

## Holiday lights at Fairgrounds

The Columbia County Fairgrounds will be lit up again this year for the holiday season. The donation of additional lights and Christmas trees from local businesses are helping to continue the expansion of the lighted décor that has been displayed at the Fairgrounds for the past several years.

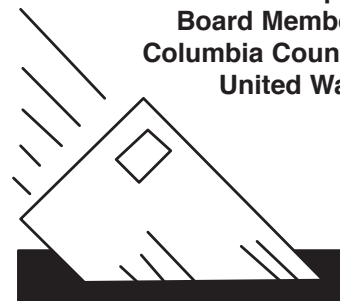
The display will feature Santa's Workshop, with elves building toys and getting ready for Santa's deliveries on Christmas Eve. The display will open the day after Thanksgiving and close December 23. The open hours will be 6-9:00 p.m. on November 26, 27, 28 and December 4, 5, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23.

The Columbia County Fairgrounds is located at 58892 Saulser Rd in St. Helens.

ulation who have helped provide the increasing support needed for our county.

The 169 individual Leadership Givers donated 38.5 percent of the total contribution for 2004. This support has come at a most critical time while our county continues to rank among the highest in the country with our unemployment rate. So again, thanks to all of you who continue to help our neighbors in need with your generous contributions!

**Jim Lepin**  
Board Member  
Columbia County  
United Way



contribution to United Way of Columbia County.

Thank you for making Columbia County such a special place to work and live.

**Cathi Callahan**  
**Clatskanie**  
Board Member, United  
Way of Columbia County

### "Leadership Givers" greatly appreciated

To the Editor:

As we get under way with United Way campaigns throughout Columbia County, I would like to thank those "Leadership Givers" who provided so much financial support to those in need this past year.

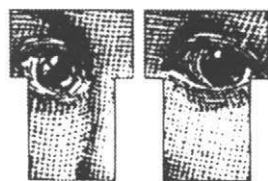
Leadership Givers are those who contributed \$500 or more to the United Way and are an increasing segment of our pop-

leveraged within the community to make a significant difference of more than just the amount donated. Every non-monetary donation like a ream of paper or school supplies, means more than its monetary value – it means someone cares. And when you donate your precious hours and volunteer, you earn more back than imaginable. Personally, I feel honored to volunteer my time serving on the board of this awesome organization and would like to invite my neighbors to contact 503-556-3614 or log onto <<http://unitedway.org>> to learn how YOU can make a difference. And remember, if you give at work (especially if you commute out of Columbia County), be sure to make a note that you want to designate your

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would keep on rising.  
That sign means that someone's child may be saved from domestic violence.  
That sign means that a young father may be able to feed his starving children.  
That sign means that someone's teenager may get help in time to prevent their suicide.  
That sign means that a family who has lost it all may not have to sleep in their car.  
That sign means that someone's grandmother won't freeze in their home this winter.  
That sign means that a mother may learn how to provide for children.  
That sign means a commitment to our neighbors and a belief in the ability to make a difference. Every nickel, dime, or dollar given to United Way is

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