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**BIT MOBILE VISITS LIBRARIES
DURING TAX SEASON**

The OSU Extension Service Bit Mobile is scheduled to make a special round of stops this year to help Central Oregonians connect to the internet so they can learn about Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) and access a free tax filing program, called CompleteTax, on the Beehive Cascades website www.beehivecascades.org/taxes.

Beehive Cascades website offers a variety of useful tools to help people improve their lives, including a tax program which helps people who make under \$40,000 dollars file federal and state taxes for free.

The Bit Mobile will be parked at various libraries from **Noon to 8 p.m.** Wednesdays and Thursdays, from March 7th to April 12th. People must sign up at the library in their community for a computer spot on the Bit Mobile, either by phone or in person. The locations and dates for Bit Mobile visits are as follows:

March 7 and 8: Bend Public Library

Phone: 617-7040

Address: 601 NW Wall Street, Bend

March 14 and 15: Sisters Public Library

Phone: 312-1070

Address: 110 N. Cedar Street, Sisters

March 21 and 22: Redmond Public Library

Phone: 312-1050

Address: 827 SW Deschutes Avenue, Redmond

April 11 and 12: Lapine Public Library

Phone: 312-1090

Address: 16425 1st Street, La Pine

NeighborImpact and OSU Extension Service will also release dates and locations to visit Crook and Jefferson County.

Helpers will be available on the Bit Mobile to answer questions about using the computer, internet, email, and the online tax program, but the helpers are not tax preparers and will not answer tax questions. The volunteers will only be helping people navigate the Complete Tax screens as needed and answer general computer questions. Anyone who is interested in volunteering as a computer helper may contact NeighborImpact at 548-2380, Ext. 110.

It is highly recommended that anyone who sets up an appointment on the Bit Mobile come prepared to file their taxes, so they must bring all tax related information with them including:

- Tax return from last year and your spouse's too if applicable
- Social security numbers for you and your spouse, dependents and child care providers (if applicable).
- All W-2's, 1099s, mortgage interest statements and any other statements relating to income or tax deductible expenses.
- If you choose to have your refund directly deposited into your bank account you will need the bank name, routing number (RTN), and account number.

“Of course, the tax season is hectic for everyone. But for some it's actually critical: getting a tax refund back, for low-income individuals, means getting back earned income that they have been unable to collect until now,” says NeighborImpact Services Planning Specialist, Keri Podell.

Todd Willover, Bit Mobile Manager adds, “This partnership fulfills our obligation to the community to help people who don't have the resources to do this by themselves. And the online program itself just shows another benefit of technology in daily life.”

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