

Mrs. Claus to be at CG Library Monday

Friends of the Cottage Grove Public Library is hosting a free family event Monday, Dec. 16, from 6 to 7 p.m., in the library. Join Mrs. Claus and her elf assistant in reading holiday stories and traditional carols from all over the world,

followed by gingerbread cookie decorating. This a community sponsored event, with funds raised going to supplement special library programming and events for kids in 2020.

'Rosies' to meet Friday

The American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA) Chapter "Rosies" are women who served our country during World War II, when the U.S. needed them to fill jobs for the men that were at war.

The ARRA seeks to recognize and preserve the history and legacy of World War II era working women, including volunteer wom-

en, and promote fellowship among these women and their descendants.

All interested people are welcome to attend. Rosie the Riveter meetings are held the second Friday of each month, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., at the Willamalane Adult Activity Center in Springfield, 215 W. C St. The next meeting is this Friday, Dec. 13.

Tips for health insurance signups before Dec. 15 deadline

Time is running out for people who want health insurance in 2020 but do not get coverage through their job or the Oregon Health Plan. Sunday, Dec. 15, is the last day to enroll in a health plan through the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, our state's pathway to subsidized coverage.

About 100,000 uninsured Oregonians may be eligible for help paying for their health insurance, but signups in Oregon are lagging so far this year. To get coverage or re-enroll in a plan, follow these five tips:

Tip No. 1: Get a quick estimate of your subsidy and bottom-line cost of coverage. Go to OregonHealthCare.gov/windowshop to see the size of the

subsidy you may qualify for, and what your plan may cost once that financial assistance is factored in.

People whose incomes are just above the limit for the Oregon Health Plan can find plans costing them as little as \$1 per month, when they meet all eligibility requirements.

Tip No. 2: Get free, local help enrolling. Licensed insurance agents and certified community partners are ready to help you complete the application for subsidies, and sort through plan options. Choose an agent or partner in the directory at OregonHealthCare.gov/gethelp, or call the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace at 1-855-268-3767

(toll-free). **Tip No. 3:** Get to know the new benefits in some plans. Consumers have reported that large deductibles on the lowest-priced plans sometimes keep them from getting care. In response, the state redesigned some plans to allow more services before the plan's deductible is met.

For the first time, plans with the words "standard bronze" in their name all cover primary care office visits for a flat \$45 co-pay, even when the plan's \$7,900 deductible has not been met. This plan type is among the options with a net cost of \$1 per month for single people making about \$19,000 a year and meeting a few other qual-

ifications. **Tip No. 4:** Hear from people who have gotten subsidies through the Marketplace. Health plan specifics matter, but so does the human impact of having coverage you can afford.

If you need a two-minute break from insurance details, listen online to other Oregonians describe their experience with subsidized coverage at <http://bit.ly/subsidy-testimonials>.

Tip No. 5: Don't miss the deadline. The deadline to enroll is Sunday, Dec. 15.

If you miss it, you may go a year without health insurance. Avoid the risk and get started at OregonHealthCare.gov.

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food service and increasing access to counselors.

Additionally, 15th Night, a community movement

to end youth homelessness, has received United Way funding to expand their network into Cottage Grove. With the school district, the group is assessing area need to deter-

mine a possible approach.

In the meantime, Chamness is hopeful for more community responders to volunteer and to develop a wider network in the community.

"I look forward to developing stronger relationships with agencies, churches and different organizations that want to help us help kids and families," said Chamness.

"As opportunity increases, we will see more student and family success," said Chamness.

For more information on the McKinney-Vento program or how to par-

ticipate, Jade Chamness can be reached at 541-735-5702 by phone or text or via email at jade.chamness@slane.k12.or.us.



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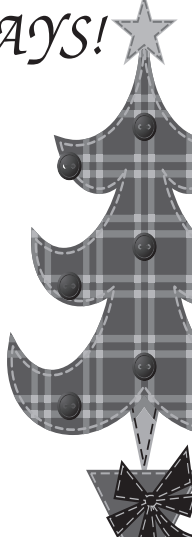
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