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This edition of the Columbia County Business Guide illustrates the successes and the challenges of our communities businesses and the hard working operators and employees who consistently demonstrate a positive 'get-it-done' attitude.

In editions of *The Chronicle* and *The Chief* Newspapers throughout this year, we have highlighted these and other stories as key indicators of the positive economic strength, stability and community growth in Columbia County.

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We encourage you to take time and explore all that Columbia County has to offer and to support our local businesses.

Jeremy C. Ruark
Publisher/Executive Editor



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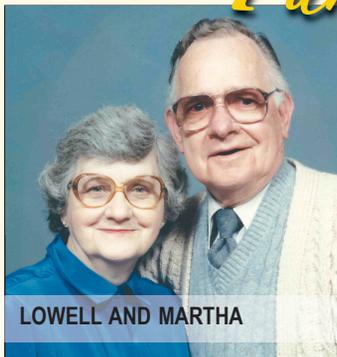


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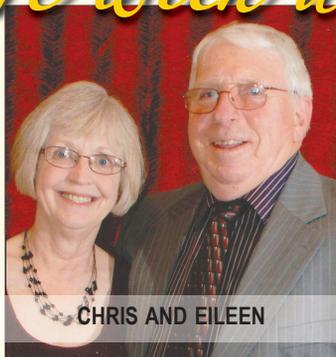
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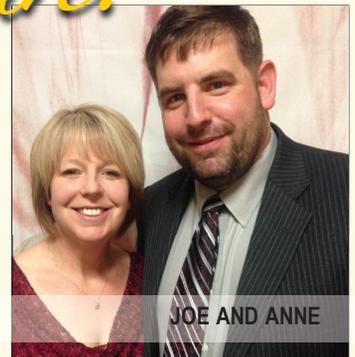
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COLUMBIA COUNTY ECONOMIC TEAM

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Whether the COVID-19 pandemic and economic upheaval are a once-in-a-generation occurrence, or the sign of similar things to come remains to be seen. But the impacts throughout Columbia County mirror those around the globe. Many like to say, “We’re all in this together...” which may be the case at some level. The truth is, “We’re all in this together differently...” may be more accurate, and “different” takes on a lot of meanings, especially in semi- to rural Oregon, which includes Columbia County and its communities.

The impacts of Stay at Home and the phased re-opening have hit us hard here, but

we also are fortunate in many respects. We are close to a large metropolitan area but our public health and confirmed cases have been fractional compared to our urban neighbors. That means we were among the first counties to begin phased re-opening, and so far, so good.

The 4 Rs

What will enable us to successfully re-open and stay open may all hinge on four Rs: Re-opening, Recovery, Resilience and Respect.

Re-opening is allowed and encouraged, and many eligible businesses and organizations have done just that – under physical distancing and health and safety guidelines.

Yet other businesses are reluctant to re-open out of caution for employee and customer safety, and recognition that a second coronavirus spike or wave and re-closing could be economically catastrophic. We should respect their decisions, even while we work together to sustain local business and community, Recovery and Resilience – with an abundance of caution.

Recovery necessitates change – in nearly every way we’re used to doing business. From restaurants to recreation, salons to saloons, manufacturing to mowing – we may never do business the same. At the very least, we need to adapt in order to be Resilient for the foreseeable future. There is no “new normal,” there’s only an “evolving normal” for which there is no roadmap, no playbook, no proven method except persistence, Resilience and adaptation.

We’re seeing that play out in innovative ways all across our county, from the north to the south. Chambers of Commerce have gone all-volunteer and online to stay connected and Keep It Local for small business. High school students began 3D printing face shields; an entire sector – the INSEAM Consortium of sewers and makers throughout the county has pivoted to make masks and other protective gear by hand or by the truckload. A local theatre provides a drive-by rather than drive-in experience.

Collaborations have taken on new looks, new focus, or morphed into yet new collaborations altogether. Our leaders and small businesses have influenced state policies and guidelines by advocating local interests. Local governments are working together to ensure federal and state money comes to local project investments. Community leaders are teamed with Emergency Management to help shape what Recovery will look like.

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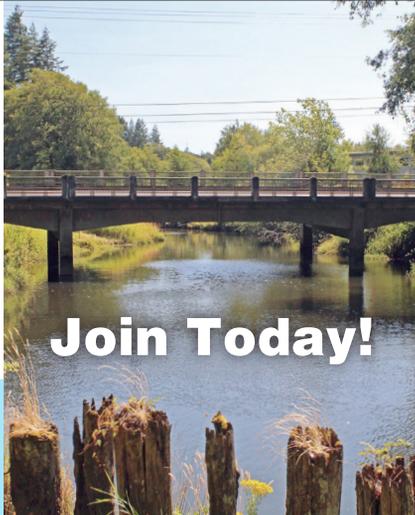


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with direct, impactful changes. The Port of Columbia County will collect zero taxes for the next fiscal year, keeping money in taxpayer pockets. Cities are changing ordinances, turning sidewalks and streets into dining and business space. We've collaborated with the County Commission to stand up a small business grant fund and PPE program to provide money for businesses to operate -- and affordable gear to operate safely -- and stay open.

Portland's backyard

As a wonderful region blessed with foothills, mountains, streams and trails nestled against the beautiful Columbia River, our county will take on more importance as Portland's backyard, where people can come to recharge and play. But how we manage that, and ourselves, will be important too, in order to protect our own communities, generate outside economic infusion, and also maintain good public health and safety practices -- and Respect for those who practice them -- in order to keep our children and families, friends and neighbors, our businesses and organizations safe. And open.

CCET, or Columbia County Economic Team, is fortunate to be comprised of local governments and private businesses that drive countywide collaboration to retain and grow our businesses, and also recruit new companies that will feed a balanced economy. By necessity, CCET is right at ground-level during this pandemic: focusing on small business with our daily news and resource posts, smallbizhub website, collaborations throughout the county, accessing grant, material and loan funds, and more.

With our regional and state partners, we're actively recruiting businesses that even now are looking to use this historic disruption to make even more change by expanding or relocating, positioning their company for the new and forever-altered future in a new place that we're fortunate to already call home.

What's next

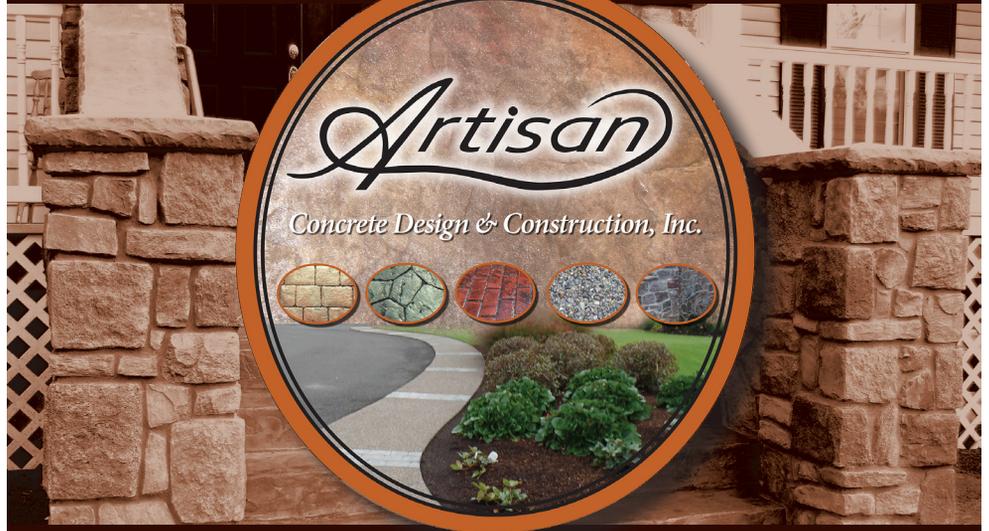
We have quality, highly livable communities and ample opportunities to grow and flourish.

