, call 503-397-4010.
• Squatch Fest: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. at Cowlitz County Convention Center. Activities and speakers include Dr. Jeff Meldrum, Olympic Project - Derek Randles and Shane Corson, Finding Bigfoot – Cliff Barackman, Missing 411 – David Paulldes, Ground Zero – Clyde Lewis, kids cave including Emmie Blue and The Squatchie, Cowlitz County Museum Story Time, craft and food vendors, axe throwing, scavenger hunt by Guse's Coffee, cornhole tournament and Brew Mountain Beer Festival. Something for the whole family.

January 30
• RJSHS History Club Fundraiser: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Panda Express, 500 Triangle Shopping Center, Longview, Washington. Contact Mr. Demko, advisor at RJSHS for more details, Andrew_demko@rsd.k12.or.us.

January 31
• Roy Orbison Tribute Band: 7:30 p.m. at the Birkenfeld Theatre at the Clatskanie Cultural Canter, 75 S. Nehalem, Clatskanie. Tickets: Adults-$20, Senior/Student-$18, Child-$16

Send us your community events and we'll feature them in our calendar
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··Weekly Events··

Mondays:
• Oregon Hunters Association Columbia County Chapter membership meetings are held the second Monday of each month at the Kozy Korner Restaurant in St. Helens. Meetings start at 7 p.m. or come early at 6:30 p.m. for some good food and visiting.
• Community Action Team Board of Directors meetings take place on the fourth Monday of every month unless the meeting would fall on a holiday, from 2 – 4 p.m. in the CAT boardroom, 125 N. 17th St., St. Helens.
• The American Legion Post 68 meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall, 930 SE 5th St., Clatskanie.

Tuesdays:
• The VFW meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 960 SW 5th St., Clatskanie.
• The Columbia County Law Library will be holding Court Forms Clinics every Tuesday from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. (weather permitting). Get help filling our court forms commonly used in the Columbia County courthouse. The forms are free and the clinic is free. Sign up is required and is available at the courthouse Mon. – Fri. from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. or at the Law Library Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. 270 S. First St., St. Helens. Questions: 503-396-5344 or ccll@columbiacll.org or davis12000@aol.com.

Wednesdays:
• Rotary Club of Columbia County – St. Helens meeting is held at the Warren Country Inn at 12 p.m. For more information, call 503-397-2341.
• Columbia SWCD meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., 35285 Millard Rd., St. Helens. December's meeting will be held at 6 p.m.
• Lawyer in the Law Library is a series of talks about common legal problems. Meeting are on the second Wednesday of each month from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. A lawyer will provide basic information and answer your questions about the topic of the evening. Columbia County Law Library, 270 S. First St., St. Helens. Call 503-396-5344 with questions.
• Port of Columbia County Board of Commissioners hold meetings at 8:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Port of Columbia County office, 100 E St., Columbia City.

Thursdays:
• The Veterans breakfast is held the first Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Legion Hall, 930 SE 5th St., Clatskanie.
• The regular monthly Rainier Chamber of Commerce meeting is held on the second Thursday of every month at 12 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. Lunch is provided for a suggested $6 donation.

Fridays:
• Veteran's Breakfast at the Village Inn in the Banquet Room the first Friday of every month. Doors open at 7 a.m. and the meeting starts at 8 a.m. Guest speakers will discuss topics that are important to local Veterans and their families. All veterans are welcome to attend.

Saturdays:
• NAMI Columbia County Support Group, National Alliance on Mental Illness, meets on the second Saturday of every month from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the Elks Veterans Bunker, 125 S. 13th St., St Helens, Oregon. For more information, contact Judy Thompson 503-397-6056 or contact NAMI Oregon at 503-230-8009.
• The Rainier Historical Museum is open every Saturday from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. It is located inside Rainier City Hall. Please enter the side entrance and take the elevator to the 3rd floor.

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What's your favorite? Girl Scout Cookies are back

CHRISTINE MENGES
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Girl Scout Cookie sales have returned, providing a tasty treat for neighbors, revenue for troops and an invaluable experience for scouts.

Right now, Girl Scouts throughout Columbia County are collecting cookie orders for the pre-sale period, which began Jan. 4, and they will soon be stationed in front of local stores for booth sales, which will begin Feb. 14 and continue until March 8.

Eight different cookie varieties are available in Oregon and Southwest Washington this year. Flavors include classics like Thin Mints, Do-si-dos, Tagalongs, Samoas and Trefoils, as well as newer cookies like Toffee-tastics, Girl Scout S'mores, and the newest version this year, Lemon-ups. Boxes cost $5 for core cookies and $6 for specialty cookies, a one-dollar price increase for each kind from last year.

