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— SLSD Superintendent Yvonne Curtis

SLSD *from A1*

“What a relief” and “Thank you so much.”

Despite the delay, work with families is expected to continue.

“Our staff still want to go ahead with meetings and conferences and meeting with kids and families as best they can,” said Curtis.

Staff will be connecting with families in school buildings or online and conferences will be held outside only if parents and staff are comfortable with meeting outdoors and the air quality index indicates that Cottage Grove is at 150 or below on the Air Quality Index (AQI) as reported by Lane Regional Air Protection

Agency (LRAPA).

In a letter to families, Curtis reported that all schools and district buildings HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) systems are running at optimal levels regarding smoke and air flow and will be checked twice a day. This will continue until outdoor AQI is below 150.

Sports activities will not resume until AQI is below 100 as reported by LRAPA.

Curtis said in the board meeting that it is still unclear how the missing week of education will be made up by students.

“That’s one of the things we still have to go back and calculate,” she said. “We also don’t

know if the state is going to make some provision, because most of the school districts are delaying the start of the year.”

The SLSD revised school schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 28: Grades K-1 start in hybrid, grades 2-12 start in Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL)
- Oct. 12: Grade 2 starts hybrid
- Oct. 26: Grade 3 starts hybrid
- Nov. 2: Grades 4-12 start hybrid

All other dates such as conferences and the beginning and end of terms on the academic calendar will remain the same.

MUPTE *from A8*

\$31,000 over the ten-year period of the tax exemption. At the end of the exemption period, the city will receive approximately \$3,900 annually on the improvement area.

The MUPTE program was adopted as part of the Cottage Grove Municipal Code in Decem-

ber 2019 in order to increase the development of new multi-family housing in Cottage Grove.

PUC Complaint

Councilors voted to file a complaint with Oregon Public Utilities Commission (PUC) against telecom company CenturyLink for not maintaining its facilities within city rights-of-

way.

At a previous city council meeting, councilors discussed the company’s improper installation, maintenance and lack of corrective action of telecom infrastructure over the last 18 months.

As a result, Councilor Fleck wrote a letter to the PUC complaining of CenturyLink’s failure to make necessary repairs. City staff have received a response from PUC acknowledging receipt of the complaint. Monday’s resolution was added as part of the complaint in order to express the city’s concern in a “more significant manner.”

According to the complaint, at issue are telephone poles placed by CenturyLink on W Main Street within the city’s right-of-way. The poles have begun to lean, in part, because of last year’s snow storm and temporary cables were attached to a resident’s oak tree to stabilize the poles.

The cables, however, are thought to be strangulating the tree and one of the poles continues to lean to the point its attached street light shines into the resident’s house and its lines are lying on the branches of another tree.

The city maintains that CenturyLink has not sufficiently responded to requests to correct these issues for the past 18 months.

VFW Permit

The city council approved issuing a permit to the Carl M. Kebekbeck VFW Post 3473 to place its coffee wagon in city parks and solicit donations.

The organization is eyeing in particular the Row River Nature Park entrance in hopes to catch traffic passing the park heading to Dorena lake.

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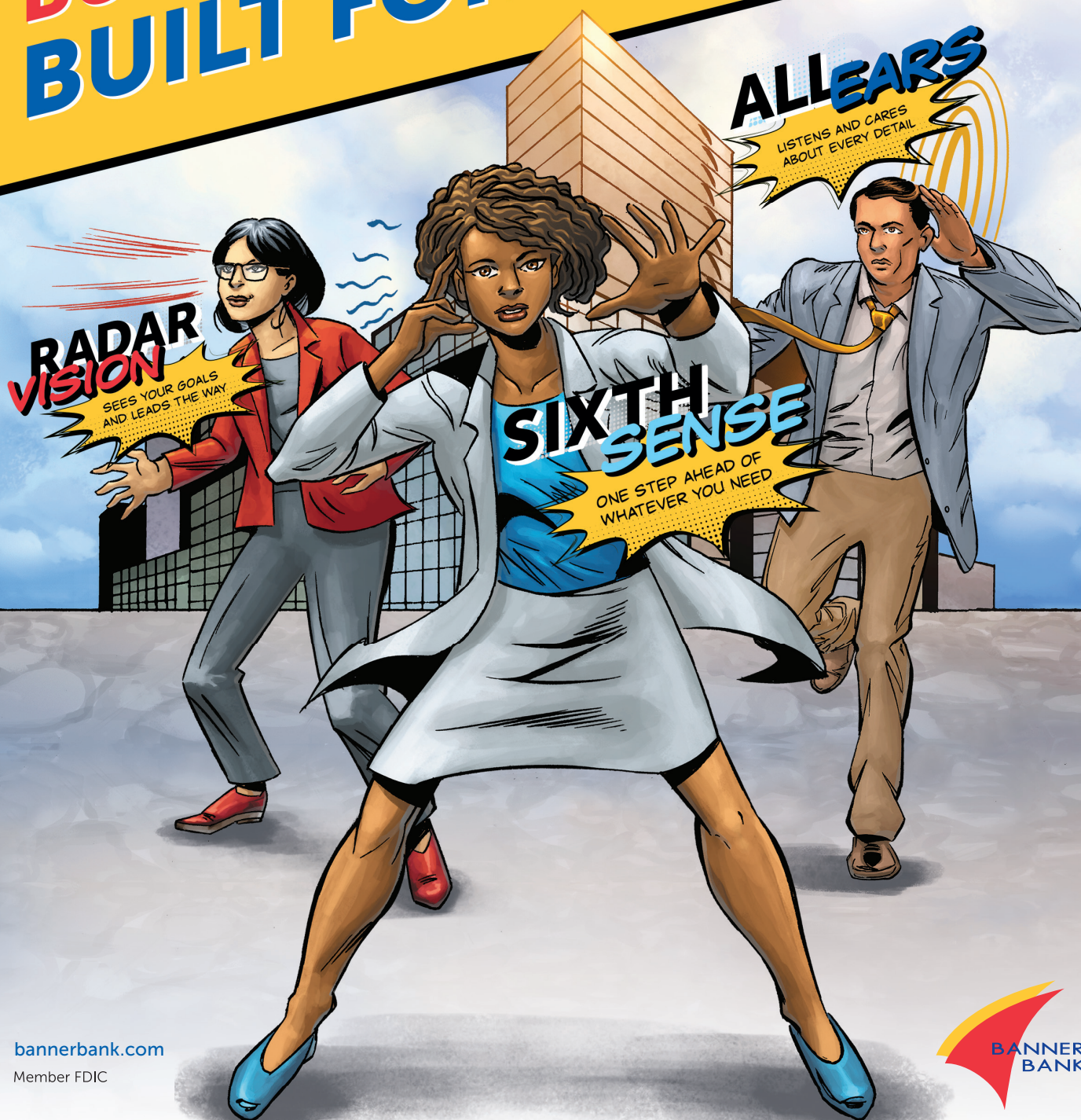
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