

State changes rules, so check you're using proper form for state tax withholding — Revenue Department

The Department of Revenue is notifying taxpayers that any changes to their state withholding must be made on Form OR-W-4 beginning Jan. 1 as the new federal Form W-4 can't be used for Oregon withholding purposes.

The federal form doesn't use allowances and Oregon withholding is calculated using allowances.

Previously filed Oregon or

federal withholding statements (Form OR-W-4 or Form W-4), which are used for Oregon withholding, can remain in place if the taxpayer doesn't change their withholding elections.

"We encourage Oregon taxpayers to check their withholding for tax year 2020," said Personal Tax and Compliance Division Administrator JoAnn Martin. "Not withholding

enough during the year could lead to an unexpected tax bill in 2021."

Employers should provide Form OR-W-4 to employees anytime an employee provides them a new federal Form W-4.

While everyone should check their withholding annually, some groups of taxpayers are more at risk for under-withholding than others, including those who:

- Started a new job in 2019 or later.
 - Updated their federal Form W-4 in 2018 or 2019.
 - Previously claimed federal deductions that were impacted by federal tax law changes, such as the employee business expense deduction.
 - Live in a two-earner household.
- Oregon's Form OR-W-4 and Revenue's updated online

withholding calculator allow taxpayers to determine the correct amount to withhold for Oregon personal income tax. Form OR-W-4 and the calculator are available on the department's website at www.oregon.gov/dor.

Visit www.oregon.gov/dor to get tax forms, check the sta-

tus of your refund, or make tax payments; call 800-356-4222 toll-free from an Oregon prefix (English or Spanish); 503-378-4988 in Salem and outside Oregon; or email questions.dor@oregon.gov. For TTY (hearing or speech impaired), call 800-886-7204.

'Dancing With the Gorge Stars' returns Friday to The Dalles

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DANCING with The Gorge Stars pairs local folks with a professional dancer from Utah Ballroom Dance Co.

Mid-Columbia Community Concert Association (MCCA) hosts the seventh annual Dancing With The Gorge Stars competition. Six local Gorge Stars will compete for community members' votes at this mid-winter

fund raiser for MCCA. Like the reality TV dance show, contestants learn a dance routine prior to show time. "But in this show, the competitors are friends and neighbors from the Gorge," said a press release.

"Paired with a professional dancer from the Utah Ballroom Dance Co., they get one week to learn and perfect their routines before performing on stage before a live audience. Video highlights of the rehearsals are shown during the

event to showcase how far each contestant has come in just one week."

This year's contestants include a doctor, an art director, a preschool teacher, a real estate broker, a pastor and a "madame." To learn more about each contestant, go to Facebook or visit www.mcca.info.

A judging-panel of three locals score each couple after their individual performances.

During intermission, the audience cast their votes which are combined with the judges' scores and tallied to determine who wins the mirror ball trophy.

The second half of the show is a performance of the Utah Ballroom Dance Co. with a professional showcase featuring a variety of choreographed and technical dancing.

This annual fundraiser has become a popular community event, selling out every year, said the press release.

Tickets are \$20 in advance. They are available at The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce, Klindt's Booksellers, Lines of Designs, or online at www.mcca.info. They will also be available at the door for \$25.

The Mid-Columbia Community Concert Association (MCCA) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization which has brought outstanding, on-stage entertainment to the Mid-Columbia area since the 1930s, said the press release, and their mission is to bring artists and audiences together at affordable prices.

MCCA is one of approximately 400 other community concert associations in the country.

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Yasui talk on Finnish history scheduled Jan. 15

Join Gorge Owned for a Sense of Place lecture series focused on the Finnish history of Hood River on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. the Columbia Center for the Arts. In this lecture, led by Maija Annala Yasui, learn about the Finnish community that settled in the Hood River Valley in the early 1900s.

Hear stories and see photos from the Annala, Hukari, and Jakku families and learn about their journey to the United States — starting in Finland and traveling to the mines of Minnesota, plains of North Dakota, and finally to the West

Coast and the Columbia River Gorge. How did their migration change them as well as the community in which they settled? And what similarities and differences were there between the Finnish experience settling in the Gorge and that of another group, the Japanese?

Yasui was born in Hood River in 1950 into an extended family of Finns. She worked in prevention research and practice for more than 25 years in the county as well as at the state and national level. She has written a monthly column for the Hood River News since

1992, recounting many of the stories of her youth. She lives on Willow Flat Ranch — where she farmed and raised a family with her husband of nearly 50 years, Flip Yasui — surrounded by her three children and seven grandchildren, who continue to work on the farm as well.

This is a new date for Yasui's lecture.

"Shaping the Hood River Watershed," is now scheduled for Feb. 19. Doors open at 6 p.m., the talk starts at 7 p.m. Cost is a \$5-\$10 suggested donation.

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Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
44° /36°	45° /37°	44° /37°	43° /32°	42° /34°	38° /25°	36° /27°
Cooler; a little p.m. rain	A couple of showers	Cloudy with a little rain	Occasional Rain	Cloudy, rain possible; chilly	Snow possible in the morning	Cloudy with a chance for snow

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January 1-7	
Wednesday	54/42
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