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So, when he got his \$10,000 check, the first \$1,000 went to his church as a tithe.

The rest he spent on a new power hammer, the hulking tool that shapes metal with hydraulic-powered blows.

He plans to expand the metal shop on his 26 acres that he's been stocking with tools for years.

Working with metal

Fetters has worked with metal, one way or another, since he was a teenager. He was born in Silverton and lived there until he was 3, when his family relocated to Canby. After high school, he worked in a restaurant and a welding shop and took college classes before joining the U.S. Marines Corps, serving 1982-1986.

He came away from his service on the East Coast with a damaged shoulder, diminished hearing and a new interest in becoming a farrier, which he'd picked up in the corps' horse stables. Back in Canby, he went into business shoeing horses, teaching himself the necessary blacksmithing skills.

On the side, he began

making knives. He's "100 percent self-taught, although I often study at a prestigious academic institution called YouTube," he quipped.

In those early years, forging blades was just a hobby. His first attempt was a rough bowie knife. "It was horrible ... I made it out of old horse shoe rasps," he said. "Now I wish I could find it."

At age 36, Fetters' life took a new turn, while blacksmithing remained constant. He came on fulltime with Canby Police Department, after working as a reserve officer, and spent the next 20 years policing the town in which he'd grown up. Along the way, he became a SWAT sniper, instructor and Field Training Officer (FTO).

Sixteen years ago, he and his wife moved to the timbered hills of Scotts Mills, where he set up shop and continued to take refuge in his blacksmithing work. He started making knives as gifts for fellow officers, and orders began to trickle in – a hunting knife here, a kitchen set there.

'I may have signed you up for something'

Two years ago, nearing retirement, Fetters incorporated as TF Blades and staked out a presence on the web. Now, he's offering a dozen types of,

blades for sale there, some named after fellow officers and teams. Fittingly, it was the police community that vaulted him into the national spotlight.

Last year, a West Linn sergeant called him, saying, "Tony, I may have signed up you for something," he recalled.

This time it wasn't Shop with a Cop or another community event; it was "Forged in Fire," and the show's producers had already decided they were interested in Fetters. After filling out a stack of paperwork and going through a Skype interview, he had a date with TV viewers.

Himself a fan of the show, which first aired in 2015, Fetters knew the drill, and he was delighted to test his mettle against other blacksmiths. He found the show's shop/studio in Brooklyn to be well stocked, the judges to be professional, and the competitors to be enjoyable new acquaintances.

"I met three great guys," he said. "We'll probably be friends for life."

Flying home a champion, Fetters kept the news a secret for eight months, honoring a non-disclosure agreement with producers. But after the show aired March 27, visits to his website and knife orders exploded. So

also did requests from blacksmiths seeking apprenticeships, something he'd already begun to explore with a few local men.

"The show happened, and now my orders are backed up three to four months," he said.

In November, Fetters finally retired as a police officer. His blood pressure has already gone down, he said, and his ex-

"I had a blast. I'd do it again in a heartbeat."

Tony Fetters, regarding his time on the show, "Forged in Fire"

citement about his future at the forge is palpable. After three careers, now he can launch a fourth, the one he's always dreamed about. It's just one more adventure for a

guy who's taken more than a few chances over the years.

"I guess when I go someday, it'll be better to be a 'has-been' than a 'never-did,'" he said.

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the water, we shower after we get out of the water and we clean and cook our fish prior to eating them."

The primary thing to avoid is drinking water directly from Detroit Lake — the toxins cannot be removed by boiling, filtering or treating water with camping-style filters, OHA said.

The bloom in Blowout Arm has the highest concentration of toxins, Hillwig said. A liver toxin called "microcystin" was tested at 48.21 parts per billion in that location. A health advisory is triggered when levels are 4 parts per billion.

"It's hard to say when the advisory will be lifted," Hillwig said. "It depends on a lot of factors."

It's unclear exactly why the blooms always seem to pop up this time of year, but Hillwig sus-

pects it has something to do with Detroit Lake raising its water level to the summertime "full pool."