And though we have been fortunate to experience lesser public health impacts from COVID, it's not easy; it's really hard. It's not over by a long way and things will likely never be the same. But we have begun to Re-open, Recover, benefit from our natural and self-made Resilience, and to Respect that the collective effort it takes to evolve for the future is based upon the qualities we already have right here.

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CHAMBERS WORK TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL BUSINESSES



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The South County Chamber of Commerce mission statement is 'Strength of Business is our Priority.' Its vision statement is 'To create and promote economic vitality for business in South Columbia County.'

While this year has been challenging due to staffing transitions and the pandemic, the Chamber board members remain resolved to meet both their mission and vision statements.

South County Chamber of Commerce Board member Dan Rocha said the chamber is working with its members to promote sustainability and business growth through four avenues:

- Networking
- Education
- Business-to-business knowledge sharing
- Cooperation and collaboration with local and county government

While many businesses across the region have struggled to attract and retain employees and face what some say are increasing city, state and federal regulations, the South County Chamber is in the process of assessing all the challenges faced by local businesses.

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“We are currently taking the pulse of our members to get the current picture,” Rocha said in an interview with *The Chief* in mid June.

The Clatskanie Chamber of Commerce consists of representatives of business, industries, organizations and individuals who regularly gather in the united effort to promote and better the town of Clatskanie, according to the Chamber’s website.

The Clatskanie Chamber of Commerce’s mission is “To promote a thriving community by supporting and encouraging all types of business and their endeavors for the benefit of Clatskanie and surrounding areas.”

Chamber representative Sarah Johnson provides the following details about how the Clatskanie Chamber is working closely with its members to help assist them through the challenges they may face.

The Chief: Overall, describe the specific contributions businesses have been and are now making to the local economy and in what ways.

Sarah Johnson: Essential businesses found ways to continue to serve the community, this included grocery, post office, gas stations, financial, insurance, etc., following the Phase 1 re-opening guidelines set.

The Chief: How is the Chamber working with local cities, the county and the state to overcome business challenges now and into the future?

Johnson: We held zoom meetings to discuss and find partnerships that overcome challenges presented. Clatskanie Chamber also held joint Zoom meetings with Rainier Chamber and Mark Ellsworth from the Port of Columbia County who has been hired to assist small businesses. The Chamber also coordinated with the Clatskanie School District for senior graduation business participation celebration and a graduation banner.

The Chief: How is the Chamber working directly with local businesses to reach the ‘New Normal’ and what do you see as the challenges for those businesses as we move forward following the COVID-19 pandemic?

Johnson: We held zoom meetings to keep business members informed, provided updates regarding reopening, worked with the city for local decisions, followed COVID-19 guidelines provided, and shared best practices. The challenges moving forward are respecting individuals spatial and health concerns but opening businesses for economic recovery.

The South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce is located at 2194 Columbia Blvd. in St. Helens. To reach a chamber representative, email queries to mgr@scchamber.org.

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Reporter Christine Menges contributed to this report.





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THE BUSINESS OF HALLOWEENTOWN

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For newcomers, figuring out why St. Helens becomes “Halloweentown” once a year each fall may likely be a mystery unto itself. To the uninitiated, there isn’t an obvious tie-in to the theme of costumes, jack-o-lanterns, and haunted houses. It isn’t Portland and roses, Macy’s and Christmas, or Pendleton and a rodeo.

Halloween has been a big deal in town for decades and has come to be one of the major centerpieces of the city with an annual kid’s parade featuring costumed children, trick-or-treating at the doors of local businesses and people making creative scarecrows and hanging their displays all around St. Helens.

While Halloweentown is designed for fun and community engagement it also provides a significant boost to the city’s economy, according to St. Helens City Administrator John Walsh.

“In many ways the event has transformed St. Helens from a fading mill town to a community recognized internationally as a top destination for Halloween activities,” Walsh said. “Halloweentown has created a sense of community identity and brought an econom-

ic boost to the region. The event draws tens of thousands of visitors each year throughout the month of October which stay in hotels, eat at local restaurants, shop at local merchants and experience all that St. Helens has to offer.”

By the numbers

City of St. Helens tourism representative Tina Curry said Halloweentown generates well over a million dollars annually.

“This is direct to businesses and merchant dollars,” Curry said.

In addition, the City of St. Helens and sponsors have received an estimated value of several million dollars in media reach through magazine, newspaper, radio and social media articles and tourism related articles, according to Curry.

“We’ve had almost one million people visit our discovercolumbiacounty.com site alone,” she said. “We’ve had individual posts that garner more than 24 million views. If you have to put an exact number to this it’s very difficult but our audits show very high results.”

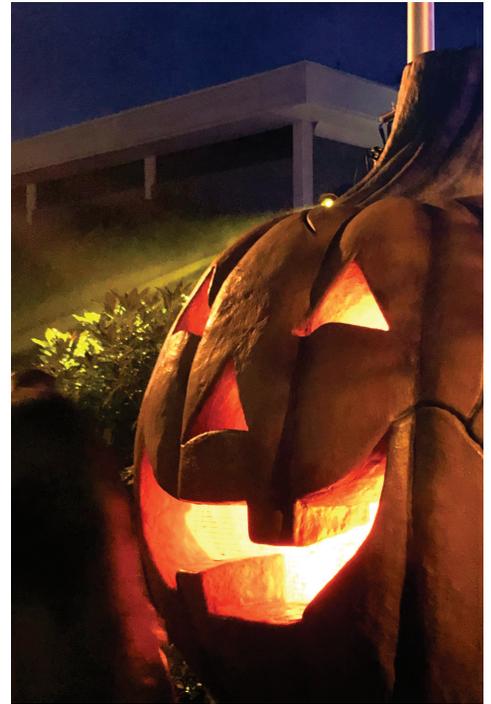


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This large pumpkin lights up for all to see during the Halloweentown kickoff each October in St. Helens.

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Titled "Halloweentown," the movie stars Debbie Reynolds as a witch named Aggie who visits her daughter and grandchildren at Halloween, after an argument, she leaves by hopping on a magic bus. Little did she know, her grandchildren joined her as stowaways on the bus and the group ends up in a place called "Halloweentown."

One of the climatic moments of the film occurs inside the Columbia Theatre in the Old Town District of St. Helens. Another major scene in the movie is re-enacted each year in St. Helens, the lighting of the bigger than life jack-o-lantern in the plaza in front of the courthouse. It is a replica of the original pumpkin from the movie.

The kickoff to St. Helens Halloweentown is held annually with the lighting of the large pumpkin at the city's Old Town District.

See more photos and video of previous Halloweentown activities in St. Helens at the-chronicleonline.com.



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People gather in St. Helens Old Town District for the annual pumpkin lighting to kick off Halloweentown events.



