



Iron Workers top out Adventist Medical Center

Iron Workers, Carpenters and Laborers celebrated the “topping out” of Portland Adventist Medical Center’s expansion Nov. 6. Topping out is the term used to indicate that the final piece of steel is being hoisted into place on a structure. As is tradition, the final piece of iron had a small evergreen tree (called a “Christmas tree” in the trade) and an American flag attached. And it was painted white and signed by all the workers and dignitaries. Iron Workers on the project are members of Locals 29 in Portland, 86 in Seattle and 377 in San Francisco working for Columbia Bridge & Iron Inc. In the lower photo to the right, Jeff Barnes and Jens Ulven of the “raising gang” connect the last piece of iron. Other members of the raising gang were Dan Haner, Doug Ballinger, Aaron Harlan and foreman Mike Lucero. In all, 30



ironworkers placed 1,100 tons of iron on the \$105 million, four-story, 192,000-square-foot structure. Another 750 tons of iron was used on an adjacent new parking structure. Anderson Construction is the project’s general contractor.

Free ‘Holiday Party for Children’ slated Dec. 8 in Salem

SALEM — The 67th annual “Holiday Party for Children” will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Elsinor Theatre, 170 High St. SE, Salem.

The free event sponsored by the Marion, Polk, Yamhill Counties Labor Council will feature Santa Claus, holiday songs, a movie and goody bags.

Doors open at 9:45 a.m.

Union Food Bank asks for funds to feed less fortunate

The holiday season is here and the Carpenters Food Bank is appealing for cash donations to help feed those in need. The all-volunteer food bank, now in its 25th year, is housed in the basement of the union hall at 2205 N. Lombard, Portland. The food bank feeds 425 to 500 families the third Friday each month, said Mike Fahey, who along with his wife Sandy, coordinate the program.

Mike Fahey is a former executive secretary-treasurer of the Portland Metal Trades Council and member of Pile Drivers, Divers and Shipwrights Local 2416.

The November food boxes will be distributed today, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Christmas food

box distribution will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21.

Fahey said cash donations are needed to help purchase food items — including meat and turkeys — at bulk rate prices.

Contributions can be sent to: Food Bank, P.O. Box 17358, Portland OR 97217.

Labor’s Yuletide toy drive needs gifts by Dec. 19

Labor’s Community Service Agency and the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO, will hold their 11th annual Presents from Partners Holiday Toy Drive for underprivileged children.

Bring unwrapped gifts for children of all ages to the NOLC office at 1125 SE Madison, Suite 100-D, Portland, no later than Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Gifts will be distributed Saturday, Dec. 22, at noon, at Genesis Community Center, 5425 NE 27th off Killingsworth.

Breakfast with Earl Blumenauer Nov. 30

Oregon Congressman Earl Blumenauer will meet with union members for breakfast Friday, Nov. 30, at 8 a.m. at Kirkland Union Manor, 3530 SE 84th, Portland. Cost is \$10.

RSVP to the Northwest Oregon Labor Council at 503-235-9444.

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