"Historically, Detroit Lake is one of the earlier bloomers when it comes to algae, compared to other reservoirs," she said.

"It could very well have something to do with the rivers bringing a lot of nutrients into the lake at once."

Oregon health officials recommend that those who choose to eat fish from waters where algae blooms are present remove all fat, skin and organs before cooking, as toxins are more likely to collect in these tissues, OHA said.

"Filets should also be rinsed with clean water," the agency said in a news release.

Crayfish muscle can be eaten, but internal organs and liquid fat should be discarded."

The advisory will be lifted when the concern no longer exists.

OHA added: "With proper precautions, people are encouraged to visit Detroit Lake and enjoy activities such as canoeing, fishing, camping, hiking, biking, picnicking, and bird watching. Boating is safe as long as speeds do not create excessive water spray. Although inhalation risk is much lower than ingestion, it can present a risk."

For health information or to report an illness, contact OHA at 971-673-0400.

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the association's website, oregonwinecountry.org/tree, for a chance to win one of 120 prizes. All entrants will be eligible to win a grand prize — a trip for two to Washington, D.C., to attend the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree lighting.

The Forest's Sweet Home Ranger District is providing the 2018 U.S. Capitol Christmas tree.

The theme this year is "Find Your Trail!" in recognition of two 2018 anniversaries: the 50th anniversary of the National Trails Systems Act, and the 175th commemoration of the Oregon Trail.

The national Christmas tree will be cut on the

Sweet Home Ranger District in early November and prepared for the 3,000-mile expedition to Washington, D.C.

The journey will trace the Oregon Trail in reverse and include a series of community celebrations throughout Oregon and across the United States. It will culminate with the official tree lighting on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol Building in early December.

Seventy smaller companion trees will also be sent to Washington, D.C. to decorate government buildings and public spaces. And Oregonians will contribute 10,000 handmade ornaments, to be created in 2018.

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several bills to eliminate or change the kicker, but none has passed. But some lawmakers are vowing to overhaul Oregon's revenue system during the 2019 legislative session.

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state from building reserves, commonly called rainy day funds, to use during economic downturns.

Over the years, the Legislature has floated

FORM LB-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Silverton Fire District will be held on June 12, 2018 at 10:00 X am ___ pm at 490 3rd Street, Scotts Mills, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 as approved by the Silverton Fire District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 819 Rail Way NE, Silverton, Oregon, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or online at www.silvertonfire.com. This budget is for an X annual ___ biennial budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is X the same as ___ different than the preceding year. If different, the major changes and their effect on the budget are:

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2016-2017	Adopted Budget This Year 2017-2018	Approved Budget Next Year 2018-2019
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	2,607,116	1,496,525	1,843,338
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	16,455	5,950	90,950
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	266,499	751,375	311,000
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	138,574	154,000	227,387
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	132,941	113,248	100,069
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	1,533,531	1,657,750	1,732,679
Total Resources	4,695,116	4,178,848	4,305,423

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	759,467	846,409	902,300
Materials and Services	610,647	1,163,100	758,950
Capital Outlay	1,161,954	769,130	800,141
Debt Service	360,487	365,721	370,546
Interfund Transfers	138,574	154,000	227,387
Contingencies	0	95,581	100,000
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	1,663,987	784,907	1,146,099
Total Requirements	4,695,116	4,178,848	4,305,423

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program			
FTE for that unit or program			
Fire and EMS Services	4,695,116	4,178,848	4,305,423
FTE	7.16	7.16	7.16
FTE			
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program			
FTE			
Total Requirements	4,695,116	4,178,848	4,305,423
Total FTE	7.16	7.16	7.16

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *

Will be finishing the State of Oregon Seismic upgrade project at the Main Station using the remainder of grant funding. Will also be completing final capital improvement projects and expenditures from the 2015 General Obligation Bond.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2016-2017	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2017-2018	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2018-2019
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 1.0397 per \$1,000)	1.0397		
Local Option Levy			
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	\$327,246.00	\$329,029.00	\$333,056.00

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$4,321,031	
Other Bonds		
Other Borrowings	\$206,838	
Total	\$4,527,869	