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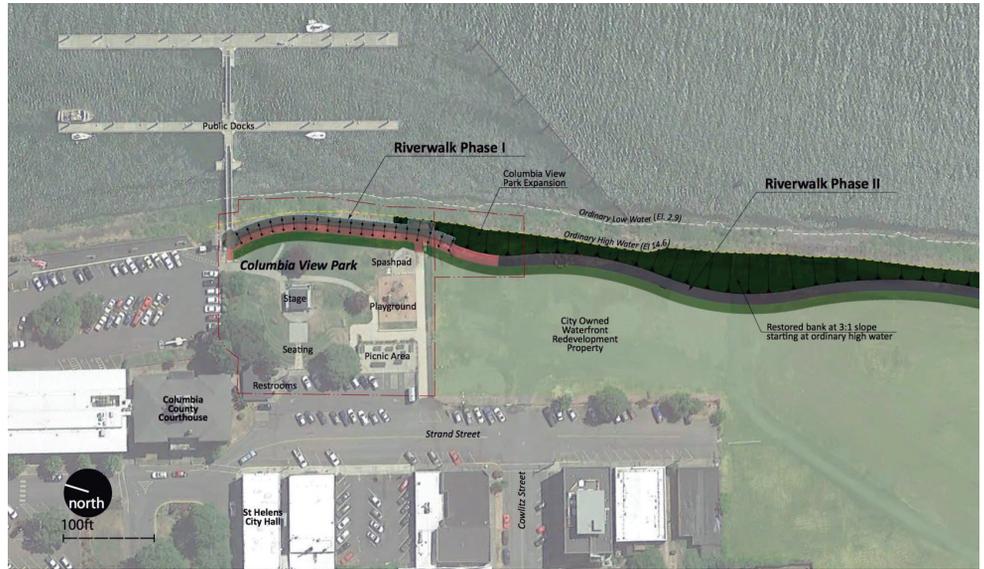
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New plans and drawings are emerging from city hall giving the community a better vision of proposed development along the Columbia River at St. Helens.

In the following conversation with The Chronicle, St. Helens Communications Officer Crystal King provides us with the latest details.

The Chronicle: In late February we reported, “Until recommended immediate next steps of the project would be for city staff to price the cost of the now-reduced infrastructure in order to have a preliminary figure for funds to be raised for Phase 1 of the project.” Has City staff accomplished the pricing and what is that pricing?

King: The St. Helens riverfront redevelopment project is a once in a lifetime opportunity to redefine St. Helens as a desirable destination community. The city’s acquisition of the property in 2015 secured the community’s interest and provided the opportunity to ensure the public interests in the redevelopment. Over the past several years, city staff



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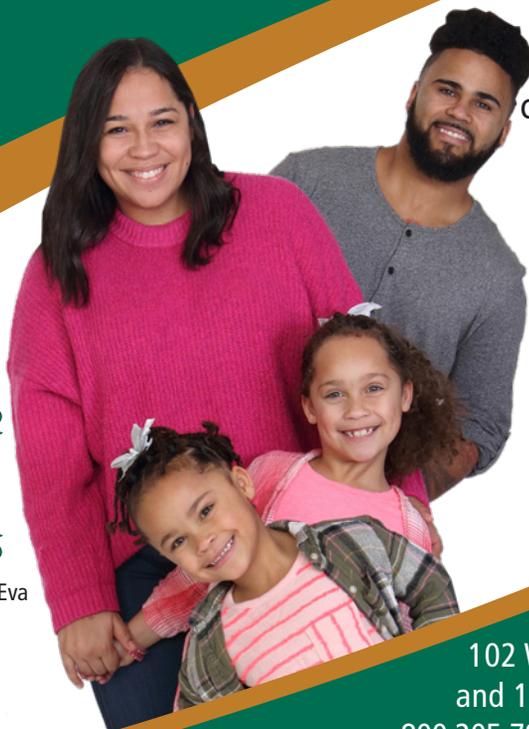
This photo shows the first phase of the St. Helens Riverwalk along the Columbia River.

have been working to secure funding to construct the road connections, boardwalk and trails along the river and other public amenities that will benefit the public and attract quality development in the riverfront district.

The city has made two unsuccessful attempts at obtaining federal funding and is currently preparing a third submittal to the

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Funding for the boardwalk is being pursued through other state and local programs. The current infrastructure estimate is approximately \$19 million.

The Chronicle: Who will be responsible for raising the needed funding and where will it come from for Phase 1 of the project?

King: The City of St. Helens is seeking funding from state and federal grant sources and, pending the award decisions, will be evaluating low-to-no interest loans to cover any remaining expenses for the infrastructure costs.

The Chronicle: How many phases would there be with such development and what would the time frame be for the phases?

King: The riverfront redevelopment project is large and complex. Since there are many projects within the overall development, there will likely be many phases depending upon funding availability and private development interest in the site. The initial efforts have been to secure funding necessary to make roadway connections, expand Columbia View Park and construct a permanent boardwalk/river-walk trail along the riverfront.

There has been substantial planning, community engagement and interest in the project to date and funding is the primary barrier to moving forward with construction. The city's funding strategy has been attempting to secure infrastructure funding from state and federal sources to leverage local funds and minimize financial impacts to the community.

The time frame for proceeding with Phase 1 construction depends on funding.

The Chronicle: To be clear, how many acres of riverfront property is the city attempting to have developed, what is the specific location and boundaries of that property and what is the specific current value of that property?

King: The riverfront redevelopment project encompasses the area from the First and St. Helens Street intersection southward through the mill site to the connection at Plymouth Street. The Riverfront District, in addition to the former Boise Veneer Mill property, includes the existing development along First Street and the historic district.

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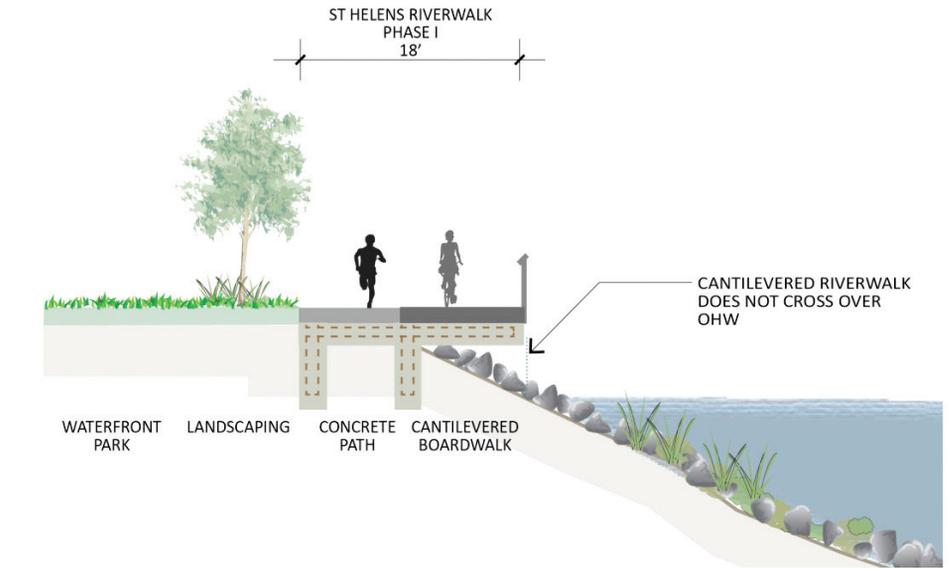
community that cannot be overstated. While the current assessed value of the former Veneer Property is \$898,710, this does not include the value to St. Helens' future.

