

Business Notes

Funds available for home repair loans for low income households

Columbia County, in partnership with Community Action Team, Inc. (CAT), has received an Oregon Community Development Block Grant to provide loans for home repairs. \$240,000 is available in the form of interest-free, deferred payment loans for qualified low-income households.

CAT is currently seeking applicants from Columbia County. A qualified applicant must own and reside in the home to be repaired, and have low or moderate income with maximum income as in the table below:

NO. IN HOME	INCOME
1	\$32,050
2	\$36,600
3	\$41,200
4	\$45,750
5	\$49,400
6	\$53,100
7	\$56,750
8	\$60,400

Fair Board sets date for special Open House

The Columbia County Fair Board will not hold its regularly scheduled meeting October 14, but will hold a Special Meeting/Open House/Social with the Friends of the Columbia County Fair on October 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds.

A brief business meeting will be followed by an Open House/Social with the Friends of the Columbia County Fair.

The Fair Board and the Friends of the Fair invite the public to stop in and join in to discuss ideas for the betterment of the fairgrounds.

The Board is also asking for theme suggestions for the 2003 Columbia County Fair & Rodeo. Suggestions may be dropped off at the meeting or mailed to Columbia County

Permitted repairs may include plumbing, electrical, roofing, weatherization, foundation, siding or painting, windows, furnace and heating system, dry rot or septic and drainage systems.

Repairs that are not permitted include new construction, additions, furnishings, some appliances (i.e. new furnaces are permitted. Stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc. are not permitted), repairs on out-buildings (structures not attached to the home) and land-

scaping and fencing.

The loan amount is based on equity in the property, repairs needed and funds available, with no interest and deferred payment (no monthly payments) for 30 years, which can be renewed if you are still low income.

The loan must be repaid in full when the property is sold, the title of the property changes by any means, the property is no longer the primary residence of the borrower or 30 years have elapsed (if not eligi-

ble to extend the loan).

In place of interest, a loan fee, based upon the amount of the loan, will be charged to each loan and paid at the time the loan is paid back. The loan fee schedule is as follows:

LOAN AMOUNT	FEE
\$0-\$1,999	\$ 100
\$2,000-\$3,999	\$ 200
\$4,000-\$5,999	\$ 300
\$6,000-\$7,999	\$ 400
\$8,000-\$9,999	\$ 500
\$10,000-\$11,999	\$ 600
\$12,000-\$13,999	\$ 700

\$14,000-\$15,999	\$ 800
\$16,000-\$17,999	\$ 900
\$18,000-\$19,999	\$1,000

For more information, contact Katie Lewis at 125 N 3rd Street, St. Helens, or call 503-397-1675.

WEATHER REPORT SEPTEMBER 2002

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP. AMT.
	HI	LO	
1	75	46	--
2	77	41	--
3	69	34	--
4	70	35	--
5	69	38	.12
6	68	35	--
7	62	39	.27
8	61	41	.06
9	78	44	--
10	80	43	--
11	83	43	--
12	84	41	--
13	85	44	--
14	80	44	T
15	65	51	T
16	67	49	.19
17	67	40	.01
18	72	41	--
19	68	35	--
20	70	30	--
21	71	31	--
22	83	33	--
23	85	35	--
24	78	37	--
25	81	34	--
26	74	36	--
27	71	34	--
28	78	35	.05
29	57	38	.48
30	56	35	.11

Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Measurable precipitation in September totalled 1.29 inches.



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