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What's on your list today?

LOCAL NEWS

Governor Names New Judge Family lawyer cited for respect of people

Gov. Ted Kulongoski has appointed Kathryn Villa-Smith to the Multnomah County Circuit Court. She will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Keith Meisenheimer on Jan. 1.

Villa-Smith received her law degree from Lewis & Clark Law School in 1982 and holds an undergraduate degree from New Mexico State University.

Currently a shareholder at the firm of Gevurtz, Menashe, Larson & Howe, P.C., she has practiced domestic relations law for more than 16 years. She has prior experience as a



Kathryn Villa-Smith

deputy district attorney for Multnomah County.

Villa-Smith serves on the board of the St. Andrew Legal Clinic and the Multnomah Bar Foundation. She has also served as a pro tem judge for Clackamas County and Multnomah County circuit courts.

"Ms. Villa-Smith will bring an extensive knowledge of both domestic relations and juvenile law to the court," said Gov. Kulongoski. "Her respect for people of all backgrounds and tireless work ethic will make her an extraordinary judge."

BSC Ticket Scam Costs Hundreds

An Oregon man is out more than \$900 after he bought what he thought were two tickets to the BCS National Championship game between the Oregon Ducks and the Auburn Tigers.

The wire transfer he sent to Florida was real, but the tickets

weren't.

The scam began when the Medford man — whom police didn't identify — contacted a seller on Craigslist who promised the tickets for \$850 and a fee.

The man wired the money on Dec. 12, then waited for the tickets

to arrive by mail the next day. They never did.

Police detective Scott Clauson says he expects more such attempts at scams because of the importance of the game.

Oregon plays Auburn on January 10.

Ride TriMet and Celebrate Safely

All rides on TriMet's bus and MAX lines will be free after 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

Operating hours will be extended on Max lines until about 3 a.m. and trains will leave the downtown area about every 30 minutes. Buses will run on regular weekday service.

The last eastbound Blue train

will leave Hillsboro's Hatfield Government Center Station at 2:13 a.m.; the last westbound train will leave Gresham's Cleveland Station at 2:14 a.m.; the last train from Clackamas Town Center to Portland City Center will leave at 2:08 a.m. and the last train to Portland City Center will leave the Expo

Center at 2:11 a.m.

When the Red Line service ends, a shuttle bus will provide rides between Gateway Transit Center and the airport every 15-30 minutes until 3 a.m.

On New Year's Day, Saturday, Jan. 1, TriMet buses and MAX trains will run on Sunday schedules.

Free Do-it-Yourself Weatherization

Layering on long johns, wool sweaters and multiple socks may be necessary to keep you toasty warm for your outdoor winter travels, but if inside you're bundling up in snow-expectant gear, you may want to check your home's insulation. Chilly drafts can leak through unnoticed cracks and gaps in your doors and windows, causing you to lose heat and money on your energy bills.

Community Energy Project of northeast Portland realizes that not every homeowner or renter has the know-how or extra cash to insulate or weatherize their home, so with the goal to help keep your home warmer and save you money on energy costs, the non-profit organization is offering free Do-it-Yourself Weatherization Workshops on Thursday, Jan. 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., or 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Qualified workshop participants can receive free weatherization materials at a \$150 value. The package includes vinyl storm window kits, door weather stripping, door sweeps, compact fluorescent lights, and much more.

Sign up for the free workshop at SEI Community and Family Programs located at 4134 N. Vancouver Ave., Suite 311 or call 503-285-0493.