The Chronicle: There have been several ideas discussed about what could be developed at the riverfront. In the city's public discussions about what should be developed, what has the city heard from residents, property owners and businesses about what they'd like to see and what is the city council's current vision for the property?

King: The Riverfront Framework Plan was founded on extensive community engagement and citizen involvement. The plan goals include ensuring public access and connection to the river, creating transportation connections (both motorized and non-motorized), preserving cultural heritage and providing opportunity for economic development.

The Framework Plan is intended to be flexible while embracing these overarching plan goals. The city is currently exploring a public private partnership proposal for plans to construct an elevator serviced mixed use building, boutique hotel and restaurant.

The Chronicle: What are the next steps that city needs to take to get its riverfront development off paper and to become a viable eco-



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The St. Helens Riverwalk along the Columbia River.

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King: The city is actively seeking funding to construct the infrastructure improvements and turn the plan into reality. Funding is the next major step. While grant applications are pending, work towards preparing the site for redevelopment will continue. Tasks such as topographical and geotechnical studies, sub-

dividing the mill site parcel into development-ready lots and completing the park/boardwalk infrastructure design are included in the St. Helens City Council Strategic Workplan for 2020-2022.

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MOLLY'S MARKET, A LOCAL CONVENIENCE

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Located at 290 S. 1st Street Molly's Market is stocked with a lot of items one would find at a convenience store, such as water bottles, soda and snacks, but also items often found at a grocery store, like eggs, milk, bacon and bread.

Co-owners brother and sister Molly Matchak and Philip Stanton opened the market on Oct. 5, 2019 in a "soft opening," in order to get the feel of the business. The grand opening occurred on Halloween, Oct. 31, according to Stanton.

Stanton, who owns some property in St. Helens, and operates Portland Properties, LLC, said he and his sister had wanted to see a small-size market in St. Helens for a while, because he felt the city was sorely lacking one.

"Having been down here for ten years, [the lack of a market] drove me crazy," Stanton said.

Matchak fell in love with what she called the "St. Helens vibe," and decided to move here. She said opening a market has always been a dream of hers, especially one that was modeled after a store located in her childhood hometown.

When she was a child, Matchak said she and her family would often walk to a grocery store named "Rory's" three blocks away from her house to buy a soda or a chocolate bar and came to know the owners of the grocery store very well. The market was more than just a place to buy goods for Matchak and Stanton, but a place for everyone in their town to feel a sense of community.

"Everybody knew each other, it was just such a good feeling," Matchak said.

Stanton described Molly's Market as one you would find back in a traditional small

town that carries a little bit of everything. Their selection includes some food, but also a kitchen section where customers can purchase cleaning supplies, a health section for health-specific foods and even an upcoming toy section.

The move-in process has taken about a year. Stanton purchased a few properties in St. Helens a year and a half ago, including the buildings where Running Dogs Brewery and Plymouth Pub are located.

Stanton was able to keep the space empty and waiting for Matchak before she could begin the move-in process. In April of 2019, Matchak began moving refrigeration into the place and started to define her business model. Right now, the store occupies about 800 square feet, although Stanton estimates the business has room to expand to 1,500 square feet.

Already, Matchak said she has felt a sense of community, support and gratitude from customers regarding her business. One person in particular has already made an impact.

That person made a \$1,000 donation to Matchak when she was first moving in. She told the story with tears in her eyes.

One Wednesday morning, Matchak was in her market, working with her beer distributor and calculating inventory when she saw a man in his 70s or 80s walk in. He asked Matchak if she was the woman who ran the establishment, and she replied that she was. He then handed Matchak a check for \$1,000.

"He said recently he got a bill of health and said he wanted to support small businesses. I started to cry. He just smiled and said, 'I just believe in small businesses and I hope you do well,'" Matchak said.



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Molly's Market opened on Halloween of 2019 in the Old Town District of St. Helens.

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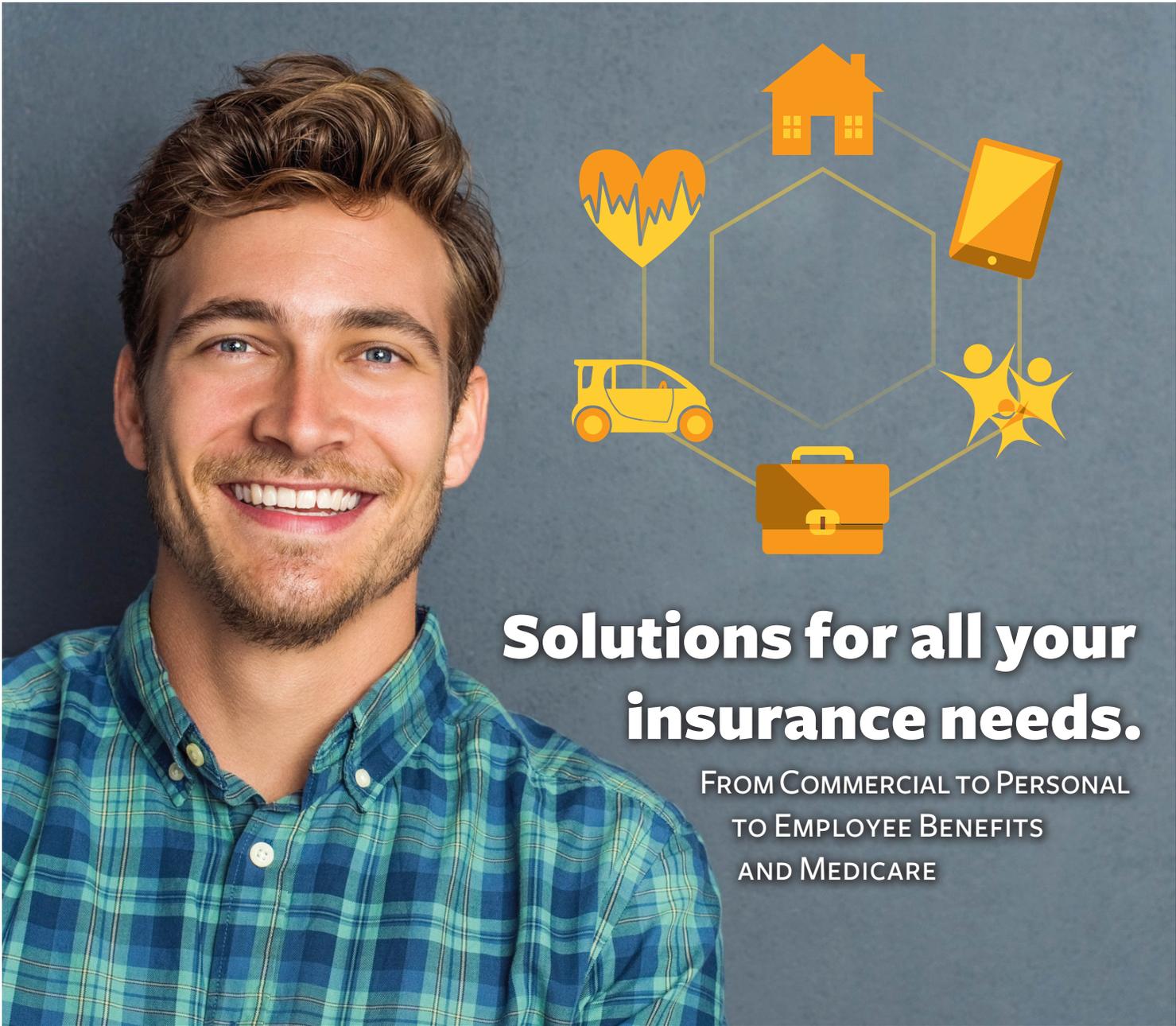
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That customer has been back to the store a few times since then, Matchak said, and she knows the customer and his wife on a first-name basis.