According to information provided on the official Girl Scouts website, cookie sales generate revenue for the local council that each troop is a part of, as well as for the troops themselves to pay for supplies, activities and travel. Troops in Columbia County are part of the Oregon and Southwest Washington Girl Scout council.

"Cookie program revenue is a critical source of funding for Girl Scout councils to deliver essential programming to troops and is often what makes it possible to reach girls in underserved areas and maintain camps and properties," the Girl Scouts website information page states.

Shannon Vaerewyck, a troop leader of 19 years, who now leads Girl Scout Troop 10224, based in St. Helens, said each troop sets its own goal for how many boxes of cookies they would like to sell. The goal might be related to an activity the troop wants to do together, or scouts can be individually motivated by different prizes for selling different amounts of boxes.

Vaerewyck said the younger Scouts are often motivated by prizes, while older Scouts are often more motivated by activities for their troop.

Individual troops can sell a large number of boxes. According to Vaerewyck, her troop last year sold 6,163 boxes. Other troops sold numbers in the 4,000 or 2,000 range.

"So they're working really hard at selling cookies," Vaerewyck said.

Vaerewyck's troop this year is made up of older girls, ranging from 7th through 12th grade, who have been raising money for the last five years for a trip to Europe. She said their goal is just to raise as much money as they can to meet that goal, and as of now, they are on target to pay off their expenses by March.

Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington

The eight different cookie varieties available this year.

Cookie sales can be an efficient way to fund trips. This is the second time Vaerewyck has sold cookies to fund a trip to Europe. Her first troop raised $32,000 in just five years solely through cookie sales.

Troops can also raise money through cookie sales for activities like backpacking, camping, or other day field trips. Some Girl Scouts can sell so many boxes of cookies that they can fund their stay at a Girl Scout resident camp, a popular activity for many scouts.

But the cookie sales do more than raise funds for Girl Scouts. Vaerewyck said the cookie sales help Scouts develop important skills in communication, leadership, commitment and business, as well as serve as a way to pay for troop activities and help each Girl Scout troop be self-sustaining.

"It's about the things that the girls learn as a whole package. The girls learn budgeting, marketing, working together as a team,

communication. Some of these girls are so shy, they don't even talk within their troop, but they have to get out," Vaerewyck said.

There are approximately 90 Girl Scouts in the St. Helens and Scappoose area combined, according to Vaerewyck, so Columbia County residents can be sure to have a lot of chances to buy their cookies.

Troops can be as small as five girls, while most troops average between 10 to 15 girls, Vaerewyck said. However, there is a large variation in size, because there is a troop in Scappoose with 36 girls, another with 19 girls, and Vaerewyck's own troop with 11 girls.

When cookie booths start, troops will be stationed in front of the Walmart and Safeway in St. Helens, as well as the Fred Meyer in Scappoose, according to Vaerewyck.

Interested cookie-buyers will have a new tool on hand this year to locate booths. The Girl Scout Cookie Finder app, available to anyone with a smart phone, involves typing in one's zip code and then pressing "find cookies now," which pulls up locations where cookie booth sales are happening.

For the Scouts selling cookies, Vaerewyck has a couple of tips.

"Always have a smile, no matter if the snow is blowing sideways," she said. "And don't get discouraged if you get more nos than yeses because any time you do sales, there are always more nos than yeses. And if you go out and do your best, that's the win right there."

To your health: Quitting smoking, vaping

PATTY ATKINS
Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization

Quitting tobacco is complicated. But it's possible.

If you use tobacco in any form, quitting is the #1 thing you can do for a healthier, longer life. You'll breathe easier and so will your family. It also sets a good example for children, to help them avoid smoking and vaping.

E-cigarette use among teens is on the rise in our state. The Oregon Health Authority says one in four Oregon teens uses e-cigarettes. Due to several serious lung injuries and deaths that were recently linked to vaping, the OHA is urging everyone to stop vaping, not just teens. No vaping products should currently be considered safe.

When you quit smoking or vaping, you'll lower your risk of heart disease, stroke and cancer. Quitting is especially important for people who are pregnant, or who have diabetes or high blood pressure.

Quitting is hard, but you're more likely to succeed if you have help. Support is available to quit any type of tobacco, including cigarettes, e-cigarettes and more.

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This is a stop-smoking program of the American Cancer Society. Columbia Pacific CCO members have coverage for this successful program. Call toll-free 866-QUIT-4-LIFE (866-784-8454); Spanish option available. Or visit quitnow.net.

Contact the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line

Phones are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669) or visit quitnow.net/oregon. For

Spanish language, call 855-DEJELO-YA (1-855-335356-92). All Oregon residents get certain free services from the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line.

