

Business and development tidbits

CTE BUILDING ON TRACK

The new Career and Technical Education building at Warrenton High School remains on track to open in the upcoming school year.

Steel girders for the roof were set this week and walls and the exterior protection will be finished in the next few weeks.

"The goal is to get kids in classes in there sometime in September," said Mark Baldwin of Mark Baldwin Construction. Principal Rod Heyen "is like a kid in a candy store. He's here every day."

APARTMENTS ON SKIPANON

Grading and foundation work are well under way on a 37-unit apartment complex north of Trina & Ron's Place.

Project plans for Skipanon River Apartments were submitted by Antoine Simmons and approved by the Planning Commission in 2017. But the property sold in September 2018 to ILB, a limited liability company managed by Lisa Lund of Portland.

Randy Stemper is general contractor for the project, identical in design to the original, which called for two-bedroom one-bath units, each about 950 square feet.



Left: Principal Rod Heyen stands Tuesday in front of the CTE building going up at Warrenton High School.

Photo by Jim Rankin

Right: A construction crew member works on the roof of the new Fibre Federal branch.

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The Columbia Press



Fibre Federal has TLC Credit Union branches in Astoria and Seaside.

The branch is expected to open in the fall.

DOWNTOWN LANDSCAPING

A call for bids last month on landscaping and park improvements at the four-way stop received just one bidder and a submission much higher than expected, Community Development Director Kevin

Cronin said.

"We have a couple of options: negotiate with the bidder or rebid it," he said. "We'll be bringing it back to the agency with some options on how to move forward."

The project is part of downtown improvements funded by the Warrenton Urban Renewal Agency. It includes turning the grassy area with the new veterans memorial into a park plaza.

There will be three 12-plexes plus a manager's apartment, all in a courtyard setting.

The project is on Skipanon Drive at Northeast First Street.

NEW CREDIT UNION BRANCH

Framing has been completed at Fibre Federal Credit Union's new branch next to Walmart.

The 3,250-square-foot building is directly across Ensign Lane from Wauna Federal Credit Union in the North Coast Shopping Center.

"It's the first cross-laminated timber in our area," said Kevin Cronin, Warrenton's Community Development director. The specialized timber is "a specific building material

used in Portland, Seattle and Vancouver. It's sustainable and, structurally, as sound if not better than steel."

The technique was developed in the '90s but has caught on in the building industry only in the last decade. It's made by gluing layers of solid-sawn lumber together with the grain in alternating directions.

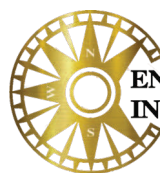
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