It's this sense of community that Matchak said she is hoping to build.

"Just a sense of you can say, 'Hey, Molly,' and I can say, 'Hey, Jim,'" Matchak said. "I want to know my community by name and they know I have the things they need."

In the time Molly's Market has been open, which has been just under a year, Matchak said she has been getting a diverse clientele, from tourists to locals, to a group of boaters who consistently come to her store. The products she has offered have become more diverse as well.

At first, Matchak was just offering Trader Joe's products, then she was offering pizza, then hot dogs, and then finally breakfast sandwiches and lunch sandwiches after those.

In the short few months she has been open, Matchak was able to hire two employees, high-school age girls to help work at her store. When the virus broke out, however, she decided to let them go in the interest of safety.

Safety issues aside, the coronavirus has actually brought a lot of benefits to Molly's Market, according to Matchak. Many people go to her store in the hopes of avoiding larger, more populated and more crowded stores.

When the virus dies down and the social distancing orders are no longer in place, Matchak said has some changes in store for the future. Matchak has applied for her on-premise servings through the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) so that she can serve beer and wine. She plans to have a seating area both inside and outside her store so that customers can grab a slice of pizza and a beer for a meal with friends.

And, if everything goes to plan, Matchak is also thinking about putting in a music venue.

"We'll build a little music stage, put a couch and some long tables and you can just come in. We're not going to charge you for bands to come, but just music. Come and just jam if you'd like," Matchak said.

Those plans are six months to a year down the road, however.

"We've been telling our customers the vision that we're going to have and they're so excited. So it'd be kind of like a little hipster grocery store, coffee shop, you know, just hang out," Matchak said.

For now, Matchak said she just feels a strong sense of gratitude from all of her customers who walk in her store.

"I didn't realize how much this place really needed a grocery store," she said.

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THE BUSINESS OF MEDICINE - LEGACY CLINIC



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Legacy operates a 20,500 square-foot clinic at 475 S. Columbia River Highway in St. Helens.

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Legacy Health officials resumed scheduled elective medical procedures May 1, in accordance with the safety requirements for hospitals outlined by Gov. Kate Brown in her announcement in late April lifting the ban on elective procedures.

“As we begin providing elective procedures, it is with the utmost focus on safety for our patients and staff,” Legacy Health Chief Medical Officer Lewis Low said. “We are grateful to the community for the part they are playing in reducing the spread of COVID-19 by following social distancing guidelines so we can get back to the work of providing the care our patients need.”

Legacy operates a clinic at 475 S. Columbia River Highway in St. Helens.

Legacy’s public relations and communications director Brian Terrett said during the pandemic, in most cases, the clinic is now calling

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Legacy continues to work with state and local health authorities to safely offer elective procedures when public health conditions supported it. Strict safety protocols have been put in place and will be maintained at Legacy facilities to provide maximal protection to patients and employees. These include adhering to social distancing as much as possible and appropriate use of personal protective equipment by staff.

Legacy leaders said they will monitor conditions to ensure that facilities continue to meet the safety conditions specified by Governor Brown to maintain enough hospital capacity to care for potential new COVID-19 cases and maintaining a sufficient supply of personal protection equipment and testing materials.

Looking ahead, Terrett said Legacy Medical Group–St. Helens looks forward to continuing to serve the growing population of Columbia County and providing new services such as telehealth and drive-up care.

“We will continue to use best-practice public health recommendations to maintain a safe environment and for the use of personal protective equipment,” he said. “Finally, we will continue to look for ways to bring more services to the clinic so people can get the care they need close to home.”

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THE BUSINESS OF RECREATION - IN THE POOL

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Normally, hundreds of children and adults would be enjoying a variety of swimming pool activities at public swimming pools in Columbia County, but the COVID-19 pandemic has limited the pool uses this summer.

Operators of the Eisenschmidt Pool, at 1070 Eisenschmidt Lane in St. Helens, expected to reopen the covered facility on June 22.

The community pool has been closed since March 16 following the state Stay Home restrictions to slow the COVID-19 pandemic.

Before the March closure, the pool offered a variety of services, including swimming lessons, aerobic classes, lap swim, water walking, recreation swim, rentals, and swim team practice opportunities. Average attendance during the summer had been 300 to 500 people daily.

Pool general manager Anne Scholz said under the state's Phase 2 reopening framework, there will be specific pool requirements, guidelines and limitations at the pool.

"Only Columbia County residents will be allowed to use the facility," Scholz said. "We will allow one swimmer per lane in the big pool and four maximum in the small pool," she said. "Swimmers must maintain six feet distance."

Face masks are recommended while out of



Photo by Jeremy C. Ruark

This scene from a few years ago shows children enjoying a break from the hot weather at the Clatskanie City Pool. The facility is slated for a \$650,000 renovation.

the pool water. Locker rooms and showers are closed, but there is an on-deck shower available for rinsing. Restrooms will be open. Swimmers must come in their suits and leave in their suits.

The pool hours are 6 a.m.-10 a.m. and 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Only lap

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“The schedule may change weekly,” Scholz said. “More hours and programs will be added as we can. Be patient as we are learning too.”

Scholz said during the closure, crews were able to maintain the water chemicals and monitor the functioning of all boilers and heaters/fans and other equipment. Massive cleaning of the facility has also taken place.

“We discovered a pipe hole after the city called and informed us we were using way more water than normal and since we were closed that raised a flag on their end,” Scholz said.

Crews isolated the three filter pits separately and discovered filter number one lost all its water in four hours.

“The city generously donated a vacuum truck to help suck out six feet of sand and gravel,” she said. “We dismantled the laterals and discovered a large hole in our underground six inch pipe. We decided to abandon the underground pipe and filled, waterproofed and sealed the pit and rebuilt the six inch pipe with laterals above ground. We are currently adding back rock, pea gravel and sand carefully. We expect to begin circulation this week.”

Scholz said with the unexpected COVID-19 closure the pool crew completed many projects that would normally take place during the facility’s September closure.

“So at this time we do not expect to have to close during that time,” she said.

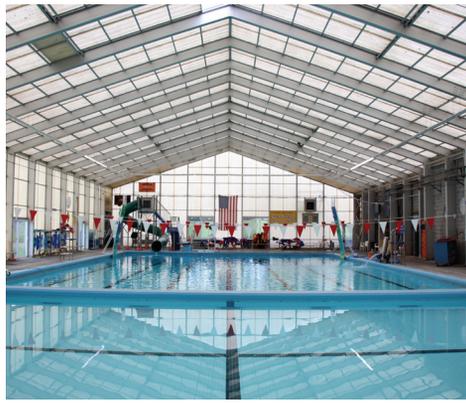


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Eisenschmidt Pool is at 1070 Eisenschmidt Lane in St. Helens.

Scholz said the forced pandemic closure has resulted in a significant financial drain at the pool.

