

Clatskanie Holiday Bazaar Saturday

This Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the popular Clatskanie Tiger Holiday Bazaar will take place at the Clatskanie Mid High School, 471 NW Bel Air Dr.

There will be over 30 vendors, Krispy Kreme donuts, and other food items for sale.

Admission is 50¢ and includes one raffle ticket for three big baskets that will be raffled off at 4:00 p.m. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 each, or six tickets for \$5.00.

Follow the Tiger paw prints and signs to the Clatskanie Tiger Holiday Bazaar.



Dews, on left, being sworn in as the newest Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy by Sheriff Jeff Dickerson.

Dickerson swears in newest Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy

Ryan Dews, a 35-year-old former electrician with Portland General Electric is the newest member of our community to don the green and tan of a deputy sheriff, Sheriff Jeff Dickerson said.

"Ryan takes the place of a deputy who retired August 1," the sheriff said. "The county hasn't authorized any new positions for enforcement, but he will fill a gap created by the retirement in August."

Dews has served the past three years as a reserve deputy, volunteering his time to assist the enforcement division with its mission in conserving the peace in the county. Now, he will be employed full-time, helping ease the burden that layoffs and retirements placed on the sheriff's office this summer.

The new deputy will undergo a thorough training regimen, including time on the water with river patrol deputies, working with Columbia Enforcement Narcotics Team detectives and spending time with dispatchers at Columbia 911. He entered the Public Safety Training Academy in Salem on November 15, and is slated to graduate March 26. A lengthy period with a training officer follows before the deputy will be cleared for solo patrol.

"We hope to have Deputy Dews ready for solo duties before the summer season hits," Dickerson said. "We're hoping his experience as a reserve will give him an advantage in meeting the goals of his training quickly, and enable us to quali-

Power of the People

By W. Marc Farmer, General Manager, West Oregon Electric Cooperative



'Tis the Season

Not only is it the holiday season, but it is also the heating season, and that means higher electric bills for heating and lighting. It is also the season for caring and sharing. It is in this

spirit that I write regarding our Care to Share program which provides energy assistance for our members who are experiencing difficult financial times. The Care to Share program helps those who can't always get assistance from other sources, like Community Action or Oregon Heat.

West Oregon Electric Cooperative makes a donation each year to the Care to Share program and has decided to make an additional contribution this month as we recognize the greater need in the communities we serve. The funds we contribute go only to our members, so we know the dollars stay local. It is our chance to give back to the community in a way we know provides warmth and light to our members during difficult times.

Each year the staff raises money to donate to Care to Share as well. Over the years we have

participated in the Vernonia Community Garage Sale Day, held a raffle, sold popcorn in our office and the Christmas Bazaar, sold candy, held golf tournaments and donated out of our own pockets. This year we are having Santa Claus come to have photos taken with people of all ages in the community. December 9th from 12 - 2 p.m., and the 16th from 3-5 p.m. at the West Oregon Electric offices Santa will be available for photos. There will be a minimum donation of \$5 per person with a family discount rate also available. This could make a great gift item for friends and family.

We enjoy coming up with ways to raise funds each year to provide energy assistance. It brings us together as a staff and connects us to the community. The donation of our time and efforts is rewarded with the good feeling that we are actively participating in the "Good will towards men" aspect of the holiday season. We experience firsthand the needs that are present in our communities, and we welcome the opportunity to help where we can. If anyone else would like to help out as well, we welcome any and all donations from the general public towards the Care to Share program. Just stop by our office anytime and leave your donation at the front desk. Thank you to all of you who have supported our efforts in the past, and we appreciate your continued support for such a worthy and much needed cause. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

fy him for the road sooner than if he had come to us without as much hands-on experience."

Reserve deputies who become full-time deputies must fulfill the same Field Training

and Evaluation Program (FTEP) as any other new employee, the sheriff said. The length of time necessary to complete the program is dependent on the employee's pre-

vious level of experience and the ability to meld that experience with particular needs of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.



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