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4-Class Series of Free Financial Fitness Classes to be Offered in Sisters

Who: NeighborImpact, in partnership with Bank of the Cascades and the City of Sisters, will offer Financial Fitness classes to Sisters area residents for all interested, including high school students to community seniors.

What: This four-part free Financial Fitness class series taught by NeighborImpact's Housing Center staff is designed to help people learn about or refresh their financial basics. The classes cover information about banking, budgeting, credit cards, credit management and borrowing basics. To register please call NeighborImpact at 548-2380 x158.

When: Four classes are offered every other Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m, beginning on September 22. Following is the class schedule and topics:

- Sept. 22 – Banking & Budgeting
- Oct. 6 – Maxed Out: Credit Cards
- Oct. 20 – Credit Management & Credit Reports
- Nov. 3 – Borrowing Basics

Where: Classes will be held at the Sisters Chamber of Commerce located at 291 E. Main Street (corner of Main & Spruce off Hwy 20).

Why: The four-part Financial Fitness Curriculum taught by NeighborImpact is designed to improve individuals' financial literacy and help them make informed financial decisions. We encourage people to attend all four classes. The Banking & Budgeting class provides an overview of banking services and teaches students money management and budgeting tools to help reach financial goals. The Maxed Out: Credit Card class teaches about the credit card industry through a thoughtful documentary and then engages students in a lively discussion about the film. The Credit Management & Credit Report class reviews what creditors look for when making credit decisions and covers different types of credit. Students also learn what is on a credit report and how it is used. The Borrowing Basics

class helps students determine if they are ready to apply for credit, and identifies different types of loans and their features. Bank of the Cascades representatives will also be on hand at the classes to answer additional questions.

Dinner will be provided from 5:30- 6 p.m. prior to the start of class thanks to the City of Sisters and Bank of the Cascades. To register for these classes or for more information contact NeighborImpact at 541-548-2380 x 158. Additional inquiries can be directed to Lisa Young, Finance Director, City of Sisters, lyoung@ci.sisters.or.us, 541-549-6022, or Davina Luz, Sisters Branch Manager, Bank of the Cascades, DLuz@botc.com, 541-617-6849.

Information about NeighborImpact's Housing Center programs, including our homebuyer education services, savings programs, foreclosure prevention services, and home rehabilitation loans will also be available at the Financial Fitness classes. For more information visit our website at: www.neighborimpact.org/programs. Click on the Housing Center link.

History//Mission: NeighborImpact seeks to change the course of each family's future by giving them the tools they need to succeed. NeighborImpact's tool box includes Head Start, weatherization, home repair, energy and rent assistance, financial skills building, savings programs, assisting parents to find child care, tutoring homeless children, providing emergency and transitional housing to homeless families, home buyer education and feeding the hungry.

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