“We are mainly funded by the citizens of St. Helens property taxes, however we rely heavily on our spring and summer busy season to balance our budget,” Scholz said. “We lost our Scappoose school lesson income this year as schools closed, which is a big part of our spring income.”

The city-approved pool budget this year is \$726,100, which is \$80,500 lower than last year’s budget, according to Scholz, who said she, as general manager, the pool’s finance manager and the single lead staff member declined their cost of living raise to help the dis-

tract financially.

“We will have a tight year but hope for the best,” Scholz said.

The pool reopening will also see a smaller staff to begin and maintain the limited operations.

“Before the closure we had 22 staff,” she said. “All but three were laid off. We will reopen with five to start.”

Scholz said despite the challenges, she and her staff remain positive.

“We understand how much the community wants the pool opening with a regular schedule, including lessons and public swim, however we have to follow guidelines and must open slowly with caution,” Scholz said. “Please understand we want nothing more than to get our entire staff hired back and get the public back in the water to teach safety and provide recreation. We are doing everything we can to get there.”

Operators of the public pools in Clatskanie and Rainier are also looking ahead to offer regular services as the state moves forward with reopening community economies and social events. A \$650,000 renovation is pending at the Clatskanie Pool and supporters of the Briarcliff Pool at Rainier Jr./Sr. High School are working to raise funds to continue its operations.

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A years-long project to develop a Portland Community College (PCC) satellite campus in Columbia County is now in the works.

PCC officially broke ground on Jan. 29 to build a workforce training center on a 17-acre parcel of land in Scappoose. Construction is now underway. Officials said they expect the center will open in spring of 2021.

The facility is adjacent to OMIC R&D, the research and development partner in the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center Initiative (OMIC).

The new training center will offer programs based on an apprenticeship model, which combines classroom learning with on-the-job training, and will focus on advanced manufacturing. Machining, computer numerically controlled operation, welding and mechatronics are elements of the programs to be offered.

Several dignitaries, including state and local officials, spoke at the Jan. 29 ceremony, including Scappoose Mayor, Scott Burge.

“It’s been a long time and we’ve really been working hard to be able to open up a permanent facility here in Columbia County and we couldn’t be more excited,” Burge said.

Burge said that PCC has offered courses at both Scappoose and St. Helens High Schools, with a welding program being offered at SHHS for the past seven years, and two different apprenticeships programs offered at SHS. There is something special about this new campus, however, Burge said.

“Today marks the beginning of a new chapter in the college’s history and that is a permanent presence here in Columbia County,” Burge said.

Burge also remarked on the benefits of having a workforce training center in close proximity to the R&D building and the use the center will have in maintaining what he described as the competitive manufacturing sector in Oregon.

“As you know, Oregon has a tremendous component of its GDP dependent on manufacturing, much more so than many other states and we are dedicated, along with the R&D center, to maintain the competitive advantage that Oregon has,” Burge said.

State Senator Betsy Johnson spoke of the



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This is a conceptual drawing of the new PCC workforce training center in Scappoose.



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long process of establishing such a campus in Columbia County.

“This feels like one of the longest courtships on record, to be honest,” Johnson said. “There were times when it felt like a one-sided affair. For years, Columbia County taxpayers have been paying \$2 million a year towards the promise that one day, Portland Community College would build an educational facility in Columbia County.”

Now that the goal is realized, Johnson said Columbia County residents could see the fruits of their taxes over so many years.

“Today isn’t so much as a groundbreaking, as perhaps the beginning of a better relationship,” she said. “One that is built on collaboration, trust, cooperation, and not just the exchange of money.”

Johnson also spoke to students’ newfound opportunities to do research with global companies, and benefit from international connections through partnerships with business colleagues and governments in Asia and Europe.

“This PCC project will be the catalyst for advances that we cannot yet imagine,” Johnson said.

Johnson also spoke of Manufacturing Day, an annual event that brings together hundreds of students from all over the state giving the opportunity to participate in different manufacturing activities to explore manufacturing careers.

“Their excitement thrilled me,” Johnson said. “It reminded me of the optimism three years ago when PCC finally announced the plans for this campus. Yes, it’s been a long courtship, but let’s hope it ends in a long and happy marriage.”

State Representative Brad Witt told the audience at the groundbreaking that the new OMIC center would be key in the local economy.

“How is it that we will ever be able to assure the competitiveness not only of our local labor force but our nation’s labor force, given the fact that in so many instances the average American worker in manufacturing is earning more in one hour than his or her competition overseas earns in an entire day?” Witt said.

Witt answered his own question later in his speech, saying, “How do we ensure that kind of growth that is going to enable us to grow our local economies to provide the necessary revenue? It’s by training the world’s best workforce that it’s possible.”

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Plymouth Pub, located at 298 S. 1st Street in St. Helens has been open for one year, and in that time has made a large impact on the local community.

“They’re just glad that we’re here,” owner Brad Rakes said about feedback he’s received from customers. “There wasn’t a lot of options before. St. Helens needed more eating establishments, more variety. That’s the main thing I heard.”

The pub, named in honor of the former name of St. Helens, which was “Plymouth” offers traditional American pub-style food: burgers, sandwiches, fries, tots, soups, salads, and a host of appetizers: mozzarella sticks, chicken fingers, nachos and the like.

The most popular food is fish and chips, Rakes said. As far as beverages go, the restaurant wouldn’t be a “Pub” without alcohol, and Rakes said his most popular beverage is beer, with IPAs being the most popular beer.

“We sell more IPAs than anything,” Rakes said.

The restaurant is a family-friendly place, with a sports theme. Pictures of athletes are scattered along the walls, and nine large TV’s are placed throughout. During NFL season, a good crowd shows up to the restaurant to watch with friends, Rakes said.

Even in one year, the restaurant has changed a little bit. In November, Rakes added breakfast to the menu for weekend meals, which he said started out slow but has since become more popular. Of the breakfast foods served, chicken-fried steak is the most popular, according to Rakes.

He has also hired a lot more employees. The restaurant has also grown its clientele, with sales up 25 percent, according to Rakes. Rakes said he can get up to 400 customers over a weekend.

This, in spite of the novel coronavirus pandemic, which forced the restaurant to shut its doors to sit-down customers and serve take-



Photo by Jeremy C. Ruark
Plymouth Pub is located on the corner of 298 S. 1st Street in St. Helens, and serves standard American food.

out meals only. While Rakes had to furlough most of his employees and completely close his restaurant down for two weeks, the business is still surviving, and all employees were hired back when Columbia County entered Phase 1 of reopening. Currently, the restaurant is open, but at half capacity. Rakes awaits further instruction from the State of Oregon on when business can proceed as normal.

Rakes said he has heard a lot of customers request outdoor seating, which Plymouth Pub

does not yet offer, but which Rakes would like to add. Although the restaurant does not have a patio, Rakes said he was thinking of placing four tables outside, two each on the streets intersecting right outside the door of the pub: Cowlitz and 1st Streets.

For other future plans, Rakes said he wants to expand the restaurant to the back: there is an empty space where a haunted house used to be that Rakes can use for storage. In the more distant future, Rakes said he would like to one day have a private banquet room in the restaurant.

“We get a lot of calls where people have a party of 40, and it’s hard to sit a party of 40 in here. It’d be nice to have a separate room,” Rakes said.