Support like this has helped thousands of people quit smoking or vaping for life. It can help you, too. Whatever way you choose, making the decision to quit is the most important first step. And we're here to help.

More resources

• Smokefree: smokefree.gov/

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• The National Institutes of Health: nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/001992.htm

• Columbia Pacific CCO: http://colpachealth.org/monthly-stories/quit-smoking-for-life

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Pastor John Thomas

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Pastor Steve Berry

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Rainier Assembly of God
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Pastor Michele Holloway

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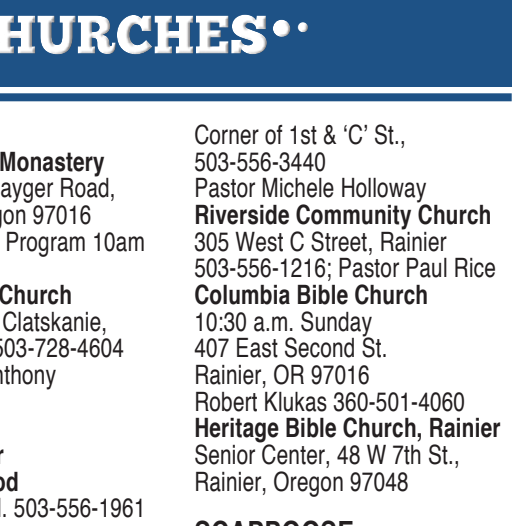

