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in a letter. "... I believe this place is very clean and the washroom and shower very sanitary." Soejima continued, "We have a library, recreation hall, and a big arena converted into a gym. All in all I can tell you, I guess I'm enjoying myself immensely. Please let my friends know I am thinking about them and wish them well," she graciously ended her letter.

Historically the camps are remembered as prisons, surrounded by barbed wire fences and guard towers with deplorable living conditions that included rooms made from plywood walls with no ceilings and open pit latrines. The families tried to create a sense of community, establishing fire and police

and forming baseball teams. Children attended school, although they were provided with almost no books, desks, or supplies.

The Oregon Plan, implemented in May of 1942 created the first Japanese American farm labor camp in the United States, located in Mahleur County, where 350 citizens were housed and worked tending crops and picking produce. Japanese Americans were also allowed to join the military when the government formed the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, which became one of the most highly decorated units in American history. During WWII

departments, publishing newspapers, 8,000 citizens of Japanese decent served in the American armed forces.

> After being confined for two and a half years, in January 1945 the War Department announced that Japanese Americans could leave the camps. Many Oregon residents actively campaigned against the return of their Japanese American neighbors and "No Japs Allowed" signs were common in business windows. Japanese citizens were encouraged to relocate away from west coast states where they were particularly made unwelcome. The Oregon House of Representatives passed Joint Memorial No. 9 on February 28, 1945, calling on President Roosevelt to prevent the return of Japanese Americans "for the duration of the present war with Japan." The legislators based their request on what they described as "considerable antagonism to such return" to Oregon. Hood River received national attention when the local American Legion Post removed the names of 16 "Nisei," Japanese American members of the U.S. Military, from a plaque honoring local members of the armed forces. Many of the Japanese that did return to their homes in Oregon found their farm equipment and orchards vandalized, windows in their homes broken, and faced intimidation, harassment, and boycotts of their produce. Only about 70% chose to stay in Oregon.

> In Oregon the 1950s saw some progress for African American citizens, in some ways putting the state ahead of other parts of the nation. In 1951 Oregon repealed its law prohibiting interracial marriages. In April 1953 the state legislature passed a civil rights bill which prohibited hotels, motels, restaurants, and amusement places from discriminating on the basis of race, religion, or national origin, even though a group calling

themselves the Civil Freedom Committee, headed by Rev. Elbert D. Riddick, attempted to use a referendum measure to delay the vote until the 1954 general election; the group's effort failed when they only collected 9,925 of the 23,375 valid signatures needed. In 1959 Oregon finally ratified the 15th Amendment to the Constitution, officially granting all citizen the right to vote.

Employment opportunities began to open up for African Americans and the Portland region saw a number of "First Black Employees" in numerous fields, including the first firefighter; the first manager of a large business; the first sports writer, and church editor at The Oregonian; and the first black employees at the Crown-Zellerbach paper mill in Camas, and at Sears and Montgomery Ward. In 1957 Mrs. Phil Reynolds was named Oregon Mother of the Year, the first African American to receive this honor. Other firsts included the first black dentist, the first real estate agent, and the first pharmacist.

In 1964 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin across the United States. It prohibited unequal application of voter registration requirements, and racial segregation in schools, employment, and public accommodations. The legislation was originally proposed by President John F. Kennedy in 1963 and Johnson carried it forward after Kennedy's assassination. The Civil Rights Act led to the bussing of African American students in an effort to desegregate schools; Portland took up the practice in 1965.

Racial tensions escalated between blacks and whites across the United States between 1964 and the continued on page 15

## PUBLIC NOTICE **COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF**

In the Matter of Directing the Sale of Real Property Acquired by Columbia County

NOTICE OF SALE BY AUCTION OF COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY

Pursuant to ORDER NO. 24-2019, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County on April 17, 2019, I will offer certain real property acquired by Columbia County for sale on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Columbia County Justice Facility located at 901 Port Avenue, in St. Helens, Oregon.

Exhibit "A", attached hereto, provides general information about the properties or groups of properties (the "Properties") being offered at the sale, including location, the County Assessor's real market value, and the required minimum price.

The specific terms and conditions for the sale (the "Terms and Conditions"), along with other sale information, including tax maps, Assessor information summaries and earnest money agreement forms, can be viewed at the Board of Commissioners Office, Columbia County Courthouse, 230 Strand, St. Helens, Oregon, or electronically at www.co.columbia.or.us, which is the County's web page. Prospective buyers should review all sale information carefully

The sale Terms and Conditions must be accepted by anyone bidding on a property. Sale staff will be available from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at the sale location to receive signed Terms and Conditions acceptance forms

Key Terms and Conditions of the sale include, but are not limited to:

- The Properties will be offered through oral auction in the order listed on Exhibit "A", with no certainty as to the timing of a property-specific sale.
- Properties will be sold to the highest qualified bidder for cash in accordance with a nonnegotiable earnest money agreement that will be required for each sale.
- All properties offered for sale by the Sheriff will be sold AS-IS without covenants or warranties of any kind, subject to any municipal liens, easements and encumbrances of record. Conveyance will be by standard County quitclaim deed, which can be viewed at the County offices or online as provided for above. The quitclaim deed will contain specific reservations to the County that should be reviewed carefully by prospective buyers.
- Apparent high bidders must deposit 10% of the minimum bid amount on the day of the sale, with the remainder due by June 21, 2019, or as otherwise specified in the applicable earnest money agreement. Deposits must be submitted in the form of cash, money order or cashier's checks
- Four of the Properties have improvements on them, including commercial buildings, homes, mobile homes or sheds. Exhibit "A" identifies these Properties and special conditions, if any that will apply to the sale of those Properties. Bidders are not authorized to enter improved areas of the Properties without written permission of the County. Inspection opportunities for these Properties have not been scheduled.
- Bid Item 11 includes special conditions of sale that will be more fully set out in the earnest money agreements required for each property. Specifically:
  - i. Bid Item 11, has improvements on the property located at 1201 Heather Ave in Vernonia, Oregon. This lot has City restrictions requiring the structure to be raised.
- No elected or appointed County officer or employee, their family members, or intermediaries may purchase from the County, directly or indirectly through this auction.
- In the event that there is a conflict between anything in this notice and the Terms and Conditions, the Terms and Conditions will prevail.

Sale questions should be directed to Jacyn Normine, Board Office Specialist, who can be contacted at 503-397-4322 or at jacyn.normine@co.columbia.or.us. Land use or code violation questions related to the Properties should be directed to: the Columbia County Land Development Services at 503-397-1501 for Properties outside of city limits or to applicable city planning departments for Properties located within city limits.

DATED this 17 day of April, 2019

Brian Pixley, Columbia County Sheriff

					Sheriff Sale Auction						
Bid Item	Tax Account No.	Map ID No.	Address or General Vicinity	City	Special Notes	RMV	Min. Bid	Approximate Size	Zoning	High Bid	Apparent High Bidder
1	28267	8N4W27-DC-00800	NEXT TO 19741 Hermo Rd.	CLATSKANIE		\$25,730.00	\$25,730 00	63Ac	CO:RC		
2	25749	7N4W08-BD-01601	*742 HWY 47	CLATSKANIE		\$59,130.00	\$59,130 00	45AC	R-7		
3	14499	5N1W28-BA-01500	'2405 5TH ST	COLUMBIA CITY		\$172,360.00	\$172,360.00	30AC	R-2		
4	21275	6N2W16-AO-0082	NEXT TO 30829 BEAVER HOMES RD	GOBLE/RAINER		\$28,290 00	\$22,632 00	5 39AC	FA-80		
5	19308	6N2W11-00-01501	NICOLIA RD/BISHOP RD	GOBLE/RAINER		\$87,850.00	\$87,850.00	12.48AC	FA-80		(1)
6	7650	4N2W16-CC-02601	*30083 SCAPPOOSE VERNONIA HWY	SCAPPOOSE		\$298,990.00	\$298,990.00	1.94AC	RR-5		
7	8569	4N2W20-00-00800	29266 HALE RD	SCAPPOOSE		\$124,790.00	\$124,780.00	10.35ac	RR-5		
8	8381	4N2W35-BC-0100	ADJACENT TO 32074 SCAPPOOSE VERNONIA HWY	SCAPPOOSE		\$25,340 00	\$20,272.00	57AC	RR-5		
9	8207	4N2W22-BD-06600	31588 DEANNE DR	SCAPPOOSE		\$25,340.00	\$25,340.00	39AC	RR-5		
10	6497	3N2W22-BD-00600	Hillcrest Part 3	SCAPPOOSE	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	\$500.00	\$500.00	-18AC	RR-5		
10	6498	3N2W22-BD-06700	Hillcrest Part 3	SCAPPOOSE		\$500.00	\$500.00	.18AC	RR-5		
11	439665	4N4W03-BB-06900	*1201 HEATHER LANE	VERNONIA	City of Vernonia holds restrictions	\$55,470.00	\$55,470 00	62AC	VR:R		
12	23353	4N4W05-AD-12900	NEXT TO 842 ROSE AVE	VERNONIA		\$32,130.00	\$32,130 00	15AC	VR:GR		
13	25050	6N4W30-AO-0100	67886 Nehalem Hwy North	VERNONIA		83,970	83,970	4.59AC	RR-5		10.00

## NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING on the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, will be held at 35285 Millard Rd. St. Helens, OR 05/09/19 5:00 x p.m. . The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message The meeting will take place on \_ This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. An additional, separate meeting of the Budget Committee will be held to take public comment. Any person may appear at that meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the □ a.m. 06/19/19 Budget Committee. The meeting for public comment will be on held at 35285 Millard Rd. St. Helens, OR at 35285 Millard Rd. St. Helens, O 05/10/19 A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after \_ □ a.m. between the hours of



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