If there is anything in particular that Rakes is grateful for, it is the community, who he said has shown a lot of support during COVID-19.

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This past year saw a lot of changes for the Port of Columbia County, and will see more changes in the upcoming year.

For starters, the port's acquisitions in-

cluded new tenants over the past year: NEXT Renewable Fuels, Oregon Fusion Farms, Warren and Caryn Seely and Columbia River Ranch.

NEXT Renewable Fuels owns and operates a biofuel renewables facility, War-

ren and Caryn Seely will use acreage to expand their mint farm, and Columbia River Ranch is expanding their ranching operations.

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The Port of Columbia County owns 10 different property sites on 2,400 acres of land. Those acres include seven industrial sites located in Scappoose, St. Helens, Columbia City and Clatskanie. The port also owns and manages Scappoose Industrial Airpark, Bayview RV Park and the Scappoose Bay Marina Park.

Over the next year, the port has several projects it is expected to accomplish. One of those is the completion of a 27,000 square foot hangar building at the Scappoose Industrial Park for Devinaire, LLC, a port tenant acquired in 2019. Another is construction of a new building at Milton Creek Industrial Park in St. Helens for RainShadow Labs. A third is an addition to Building B at Multnomah Industrial Park in St. Helens for Composites Universal Group. Another is construction of a new building at McNulty Industrial Park in St. Helens for a potential new tenant. There will also be improvements to Beaver Dock at Port Westward, construction of a new dump sta-

tion at Bayport RV Park, as well as completion of a dredging survey and permitting plan at Scappoose Bay Marine Park.

The past year saw a lot of changes and accomplishments for the port. The port completed the water/sewer expansion project at the Scappoose Industrial Airpark, which accomplished bringing sanitary sewer service to the west side of the airport and completing the water line loop that serves the area.

“The completion of the project allows the port to better serve its existing tenants and provide capacity for future growth, both inside and outside the airport fence line,” Public Relations Representative for the Port Gina Sisco said.

Additionally, the port approved a commodity change request from Global Partners to switch from ethanol to Renewable “Green” Diesel at Port Westward.

The port also contracted with Cascadia Associates to complete the DEQ feasibility study for the cleanup at Railroad Avenue, a place that recently ended its 20-year remedial investigation.

In an interest to have land for wetland

mitigation, the Port purchased 194 acres at Port Westward after Greenwood Resources sold its property.

The port also selected a consultant to perform Phase I of the Columbia County Rail Safety and Mobility Study.

One of the biggest accomplishments for the port was something that the Oregon Supreme Court decided in the fall of 2019. That was to deny a petition for review of the port Westward rezone upholding the findings of the Oregon Court of Appeals and the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). This meant that there was only one remaining question, which is for the Port to prove that the five allowed uses for the rezone property can be reasonably compatible with neighboring farms.

“The port is working to bring this information to the Columbia County Commission for consideration,” Sisco said.

The port looks forward to market their industrial properties to attract businesses to Columbia County, according to Sisco.

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CLATSKANIE FARMERS MARKET



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Farmers Markets are a central gathering point for local farmers and vendors to conduct business, offering their wares each spring and summer.

Organizers said the markets offer retail sales opportunity for local food producers and that is an important and critical component of rebuilding local food economies. Beyond the retail business, the markets also provide social gathering points for community members and visitors, and provide a community point for local artists, crafters and musicians to demonstrate their passion.

The Clatskanie Farmers Market, at Copes Park along Lillich Street marks its seventh season this summer with its opening on June 20.

Originally, there had been discussion to move the market from Copes Park to Conyers Street, right off of Highway 30. That move would be an effort to attract visitors using Highway 30 that runs from Portland to the Oregon Coast, according to Darro Breshears-Routon, a founding member of the Farmers Market Board.

“For six years we have been at Copes Park, which is right in the middle of Clatskanie,” Breshears-Routon said. “It’s great, but we realized we weren’t growing like we wanted to.”

To find out how to grow their market, Clatskanie Farmers Market Board members conducted a study that involved closely reviewing the numbers from the Seaside Farmers Market along the Oregon Coast.

The Seaside Farmers Market had been located a block away from Highway 101 for several years, and their numbers were really low. The organizers of that market then moved to be right on Highway 101 to take advantage of the tourist traffic along the roadway. That relocation effort enabled the market to double the number of shoppers and increase vendors.

“Their market really exploded with tons of vendors and shoppers,” Breshears-Routon said, adding that “research shows small rural farmers markets, such as the Clatskanie Farmers Market, don’t usually succeed if those markets aren’t located on a main thoroughfare.”

Although the board members are hopeful to grow the market, current restrictions regarding social distancing have made it impossible to do so at Conyers Street.

After much deliberation with the City of Clatskanie staff and the Clatskanie Parks and Recreation District, the market board has decided the best course of action is to return to

the expanses of Copes Park, according to a statement from the Clatskanie Farmers Market Board.

“Our community loves its artists and makers,” the statement reads. “Moving to this larger venue will allow us to safely include them with the prescribed social distancing.”

The Clatskanie Farmers Market Board has announced two options under the state’s social distancing guidelines available at the Copes Park for those who want to purchase food at the market.

Option 1 will be a socially distanced farmers market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays through September.

Option 2 is a pickup option, stationed on Conyers Street, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

through September. Shoppers will be able to order online through the website clatskaniefarmersmarket.com, and follow the link on the page for WhatsGood-<https://sourcewhatsgood.com/>.

Prepaid online orders will be able to be picked up at the HUB located in the public parking lot, behind Colvins and Conestoga on NE Conyers Street, where a volunteer will bring the order out to the customer’s vehicle.

The Clatskanie Farmers Market also accepts Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) vouchers.

For more information, visit the Clatskanie Farmers Market website at, <https://clatskaniefarmersmarket.com>.

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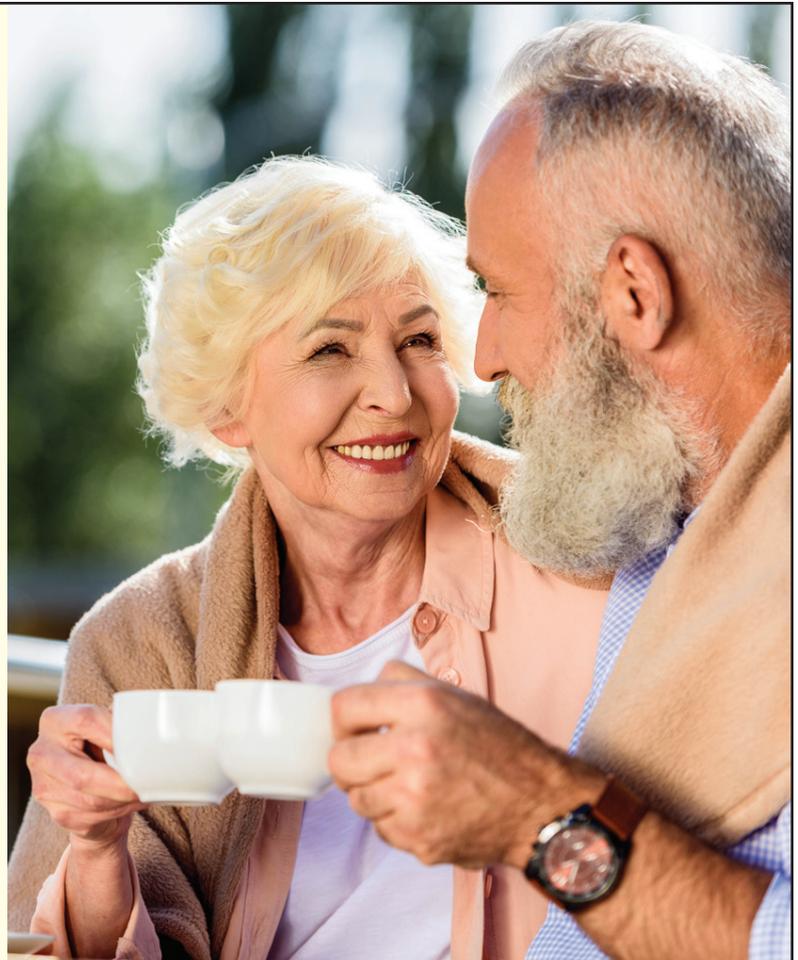
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THE BUSINESS OF GARBAGE



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Hudson Garbage Service provides waste removal and recycling in Columbia County.