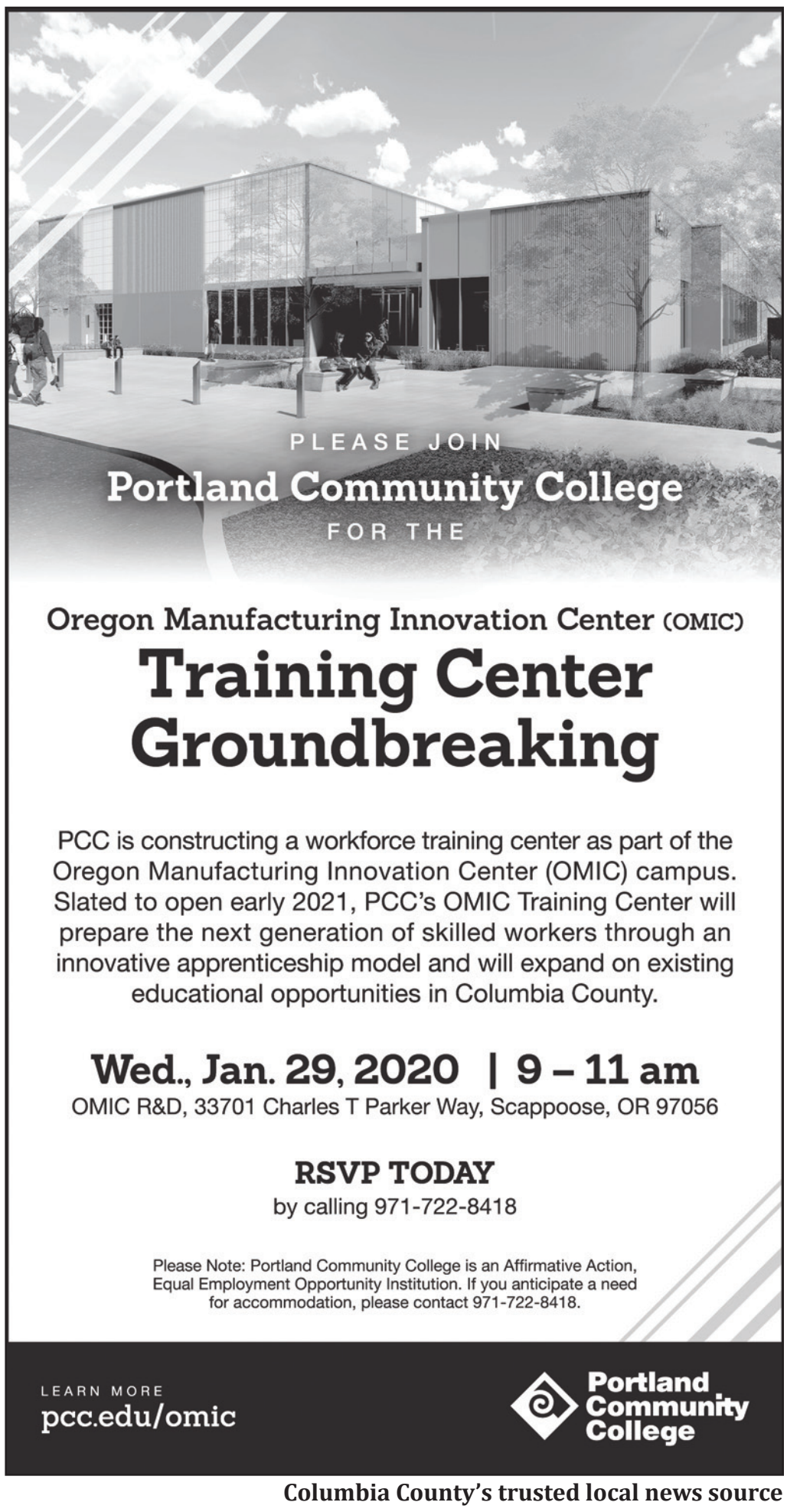

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TS No. OR08000014-17-8 APN 12959 | 4N1W06-DD-08900 TO No 8760431 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, BRADLEY S. LAWRENCE AND VALERIE C. LAWRENCE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VALERIE C. LAWRENCE as Grantor to TICOR TITLE as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for SUNSET MORTGAGE CO., Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of December 22, 2010 and recorded on December 28, 2010 as Instrument No. 2010-010650 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC and recorded February 21, 2017 as Instrument Number 2017-001567 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Columbia County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 12959 | 4N1W06-DD-08900 LOT 110, RIDGECREST PLANNED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF ST. HELENS, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 58934 TIMBERLINE AVENUE, SAINT HELENS, OR 97051 Both the Beneficiary, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.735(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 6 Monthly Payment(s) from 07/01/2019 to 12/01/2019 at $1,165.26 Monthly Late Charge(s): 1 Monthly Late Charge(s) By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of $145,686.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 4.75000% per annum from June 1, 2019 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on April 21, 2020 at the hour of 12:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, at the west entrance to the Columbia County Courthouse, 230 Strand St., Saint Helens, OR 97051 County of Columbia, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 12/5/2019 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Order Number 67402, Pub Dates: 01/17/2020, 01/24/2020, 01/31/2020, 02/07/2020, THE CLATSKANIE CHIEF

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TS No. OR07000146-19-1 APN 12389 TO No 8759521 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, ALFRED F GARTZKE AND FRANCES D GARTZKE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY AND MELISSA C. MACDONALD, NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON BUT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP as Grantor to TICOR TITLE as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for CMG MORTGAGE, INC DBA CMG FINANCIAL, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of October 19, 2017 and recorded on October 23, 2017 as Instrument No. 2017-09882 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC and recorded October 21, 2019 as Instrument Number 2019-08722 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Columbia County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 12389 PARCEL 1 OF PARTITION PLAT 2017-16, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 25, 2017, AS FEE NUMBER 2017-008837, IN COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 2554 COLUMBIA BLVD, SAINT HELENS, OR 97051 Both the Beneficiary, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.735(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 6 Monthly Payment(s) from 06/01/2019 to 12/01/2019 at $1,573.47 Monthly Late Charge(s): By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of $250,306.40 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.50000% per annum from May 1, 2019 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on April 7, 2020 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, Front Entrance, Columbia County Courthouse 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051 County of Columbia, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 12/02/2019 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300Order Number 67210, Pub Dates: 01/10/2020, 01/17/2020, 01/24/2020, 01/31/2020, THE CLATSKANIE CHIEF

CC19-1158

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of RANDY DUANE JENNINGS, Deceased. No. 19PB09483 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims, with vouchers attached, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the personal representative at P.O. Box 459, Rainier, OR 97048, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published January 3, 2020. Jade M. Jennings, Personal Representative. STEPEHN D. PETERSEN, L.L.C. Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 459, Rainier, OR 97048.

CC20-1162

Notice of Private Sale Pursuant To ORS 90.675

This is a notice of private sale of personal property (a mobile home) pursuant to ORS 90.675. 1. The personal property is abandoned. 2. The former tenant's name is Angela Harris fka Angela Scoggin and all others. 3. The address where the property (mobile home) is located is 74866 Doan Road., Space #27, Rainier, OR 97048. 4. The mobile home is identified below: Fleetwood manufactured home Serial # 0RFLR48A20151BM Home ID# 254899; X PLATE: n/a 5. The sale is a private bid sale. 6. The landlord is accepting private sealed bids. The last date on which such sealed bids will be accepted is January 31, 2020. Please submit bids to Western Hills, C/O Mark G. Passannante, 1050 SW 6th Ave., Suite 1220, Portland, OR 97204 7. Please contact Western Hills/ Michael Werner or Denise Werner at (360) 253-5603 to inspect the home. This notice is not provided to the lienholders pursuant to ORS 90.675 because there are no lienholders.

