



Welcome to the Rathdrum Wednesday Newsletter!

Welcome one, welcome all to 2015!

Along with the new year comes a bunch of new regulations. A small sampling from around the country reveals:

In Delaware, there are new rules for allocating campaign contributions among joint account holders when submitting political contributions with a single check.

In California, undocumented immigrants (illegal aliens) will be eligible to apply for a drivers license because of a law passed in 2013.

In Florida, children between four and five will be required to be in a child safety seat or booster chair.

In Illinois, epilepsy will be added to the list of illnesses that can be treated with medical marijuana.

In Indiana, motor scooters will be required to have license plates. Watch out all drunk drivers who lost their licenses.

In Louisiana, 16 and 17 year olds can now be registered to vote. Unfortunately, they can't cast a ballot until they are 18.

In Massachusetts, you can now have wine directly shipped to you from an out of state winery.

In Michigan and you have a cold or the flu, you are now limited in the amount of cough and cold medicine you can purchase.

In Nevada, High School students can be

denied drivers licenses or have their license suspended for skipping too much school.

In New York, it is now illegal to pose for a photo with a lion, tiger, or other big cat.

In North Carolina and you are selling a home, you are required to disclose if the underground oil and gas rights have been sold.

In Oregon, home sellers are required to disclose to buyers if a house was previously a meth lab.

In Pennsylvania, they have enacted a law that prohibits municipalities from enforcing firearms ordinances that are stronger than existing state law.

In Utah, cities and towns can no longer ban specific dog breeds within their limits.

In Washington, if you want to sell or transfer a gun as a private citizen (unlicensed party) you will have to conduct a background check on the individual you are transferring or selling the gun to, just like licensed dealers.

In Seattle, Washington (sorry Seattle), if you throw food or compostable paper away, and are caught twice, you could be subjected to a \$50 fine for a dumpster, or \$1 for single family homes.

In Idaho, it would appear that we are one of the lucky states that doesn't have a lot of new laws coming on the books. I hope I am not wrong about this.

Letters to the Editor

RE: [RathdrumWeeklyNews] December 24, 2014

I enjoyed this most recent edition of the Rathdrum Weekly News and would like to thank you for including BASIC/ Blanchard Community Center in your coverage, specifically the story / pix about the fund raiser we did for the Spirit Lake Fire Protection District. Thanks and Happy New Year!

Chris Bishop

Editor: Thanks for the feedback! We enjoy running articles like that! They are a great bunch of guys and gals!

A Great Thank You to the Rathdrum Police Department.

I fell on December 29th in front of the Rathdrum Police Department and had to call 911 when I was unable to get up. Beth, Paula and Betty who happened to be at the Police Department came out to help me and took me in to the Chamber Office and waited until Shanie came.

A special thanks to Beth who took me home and made sure I was alright.

A very SPECIAL THANK YOU,

Linda Martenka

Editor - Another great bunch of guys and gals!

Designs on signs

Hello. I am looking into the possibility of advertising my business on your website. Do you have a breakdown of details I could browse through? I appreciate your time; thanks!

Lisa Watkins

Editor - We are not accepting any advertising on our website. However, we are accepting advertising in our newsletter.

Letters to the editor can be sent to
Editor@RathdrumWeeklyNews.com



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The Rathdrum Weekly News is an independent, locally owned newsletter published each Wednesday by Joseph Hume, with advertising and editorial offices located at

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Editor and submitted articles are gladly accepted and published as submitted so long as the content is within community standards and addresses a subject generally recognized to be of community interest.

Any Letter to the Editor or submitted article may be rejected outright because of possible libelous content or reduced in length due to space constraints. Some minor editing may occur. All items submitted must be signed and a working telephone number included. The author's name will be withheld if requested.

Advertising submissions also are accepted at the discretion of the publisher and may be rejected without cause.

The Rathdrum Weekly News assumes no obligation for accidental errors in any advertisement, but will gladly republish that portion in which an error has occurred.

The Rathdrum Weekly News expects its advertisers to respect community decency in its messages and that merchandise and/or services being offered are, indeed, available to the general public at the stated price or cost.

