

New county jail comes in on schedule, under budget

As Columbia County's new jail and corrections center nears completion, Commissioner Tony Hyde and Sheriff Phil Derby have announced that the project is both on time...and brought it in under budget and on time," Hyde said. "This jail was a community effort. We greatly appreciate the public's support."

The new jail will provide Book signing, talk at St. Helens Books

A book signing and reading/discussion with Portland author, Michael Hoeye, will be held on Thursday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Helens Book Shop. Hoeye will be signing his first novel *Time Stops For No Mouse*, published by Trefle Books.

Time Stops For No Mouse, a young adult novel, is the adventure of Hermux Tantamoq, an ordinary, but likeable city mouse. Hermux is a watchmaker who finds himself up to his whiskers in mystery over the disappearance of a beautiful young mouse. Before the mystery is solved, Hermux will have to outrun a squad of ruthless lab rats and travel to the deepest jungles of Teulabonari. Hoeye rates this novel "not too scary."

The St. Helens Book Shop is located at 1550 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 503-397-4917.



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enough space to house inmates who currently are being released because the existing jail is too small.

The public will be invited to attend the events scheduled to celebrate the opening of the impressive facility. There will be free public tours scheduled and under budget. The jail is scheduled to open in January, 2001.

County officials started the effort to build a new jail three years ago because the old jail is overcrowded and the county is forced to release criminals early.

Agreeing with the recommendations of a Citizens Committee appointed by Hyde and Derby, Columbia County voters passed a \$13.9 million bond measure in 1998 to build the new jail. Construction started in August, 1999.

There will be charge for the party and Bed & Breakfast. All proceeds will be donated to the Columbia County Women's Resource Center or the Columbia County Food Bank. The Women's Resource Center provides services for domestic abuse victims. The Food Bank provides food and basic supplies for low income county residents.

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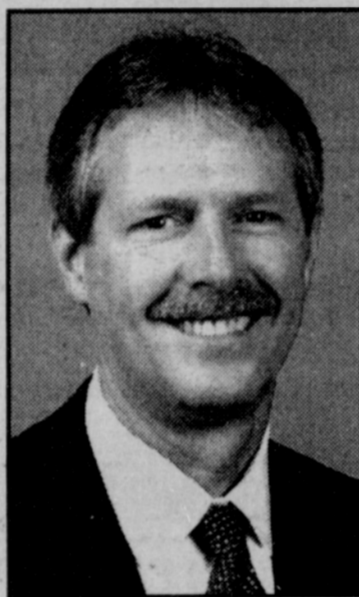
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"Columbia County residents should be very proud of their county employees, particularly those in the Sheriff's Office, who have managed jail construction so well," said Commissioner Hyde.

"We never lost sight of the fact that county taxpayers are paying for this project. Working as a team with the contractor and the management firm, we have built a safe, quality facility for both day and evening hours, a Jail House Rock bash and even a Jail House Bed & Breakfast. All events are tentatively scheduled for December.

The Jail House Rock Bash will include live music and a jail house meal. Those wishing to spend the night can stay overnight at the Jail Bed & Breakfast, which includes dinner, breakfast and mug shots. Commemorative shirts will also be available.



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