CC20-1165

City of Clatskanie Surplus Vehicle For Sale

The City of Clatskanie is accepting bids for the sale of a 2003 Ford 450 cab-chassis utility truck. Written bids must be submitted to the City of Clatskanie, PO Box 9, Clatskanie, OR 97016, by 5:00 PM, Friday, January 31, 2020. The minimum bid that will be considered for the vehicle is $4,250. The vehicle includes utility side boxes, overhead pipe rack, winch, generator (Invertor), overhead beacons, etc. The vehicle has been regularly serviced. Service records are available. The utility truck may be viewed by appointment at the Clatskanie City Shop, 520 SW Bryant Street, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Contact Dave True (503-338-8941) or Calven Shulda (503-308-2019) to schedule an appointment.

The Public Notice deadline is Wednesdays by noon.
Late submissions are not guaranteed to make it into the paper.

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TS No. OR07000141-19-1 APN 24851 TO No 191130963-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, WANDA SMITH as Grantor to TICOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for EAGLE HOME MORTGAGE, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of October 21, 2011 and recorded on October 25, 2011 as Instrument No. 2011-007899 and the beneficial interest was assigned to EAGLE HOME MORTGAGE, LLC and recorded October 25, 2019 as Instrument Number 2019-08931 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Columbia County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 24851 THAT PORTION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON, LYING NORTHEASTERLY OF THE NEHALEM RIVER AND WHICH LIES WESTERLY OF THAT TRACT CONVEYED TO EDGAR A. CUMMINGS ET AL BY DEED RECORDED JUNE 27, 1968 IN BOOK 169, PAGE 733 DEED RECORDS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PORTION, IF ANY, OF THE CLARK AND WILSON LUMBER COMPANY RAILROAD COMPANY DESCRIBED IN DEED FROM NOBLE DUNLAP TO THE CLARK AND WILSON LUMBER COMPANY OF DELAWARE RECORDED MAY 5, 1932 IN BOOK 54, PAGE 247, DEED RECORDS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON. TOGETHER WITH THE NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENTS RECORDED FEBRUARY 22, 1971 IN BOOK 180, PAGE 326, DEED RECORDS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON AND IN A DEED RECORDED AUGUST 11, 1992, INSTRUMENT NO. 92-5765 AND IN DEED RECORDED AUGUST 11, 1992, INSTRUMENT NO. 92-5766, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 64511 NEHALEM HWY NORTH, VERNONIA, OR 97064 Both the Beneficiary, Eagle Home Mortgage, LLC, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.735(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 6 Monthly Payment(s) from 06/01/2019 to 11/01/2019 at $2,160.39 Monthly Late Charge(s): 1 Monthly Late Charge(s) 11/13/2019 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of $139,404.34 together with interest thereon at the rate of 4.50000% per annum from May 1, 2019 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on March 30, 2020 at the hour of 12:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, at the west entrance to the Columbia County Courthouse, 230 Strand St., Saint Helens, OR 97051 County of Columbia, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 11/13/2019 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300Order Number 66597, Pub Dates: 12/27/2019, 01/03/2020, 01/10/2020, 01/17/2020, THE CLATSKANIE CHIEF

When should school be canceled due to snow?

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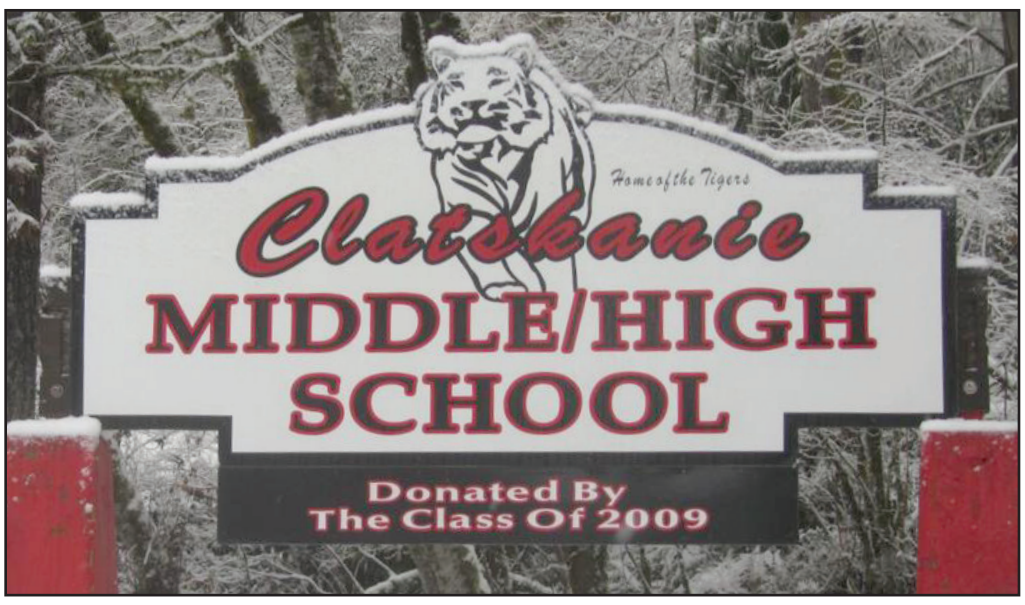

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When the snow falls, Clatskanie and Rainier school officials must decide if classes should be canceled.

