## Candidates for Columbia County Commissioner share information

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on each city's behalf to bring economic growth which in turn will bring hope back to each city and each family that lives there. I also make two commitments: I pledge that if elected I will serve no more than two terms. If there has been no economic growth during my first term, I would not run again. Also, I would take no pay raise while in office nor vote for one.

Luttrell (R) – As your county commissioner, I will work for and serve, with honesty and integrity, the people in this county and will do my very best to make a difference for you.

#### **About the Candidates:**

Henry Heimuller is a native of St. Helens, where he lives with wife, Pam, and daughter Mikela. He was a paramedic supervisor for an ambulance company, and is now employed as Transit Coordinator for Columbia County overseeing the operation of the Columbia County Rider public transit program. He and his wife also own a small agricultural-based business that helps with custom-farming. More information is available at his website http://www.henryheimuller.com

Russ Moon lives in Rainier with his wife, Jan. He

has two grown children. After growing up in Longview, he has been in Columbia County for 36 years. He spent 25 years working at a group health insurance brokerage firm, and now sells long term care insurance. He was a teacher for seven years. He was appointed to the Rainier City Council in March 2006, then elected to the position in November 2006. Moon's website is www.russmoonforcoun tycommissioner.com.

Shawna Sykes grew up in Columbia County and now lives on a small tree farm in rural Scappoose with her husband, Darryl, and two daughters, Isabella and Rosalie. She worked for the State of Oregon Employment Department's Research Division for the past 8 years. She quit that job to run her campaign for commissioner. Sykes is on Facebook and her website is www.shawnasykes. com.

Judith Taylor was born in Astoria and now is a resident of Rainier. She has four grown children, five grandchildren and lives with her husband, Dearl. She is a principal real estate broker, owns and operates her own business, LampShades of Time, which she started in 1987. After serving on the Rainier Planning Commission in 2006, she was

appointed to the Rainier City Council in 2008. In addition, she is currently serving her second term as president of the Rainier Chamber of Commerce. More information on Taylor can be found at www.votejudithtaylor.org.

Glen Dorschler lives in Scappoose. He has worked at Providence St. Vincent Hospital since 1997. He served as a Scappoose city councilor for four years, then as Mayor from 1997 to 2008. Dorschler can be reached at 503-543-3560 for more information.

Terry Luttrell grew up in St. Helens and on a farm on Deer Island. He has been a pastor since 1979, a position that has taken him to many parts of Oregon. He has worked as a school superintendent and for many years was a journeyman mechanic at Boise before retiring in 1981. He returned to St. Helens in 2002 to serve as pastor at the Columbia Christian Center. Luttrell now lives in St. Helens with his wife, Susan; they have three grown children and one grandchild. He has served twice on the Port Commission and on the County Planning Commission. His email address is pastorluttrell @msn.com.

## Non-profits – apply for these programs

Through the Conversation Project: A New Chautauqua, nonprofit organizations around the state have access to free programs that engage community members in thoughtful, challenging conversations about ideas critical to our daily lives and our state's future.

This year from April 1 through May 31, Oregon non-profits may apply for programs that take place between July 1 and October 31. The Conversation Project, which connects Oregonians with public scholars and provocative ideas

through idea-driven dialogue, is a program of Oregon Humanities (formerly Oregon Council for the Humanities).

The catalog, instructions for host organizations, and downloadable application forms are available at oregonhumanit ies.org. You may also see the website's events calendar for the sixty-one Conversation Project programs that are currently happening in nineteen counties around the state.

The 2009–10 Conversation Project lineup features seventeen programs presented by sixteen scholar-facilitators. This season's programs span diverse topics including friendship, mega cities, the future of rural communities, media literacy, and reenvisioning the prison system.

For more information about the Conversation Project program and how to apply, contact Oregon Humanities Program Coordinator Annie Dubinsky at 503-241-0543, ext. 116, or a.dubinsky@oregonhumanit ies.org.

# Many small dogs ready to adopt now

Washington County Animal Services & Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter accepted 17 small dogs, mostly Chihuahuas and Chihuahua mixes, from another shelter on March 25. These dogs are now available for adoption at the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter in Hillsboro.

"We often ask other shelters to help us when we have too many animals to handle. This week, we have a lot of room on adoption row, and were thrilled to help when we learned that 17 adorable dogs needed help finding homes," said Deborah Wood, Animal Services manager.

All of them will be spayed or neutered and have their first shots and microchips before placement into new homes. The fee to adopt a dog is \$150 and includes a dog license, permanent microchip, preventive health vaccines, rabies vaccine and a coupon for a free exam at local veterinary offices in Washington County. To view the dogs, visit the Bon-

nie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter at 1901 SE 24th Avenue, Hillsboro, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day week day except Wednesdays. The shelter is closed on Sundays. For more information, call the shelter office at 503-846-7041.

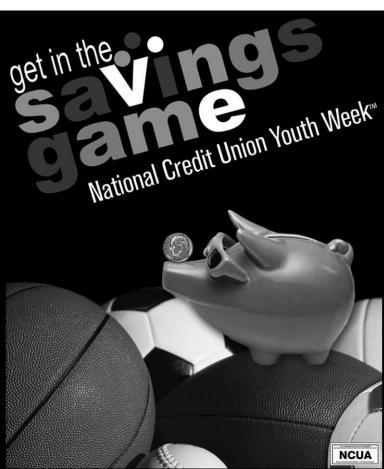
### **County seeks Planning members**

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners is soliciting applications from county citizens willing to serve on the Columbia County Planning Commission.

The Board is seeking applicants to fill one (1) vacant position on the seven member Planning Commission and one (1) vacancy in the Alternate position. All applicants will be re-

viewed and considered.

Those interested in serving on this committee should contact the Board of Commissioners office at 503-397-4322 or obtain an interest form on the website: www.co.columbia.or. us. For detailed information on the commission, contact Todd Dugdale, LDS Director at 503-397-1501.



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