Any advertising, political or otherwise, are accepted on a "cash-with-copy" basis. The publisher has the right to deny the sale of advertising space to a delinquent account.

While we are talking laws, a law that should be enacted: The repeal of Daylight savings time (or at least the creation of an Idaho exemption)

While researching the various states and some of the laws being enacted a week ago tomorrow, I happened across a story that Texas is debating legislation that would exempt them from the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. Section 260a(a)).

Currently, the only two states in the union that do not observe daylight savings time are Arizona and Hawaii. For those who don't know, myself included, it is interesting how we came into Daylight savings time.

In the United States it was originally enacted by the Standard Time Act of March 19, 1918 following in the footsteps of Europe. No great surprise, it was unpopular and was soon abolished. With WWII, President Roosevelt instituted "War Time" or year round daylight savings time. After the war was over and War Time was rescinded, there was a patchwork of times across the United States as each locality was able to decide what time it observing, standard or daylight. Imagine trying to coordinate a phone call at a specific time between two parties in different cities that, depending on the time of year, might be hours apart.

The Uniform time Act of 1966 mandated that if you, as a state, are going to observe daylight savings time it would start at the same time and end at the same time. Each state has an option to observe it, or exempt itself, in whole or in part. If a state lies across multiple time zones, such as Idaho, it has the option that it can exempt one time zone and not the other(s).

It seems that at every spring and fall, the voices are getting more vocal why we should be or not be springing and falling.

What do you think? Should we continue observing Daylight savings time? Would

you like to observe year round standard time or Year round Daylight savings time? Myself, I am on the fence as I change the batteries in my smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when I am changing times on my remaining analog clocks.

You can read more about the Daylight savings time on Wikipedia at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time_in_the_United_States

State Minimum Wages

Currently, the federal minimum wage is set at \$7.25 per hour and it has been at that level since July 24, 2009 according to the United States Department of Labor.

In Alaska, Arkansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota, the minimum wage has gone up due to ballot measures.

Because of the way Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, and Washington index their minimum wage law, employees in these states are seeing a wage increase.

In all, 23 states are experiencing an increase in their minimum wage and we now have 29 states with a minimum wage above the federal level.

The minimum wage in Idaho is currently \$7.25 per hour. Indexed states around us include Washington at \$9.47 per hour, Oregon at \$9.25 per hour, and Montana at \$8.05 per hour.

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Community Calendar

Wed Jan 7	Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District 272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765		12:00pm - 1:00pm
	Lakeland Community Blood Drive 3:15pm - 5:30pm Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church For more information please call Michael Long at 208.659.7085	Mon Jan 19	Martin Luther King Jr Day (No School)
Mon Jan 12 through Fri Feb 6	Daddy - Daughter Dance Registration Mother - Son Skating Night Registration Event on Monday February 16 th Rathdrum Parks & Rec 208.687.2399	Wed Jan 21	Lakeland Sunrise Rotary Starting at 7:00am Lakeland School District 272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum
		Fri Jan 23	Lakeland School District 272 - End of 2 nd Quarter (No School)
Tue Jan 13	Lakeland Joint School District #272 Town Hall Meeting Twin Lakes Elementary Starting at 6:30pm	Wed Jan 28	Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District 272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765
Wed Jan 14	Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District 272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765	Thu Jan 29	Lakeland School District 272 - K-8 Evening Conferences until 7pm
	Rathdrum City Council Meeting Rathdrum City Hall Starting at 6:00pm	Fri Jan 30	Lakeland School District 272 - K-8 Conferences 8am - Noon (No School for K-8 Students)
Thu Jan 15	Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon Shepard of the Hills Lutheran www.RathdrumChamberOfCommerce.com	Wed Feb 4	Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District 272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765
		Sat Feb 7	Daddy - Daughter Dance 6pm to 9pm Location to be announced
		Wed Feb 11	Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District 272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street