During snow events and other adverse weather, Clatskanie and Rainier School District officials must make critical decisions about when to cancel classes.

The Chief chatted with Clatskanie School District Superintendent Cathy Hurowitz and Rainier School District Superintendent Michael Carter about the process.

The Chief: During adverse weather, specifically, how and when does the school district determine that classes need to be canceled?

Cathy Hurowitz: Our transportation supervisor begins driving the roads around 4 a.m. during a possible weather event. We then determine if it is safe for our busses to transport students. We also monitor the weather, if it looks like it is cold enough to freeze our roads we can and will call for a two hour delay the night before, as we did on Wednesday. If we call a delay and we see that there is no improvement in the weather we then will cancel school. Student and staff safety is our number one priority when we consider canceling. We will err on the side of caution as to not put anyone in danger.

Michael Carter: As a superintendent this is one of the most difficult things I do and with our geographic challenges it is a very difficult task at times. I personally drive the roads between 3:30 and 4:15 a.m. and I have my supervisor transportation drive the roads as well. I also have five people that I call and have agreements with and they tell the temperature and the conditions at their home for areas that I cannot drive in the period of time in the morning.

This decision is very difficult. Sometimes a two hour late start is not enough, and when in doubt I decide to close school. I ask as many people as I can and get as much data points as possible, but everything depends on student and total safety of everyone involved.

The Chief: How do you communicate the school closures with Clatskanie and Rainier parents?

Hurowitz: Once a decision has been made to cancel or delay school we have a messaging system that goes out to every family and staff member. We also notify area radio and television stations. An email is also sent out and the notice is put on our Facebook pages. We try get our notices out by 6 a.m.

Carter: We use the Alert Now system and we also use flashpoint news and post details on our website. We have a Blackboard Connect system so everyone gets phone calls, emails, and text messages and they have it on all the media outlets.

The Chief: Do you have a "snow day" buffer, and will such "snow days" be made up by students and when?

Hurowitz: We have a minimum number of student contact days that every district must meet by statute. When we develop our calendar we tend to build it to maximize student contact days. Because we build additional student days into our calendar we can often cover snow days. In the event that we need to add days we would typically add the days to the end of the year or work with our staff to determine the best way to add the days.

Carter: We have three snow days built in the calendar: Presidents' Day, one in April on the 24 and one in May on the 25. If we do not have snow days that makes very long weekends for those particular times. When we have a snow day we automatically feel that day with the next scheduled time for snow make up. We have a snow make-up day now scheduled for February.

As a superintendent who has been making this decision for over 16 years I wish I could say it gets easier. No one is ever happy with the decision especially when one part of the community has snow that's two to six inches and another part of the community has nothing but rain. When you live in a challenging climate with vast regions of topography it makes it even more interesting. I always tell new superintendents and transportation directors you have to make this call that should always err on the side of caution and remember that student safety is paramount.

The other piece of advice I give new superintendents or transportation managers who have to make this difficult decision is that it's best to make the call as early as possible. That allows time for parents and caretakers to make arrangements for the safety and care of their children if they have to go to work, etc.

Follow school weather delays and closures online at thechiefnews.com.

ODOT prepares, advises public caution

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Photo courtesy of ODOT

The Oregon Department of Transportation will use snowplows along state highways in Columbia County to clear the snow during any adverse conditions that could develop this week.

With the chance of more snow this winter in Columbia County, the Oregon Department of Transportation is ready to help get you from here to there in an effort to keep the main state roads clear.

In the following conversation, ODOT's public affairs representative Lou Torres gives us insight into the efforts.

The Chief: What specific areas of Columbia County will ODOT prioritize during any heavy snow and ice event and why those specific areas?

Lou Torres: In Columbia County, when we have major snow and ice events, U.S. 30 is the highest priority state highway. Of all the state highways in Columbia County, it has by far the highest daily traffic. It is not only a major commuter route for folks who work in Portland, it is also a major commercial route for large trucks connecting to Astoria and the Coast, and into Washington via the Lewis and Clark Bridge in Rainier. OR 47 would probably be our next high priority road.

