

## Valley Veterinary Clinic Welcomes New Associates

**Dr. Michelle Galbraith**-- Michelle is a 2012 graduate of Oregon State University, School of Veterinary Medicine. She joined our clinic in June of 2012. Her interests are in large and small animal nutrition and cardiology. Outside of work she enjoys riding her horse "Dotty" and spending time with her two poodles. Her husband Dustin will be completing his veterinary degree in 2013.

**Dr. Jennifer Barton**-- Jennifer is a 2012 graduate of the University of Illinois, School of Veterinary Medicine. She joined our clinic in 2012. Her interests are in large animal surgery and medicine. Jennifer grew up on a farm in the Midwest raising cattle, hogs, and spending time showing her Arabian horses. She also enjoys rock climbing and playing with her yellow lab, "Rugar."

**Dr. Sandy Sandowitz**-- Sandy is a 2011

graduate of Oregon State University, School of Veterinary Medicine. Sandy joined our practice in December of 2011. Her interests are in small animal surgery and medicine. She loves mild climate and a plethora of outdoor opportunities.

**Dr. Kenneth VandenBergh**-- Ken joined our clinic in May of 2012. He is a 1991 graduate of Oregon State University, School of Veterinary Medicine. His primary interest is in large animal medicine, especially cattle, but he also enjoys small animals. When not at work he enjoys his dogs.

**Dr. Lisa Kellihan**-- Lisa joined us in June of 2011. She is a graduate of Colorado State University, School of Veterinary Medicine. Her interest is in mixed animals and she enjoys working with all sizes and breeds. Outside of

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## St. Helens Community FCU Names New CEO and CFO

Brooke Van Vleet, a twenty year veteran of the credit union movement in Oregon, has joined St. Helens Community FCU as President/CEO, the credit union announced today. Van Vleet most recently served as Chief Administrative Officer at First Tech FCU.

"We're thrilled to have someone with Brooke's background join the St. Helen's team. She brings a new perspective to the credit union and her strong leadership skills will be an asset to our organization," stated Lea Chitwood, Chairman of the Board.

Van Vleet is a recognized leader in the Oregon credit union community and has served in multiple roles at the state and regional association level. Her senior management experience at Oregon's two largest credit unions gives her a perspective on the evolving financial marketplace that will prove valuable as SHCU continues to seek innovative ways to better serve its membership.

"Brooke is an experienced, trusted credit union executive and we are fortunate to have her leading our credit union. We know we can rely on her guidance in these challenging economic times," Chitwood added.

In her first official action, Van Vleet has recommended, and the Board has agreed, to terminate the recently announced letter of intent to explore a

merger with Wauna FCU. "My focus needs to be on the day-to-day operations and getting up to speed quickly on current initiatives," stated Van Vleet. Chitwood agrees.

"While the Board still believes we should always explore strategic options that may benefit our members, we concur with Van Vleet's assessment that the credit union's energy currently needs to be focused on maximizing value to the membership through our current initiatives," Chitwood said.

The credit union also announced that Randy Goshow has joined the credit union as SVP and CFO. Goshow most recently served as VP Business Systems at Clackamas FCU and has over twenty five years credit union experience in a variety of finance and IT leadership roles in Oregon credit unions.

*St. Helens Community Federal Credit Union (SHCU) holds over \$166 million in assets and currently serves over 15,000 members. SHCU has been serving Columbia County residents and businesses since 1938. SHCU is headquartered in St. Helens, Oregon, and has branches in Rainier, St. Helens, and Scappoose. Everyone in Columbia County is eligible for membership. For more information, call our toll-free number 1.800.275.6434 or visit our website at www.shcu.org.*

## Merger Discussions Have Ended Between Local Credit Unions

The board of directors for St Helens Community Federal Credit Union notified the Wauna FCU board of directors that they have terminated the Letter of Intent to continue discussions about a potential merger of the two credit unions.

According to Robert Blumberg, Wauna FCU CEO & President, "This action ends further discussion between the credit unions about a merger. As we stated in our previous announcements, it remains business as usual at Wauna Federal Credit Union, no matter what the discussions might have generated."

Wauna FCU continues to provide the highest levels of service to members and to update to new technologies to further increase convenience. This includes planning for new branches in Warrenton and St Helens.

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