

NW Natural customers to receive credits

ASTORIA — NW Natural customers were set to receive a credit on their bills in January, February and March to reduce energy costs during the winter months.

The credits, totaling more than \$40 million, are a result of NW Natural's pipeline capacity management and use of the company's underground natural gas storage facility.

The average residential customer can expect a credit of nearly \$13 a month, which is approximately a 13% savings on their average bill for the months of January, February and March.

The average small commercial customer can expect a credit of about \$60 a month, according to the company, which is an estimated 16% savings per month over that same time period.

This is the 19th year NW Natural has credited customers.

Wauna Credit Union opens new branch in Astoria

ASTORIA — Wauna Credit Union has opened a new, commercial branch in Astoria.

The two story 16-office, building is located at 595 Marine Drive.

Wauna has been a part of financial services offered in Clatsop County since the 1970s and outgrew the company's building in Uniontown.

"The new Astoria branch is a state-of-art building that includes today's most up-to-date financial technology to better serve our members-owners," said Robert Blumberg, Wauna's president and CEO. "I'm impressed by its modern look, local décor, and the same great, welcoming, and hometown feel."

The branch hosts over 6,800 of the credit union's more than 24,000 members. The branch employees a staff of more than 30.

Wauna worked closely with local contractor teams and utilized local materials and resources including signage, landscaping and general construction.

The building houses the credit union's call center, human resources, cash intensive business, mort-



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Workers put the finishing touches on a new Wauna Credit Union off Marine Drive in Astoria in January.

gage and consumer lending teams.

"I would like to thank the Astoria members for their loyalty and commitment," said Debi Smiley, Wauna's chief operations officer. "This continued support has provided WCU with the opportunity to reciprocate (and) provide a new facility, new technology, improved security, and greater level of service."

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Columbia Steel & Welding Supply opens in Seaview

SEAVIEW, Wash. — Columbia Steel & Welding Supply has opened in Seaview.

The business features metal sales, welding, fabrication and repair, welding supplies and portable welding and repair.

Columbia Steel & Welding Supply has served the North Coast since 2001, with a location also in Astoria.

The new Seaview location is located at 3406 Pacific Way in Seaview.

TLC shares 2021 community impact

TLC, a division of Fibre Federal Credit Union, serves 11 counties in Oregon and Washington with financial services and various community support projects.

In 2021, the credit union donated \$165,478 to more than 130 organizations across its service areas, in addition to donations of branded items for various events.

The credit union also allotted donation budgets to individual departments. Staff utilized donation funds of over \$3,000 to give back to local organizations.

Additionally, 107 TLC volunteers impacted 42 events, contributing over 1,425 hours, supporting 82 organizations across the credit union's service areas throughout the year.