

Low income families may qualify for tax credits

Free posters and brochures are available from the Oregon Center for Public Policy as part of their outreach campaign to increase awareness about working family tax credits. The materials describe the Federal and Oregon Earned Income Credits and the Oregon Working Family Child Care Credit, telling working Oregonians how to "Get Money Back" from their taxes.

The credits are an important resource for low income working Oregonians. Many families don't apply for the credits simply because they don't know about them.

All organizations that serve low income working Oregonians are encouraged to contact the Oregon Center on Public Policy to receive the free outreach materials. Call (503) 873-1201; email: eicwfc@ocpp.org or write to OCPP, P.O. Box 7, Silverton, OR 97381-0007. Camera-ready materials may also be downloaded from the Center's website: www.ocpp.org/tc/.

The Oregon Center for Public Policy is a statewide nonpartisan research group that analyzes budget and tax issues

and government programs, and their impacts on low to moderate income Oregonians.

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Classes started Jan. 3 and will be held once a week for eleven consecutive weeks in St. Helens and other metro area locations. Classes are on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to

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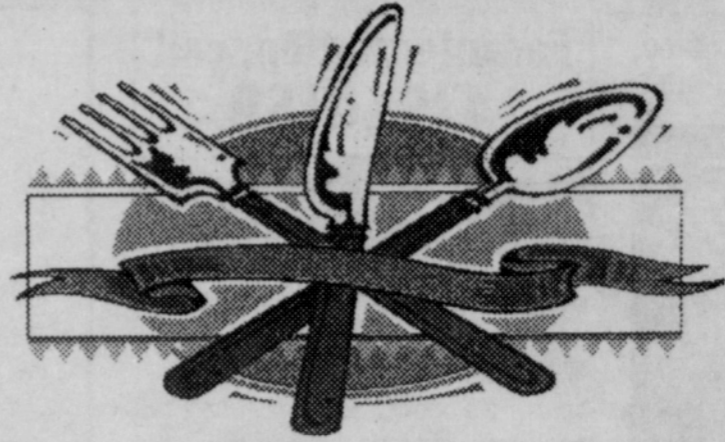
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