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Mon Feb 16 through Fri Mar 20	<p>Youth Spring Soccer Registration Ages 3 - 14 Rathdrum Parks & Rec 208.687.2399</p>
Mon Feb 16	<p>Presidents' Day (No School) Mother - Son Skating Night 5pm to 8pm Location to be announced</p>
Wed Feb 18	<p>Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District 272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765</p>
Thu Feb 19	<p>Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon Shepard of the Hills Lutheran www.RathdrumChamberOfCommerce.com 12:00pm - 1:00pm</p> <hr/> <p>Lakeland Joint School District #272 Town Hall Meeting John Brown Elementary Starting at 6:30pm</p>
Wed Feb 25	<p>Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District 272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765</p>
Wed Mar 4	<p>Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District</p>

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To get your event added to our community calendar, please send an email with as much detail as you have about the event to Editor@RathdrumWeeklyNews.com and we will get it posted.

If you have an event on our calendar and it changes, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible so we can update our calendar.

In order to make the Wednesday newsletter we need to have the event information / article submission / advertising to our office by noon on the Friday before publication.



**Inland Northwest
Blood Center**

800-423-0151 • www.inbc.org

Lakeland Community Blood Drive

What: *Inland Northwest Blood Center along with the Lakeland Community Blood Drive Volunteers led by Bob and Lin Jester who will be coordinating the blood drive.*

Where: *Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
13541 W. HWY 53 Rathdrum*

When: *Wednesday, January 7th*

Why: *Donation hours are from 3:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
To collect Blood Donations*

- *INBC needs an average of 200 blood donors every day to meet the needs of more than 35 hospitals in the Inland Northwest.*

- *A single donation can save the lives of up to three people!*

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INBC Recruiter

What Does 2015 Hold in Store for Investors?

If you're an investor, you probably had a pretty good year in 2014. But what's in store for 2015?

It's essentially impossible to make precise predictions about the performance of the financial markets — but it is possible to identify those economic conditions and market forces that may help shape the outcomes in the investment world for 2015. And by paying close attention to these conditions and forces, you can gain some valuable insights as to what investment moves might make sense for you.

Here are a few of these moves to consider:

- Consider adding stocks. With stock prices having climbed higher and higher for more than five years, you might be wondering if it's time to scale back on your ownership of equities. After all, no "bull" market lasts forever. Still, some factors point to continued strength for stocks over the long term. First, we are seeing signs of improving economic growth; employment gains and low oil prices are giving consumers more confidence, leading to a boost in spending. Second, corporate earnings — a key driver of stock prices — were quite strong in the second half of 2014, and companies appear poised to show more good results in 2015. And third, stocks — at least, large-company stocks — are still reasonably valued, as measured by their price-to-earnings ratios (P/E). Given these factors, you might want to think about adding quality stocks to your holdings — assuming, of course, that these stocks can help meet your needs for a balanced portfolio. And be aware that even the most favorable conditions can't assure a continued run-up in stock prices.

- Prepare for rising interest rates. For several years, interest rates have been at, or near, historical lows. Given the strengthening economy, and the decreased need for stimulus, the Federal Reserve may well raise short-term interest rates in 2015, perhaps as early as this summer. But long-

term rates may start rising even before then, so you may want to take a close look at your bonds and other fixed-rate investments. As you probably know, when interest rates rise, the value of existing bonds typically falls, because investors won't pay full price for your bonds when they can get newly issued ones that pay higher rates. One way to combat the effects of rising rates is to build a "ladder" consisting of short-, intermediate- and long-term bonds.

- Look for investment opportunities abroad. Although economic growth has been slow in parts of the world, especially China, many countries have now initiated policies to spur economic growth. These actions can create opportunities for international equity investments. The world of global investing can be complex, though, so before taking action, you may want to consult with a financial professional.

There are no guarantees, but by following the above suggestions, you may be able to take advantage of what looks to be a fairly favorable investment environment for 2015. While you should make most of your investment decisions based on long-term considerations, it's always a good idea to be attuned to what's happening in the world around you — and to respond appropriately.

Investing in stocks involves risks. The value of your shares will fluctuate and you may lose money. Special risks are inherent to international investing, including those related to currency fluctuations and foreign political and economic events.

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