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Hudson Garbage operates with annual revenue of a little over \$5 million per year, with approximately 16 trucks traveling the county each day, according to Hudson Garbage District Manager Nathan Smith

The St. Helens-based company has been serving the city, Warren, Columbia City, Deer Island, Rainier and Clatskanie since 1970, providing removal of commercial waste and residential trash, recycling, and portable toilets.

In addition to the regular waste and recycling removal, Hudson conducts bulky waste removal and yard debris removal for the cities of St. Helens and Columbia City.

“So a couch that won’t fit in the garbage bin, we will run out and pick that up for them,” Smith said.

The company crews don’t pick up in Scappoose, but they do offer a portable toilet and sink delivery business to events and construction sites in Scappoose and all cities in the county.

Hudson also takes part in its own green initiatives. One of which is using used oil from trucks as heating oil for their home-base located on Gable Road in St. Helens.

“We’re avid recyclers,” Smith said. “We look for any and all opportunities to recycle.”

In addition to just removing garbage and recycling, the company has implemented different green initiatives and has made an effort to be extra hospitable to customers in the era of COVID-19.

As for the future, Smith said Hudson Garbage is not seeing a lot of changes, especially because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“COVID has definitely put the skids to any growth for 2020 and for 2021 we’re not projecting much large-scale growth,” Smith said. “We’re not seeing huge changes.”

One policy the company has implemented during the pandemic is forgiveness for late payment on bills. While usually the company stops service if a customer cannot pay, Hudson Garbage has continued garbage pickup during the pandemic.

“We wanted to make sure folks had the op-

portunity for the service,” Smith said. And we’ll circle back to them once we got through this.”

The pandemic has impacted the company’s annual rate increase review to keep up with fuel costs, truck maintenance and employees wages.

In late May, the company began to meet with city councils in St. Helens, Rainier and Clatskanie to discuss a two percent rate adjustment for residential and commercial customers. Hudson cited significant business revenue losses of 17 percent on the commercial side due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But after discussions with the cities and seeing customers struggling financially through the pandemic, Hudson decided to wait before asking for final approval of the rate boost.

“We took that with sensitivity,” Smith said. “If things change in the fall and the state completely reopens, we’d like the opportunity to revisit it.”

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White said the Scappoose Goodwill and others continue to offer in-depth training to help build employee skills in safety and customer service and assisting people in finding jobs and connecting through other community outreach programs.

"I have a sense of excitement in working with Goodwill employees and our customers," she said. "It's almost hard to put into words. I am so excited to be around the employees and see their happiness as they come to work everyday. I see the positive impact. Being able to carry that on to customers makes whatever additional protocols we have, easier."

Operators of the Scappoose Goodwill are again greeting customers after reopening under the states social distancing requirements and Oregon's Phase 2 Reopening Framework.

The Scappoose facility, at 51651 SE 2nd Street, is one of several Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Willamette (GICW) that reopened in early June following closures on March 23 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting state Stay Home order issued by Governor Kate Brown.

The closures resulted in the furlough of hundreds of employees at the Goodwill centers across the state. With the reopening, more than 750 Goodwill workers are now back on the payroll.

"The employees are so excited to be at work," White said. "We are getting a lot of positive praise and the employees say they are feeling super safe with all the measures we have put in place and they are happy to see our shoppers and donors back. It has been a really positive experience."

White said even though Goodwill is moving toward a more "normal" routine, the risk of COVID-19 is still present and employees, as well as customers need to follow social distancing practices and guidelines.



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Goodwill employees at the Scappoose store assist customers. The store reopened on Thursday, June 4.



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“We are consistently reminding the employees the rules, maintaining six feet from people, sticking to our cleaning and we are requiring all employees to wear gloves,” she said. There is also new signage and guidance all around the stores to help customers. It is definitely a new community aspect for everybody, so definitely new things to keep in place because we want to remain open.”

The Scappoose Goodwill center opened April 26, 2012 with 19,506-square-feet-of retail and storage space.

“To align with social distancing requirements required by Governor Brown, right now we have 22 employees at the Scappoose Goodwill,” Goodwill Columbia/Willamette public relations manager Dale Emanuel said. “Prior it was 26 employees.”

In a release, Goodwill said virtually all GICW free job services programs are funded through the sale of donations. Re-opening is crucial to continuing with the mission of providing those services.

All stores have been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. to allow for enhanced cleaning prior to opening each day. Outlet hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Given the nature of its donation-based business, extra precautions on top of state safety guidelines are in place at the Scappoose and other Goodwill centers.

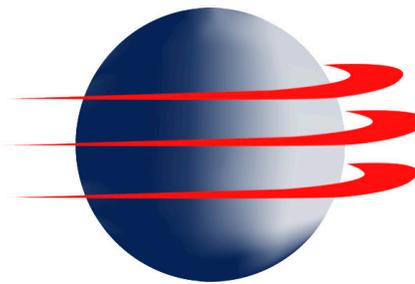
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COLUMBIA THEATRE GETS NEW MARQUEE

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A new marquee has been carefully hoisted into place at the historic theatre, located in St. Helens Old Town District at 212 S. First Street.

Columbia Theatre co-owner Leah Tillotson said funding for the new marquee came from two grants.

"We had paid for the sign to be started before the COVID-19 situation happened," she said. "The work continued and here we are."

Tillotson described the new marquee as very close to the former marquee in size and appearance.

Vancouver-based Yeso Signs brought in and installed the new marquee late last week. The crew took down the old theatre sign, made adjustments for the new marquee and used a tall crane to carefully hoist the marquee into place.

Tillotson, along with her hus-

band, co-owner Lance, said they are planning even more renovations at the historic theatre.

"A downstairs bathroom, seating, carpeting, a new screen and general repair and replacement items," she said. "The grant we have gives us another two years to get it all done. Progress may seem slow but it is all in the works."

Most recently, under the state's social distancing guidelines, the theatre has not been showing in-person films, but the Tillotsons did launch an innovative drive-by project on Friday evenings giving locals and visitors to the city a chance to pull up to the front of the theatre and purchase movie items, such as tubs of hot buttered popcorn.

Read more about the Columbia Theatre at thechronicleonline.com. To reach the theatre, call 503-397-9791



Photo by Kelli Nicholson
 Workers use a tall crane to carefully lift the new marquee into place on Friday May 29.

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