The Chief: How is ODOT preparing for the predicted snowfall for our region .. number of crews.. what type of vehicles to be used.. how much sand/salt/deicer?

Torres: All of ODOT's crews will be available working 12-hour, round the clock shifts. If conditions allow, crews will be pre-treating roads with de-icer -- magnesium chloride with rust inhibitor – on area roads with plows and sanding trucks on standby for use as needed.

In the upcoming severe weather, ODOT will deploy and use all available tools in its winter arsenal, including plows, sanders, de-icers and solid rock salt, as appropriate. Crews and equipment will be prepositioned to respond.

The Chief: What recommendations and advisories does ODOT have for drivers and pedestrians concerning travel in this region.

Torres: Use plenty of caution and observe a few common sense rules for navigating hazardous weather conditions.

• Get safely situated. Don't wait until after a storm hits to get on the road. Get to your destination yourself before conditions turn nasty and unsafe.

• Travel smart. Consider waiting until a storm passes to get on your bike or in your car. Or work from home all day.

• Look out for each other. If you must drive, remember people walking or biking are harder to see in a storm. If you're biking or walking remember that cars don't stop quickly on snow and ice.

• Leave early. It's smart to allow plenty of time to get where you're going. In severe weather, closures and crashes can cause long delays.

• Check on any appointments you have before you leave. Offices and businesses may be closing due to the weather conditions.

• Know before you go. Plan your route. Visit Tripcheck.com in advance to look at ODOT cameras and check conditions.

• Don't abandon your vehicle. It prevents us from clearing the road and emergency services from getting to the people who need them.

• Carrying an emergency kit that includes supplies of water and food, and blankets. Have a full tank of gas and charge your phone.

• Beware of outages. If a storm knocks out power to traffic signals, treat intersections like an all-way stop. The driver who stops first goes first.

• Watch for plows. ODOT sand trucks, plows and de-icer trucks can't clear roads clogged with traffic. The more traffic stays off the road, the quicker roads can be treated. Stay at least three car lengths back. Everybody benefits the sooner they can get the road cleared.

Torres said, driving on ice and snow pack is never a safe choice. The safest thing to do is stay off the road.

Follow the latest weather developments 24/7 at thechiefnews.com.

Athletically Speaking

Friday January 17

• HS Girls Wrestling @ RA Long: Dismiss 2:15, Depart 2:30 Weigh in 3:30 Start 5 p.m. Return 9 p.m.

Coming up next week in Athletics

Monday January 20

• V Boys Basketball vs. Scio @Salem Academy: Depart 12:30 p.m. Start 4:30pm Return 12 a.m.

• V Girls Basketball vs. Sutherlin @Corbin U.: Depart 12:30 p.m. Start 7 p.m. Return 12 a.m.

Tuesday January 21

• JV2 Boys Basketball @Willamina: Dismiss 11:45 a.m. Depart 12 Start 3 p.m. Return 10pm

• JV Girls Basketball @Willamina: Dismiss 11:45am Depart 12 Start 4:30pm Return 10 p.m.

• V Boys Basketball @ Willamina: Dismiss 2:45 Depart 3 Start 6 p.m. Return 10 p.m.

• V Girls Basketball @ Willamina: Dismiss 2:45 Depart 3 Start 7:30 p.m. Return 11:30 p.m.

• MS Wrestling @ Ilwaco: Dismiss 1:30 Depart 1:45 Start 4 Return 8:45 p.m.

Wednesday January 22

• MS Girls Basketball vs. Vernonia: Start 4 p.m.

Thursday January 23

• MS Girls Basketball vs. Vernonia: Dismiss 12:30 Depart 12:45 Start 4 p.m. Return 9 p.m.

Friday January 24

• JV Boys Basketball vs. Warrenton: Start 4:30 p.m.

• V Boys Basketball vs. Warrenton: Start 6 p.m.

• V Girls Basketball vs. Warrenton: Start 7:30 p.m.

Saturday January 25

• HS Boys Wrestling @ RA Long: Depart 7:15 Weigh in 8:00am Start 10 a.m. Return 5 p.m.

Simplify TAX SEASON

Hire a pro!

How hiring a tax professional saves you money

Every April, taxpayers rush to get their taxes in before the deadline. While it's possible to save money by doing your taxes yourself, here are two important reasons why you shouldn't.

You'll avoid mistakes and omissions

When people file their own taxes, even with the help of software, they often make mistakes. These errors typically involve failing to claim certain types of tax credits or claiming credits that don't apply to the person filing.

The first kind of mistake will cost you money, but the second may be considered a form of tax evasion. While a mistake doesn't mean you'll be convicted of tax fraud, you could be audited, which is a lengthy and inconvenient process. You may also have to pay a fine.

Furthermore, people who are self-employed, especially when working at a home-based business, often aren't aware of the complicated rules governing their tax situation. Merely being in business for yourself is oftentimes enough to flag the interest of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

You'll get all the credits you're owed

There's a staggering number of tax credits and finding out which ones you're eligible for can be a herculean task. Keeping up to date with those credits every year is simply not possible for most people.

A good tax accountant will be aware of all the credits you're entitled to, ensuring that you don't pay a cent more than you absolutely have to. This is especially important if your financial situation is complicated or you're self-employed.

The bottom line is that filing your taxes with the help of a professional means you'll benefit from every credit you're entitled to while avoiding costly mistakes. This year, be sure to hire an expert.

7 traits to look for in a financial planner

When looking for a financial planner who can bring all the pieces of your financial life together and put you in the driver's seat of your own financial future, experts say it's important to look beyond his or her resume.

While a financial planner's background and experience are important, so are some of the intangibles. Here are seven traits you should look for when choosing a financial planner:

• **Competence.** A financial planner should be able to demonstrate an appropriate level of experience. In order to obtain Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification, professionals must have a minimum of two years professional experience related to financial planning, in addition to meeting rigorous education requirements.

• **Objectivity.** Your needs should be at the heart of all your financial planner's recommendations. He or she should use experience and judgment to carefully consider your personal and financial situation, and then provide advice that best meets your individual goals. CFP professionals are always required to act in your best interests when providing financial planning services.

• **Integrity.** Trust is central to a successful financial planning relationship. When you know your planner takes his or her duties seriously and places principles over personal gain, you can form a good working partnership. The strict practice standards and code of ethics of the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards (CFP Board) are designed to ensure CFP professionals act in a professionally responsible manner.

• **Fair treatment.** A good financial planner clearly defines the services he or she will provide and will communicate the costs and risks associated with each financial recommendation. A good financial planner will also disclose potential conflicts of interest. CFP professionals are required to make full disclosure of conflicts and compensation methods to their clients.

• **Diligence.** A diligent financial planner will reasonably examine recommended products or services to ensure they are suitable for you, and will closely supervise any staff or related professionals working with you.

• **Professionalism.** Trustworthy financial planners will not provide investment advice or stock brokerage services unless qualified and licensed to do so, as required by state or federal law. If your situation requires expertise that your planner does not possess, he or she should suggest other professionals who could assist you.

• **Privacy.** To get the best results from your financial planning relationship, you'll need to regularly divulge relevant personal and financial information to your financial planner, who will keep this information in confidence, only sharing it to conduct business on your behalf, at your consent or when ordered to do so by a court.

To find a CFP professional near you, visit letsmakeaplan.org.

Partnering with a financial planner will provide you with confidence today and a more secure tomorrow. Be sure you work with a trustworthy, competent professional.

Tips for a stress-free tax season

Taxes are an unavoidable fact of life. Unfortunately, they can be somewhat overwhelming, which can cause people to put the task off and miss the deadline. Use these tips for a stress-free tax season:

Get it over with

The sooner you get your taxes filed, the sooner you can stop worrying about them. Early filing also means an earlier refund -- if you're due one -- or time to plan to prepare to pay any owed taxes. To ensure it all happens on time, actually block out time in your calendar to sit down and work on your taxes. Be sure not to underestimate how much time is needed. If your situation has gotten more complicated over the last year, figure that into the equation.

Check your work

The last thing anybody wants to hear is that they are being audited. You can avoid this anxiety by having the right tools on hand. Start by keeping your records filed in an organized way – both digitally and on paper with a filing cabinet that locks. As you do your taxes, it is a good idea to take your time, and do a practice run. A printing calculator is a good way to keep records of all necessary calculations. Be sure your printing calculator is up to the task. The two-color ink printer of Casio's HR-170RC allows you to quickly see both positive and negative numbers to avoid reading errors, and its 12-digit LCD display showcases crisp, sharp numbers for easy viewing. A must-have tool for tax season, its functions include a grand total key, cost/sell/margin buttons, sign change, tax calculation, decimal selector and more.

Maximize your refund

While many people look forward to their tax refund and view it as a windfall, it is important to keep in mind that this money is simply your own income that you overpaid to the state and federal government throughout the year. That said, you should have a smart plan for your refund wisely so that is not wasted on an impulse purchase. A few good ideas for tax refunds is investing the money into a retirement account, using it to pay down debt or padding out your rainy-day fund.

This tax season, don't get overwhelmed. For stress-free filing, stay organized and give yourself plenty of time.

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