

Eagle-Tech recognized with business beautification award

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The work isn't complete yet, but Eagle-Tech System's latest project is already getting recognition.

Eagle-Tech Systems received a business beautification award on Oct. 21 at the Madras-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

They received the award for a project that is currently in progress to remodel the Warm Springs Plaza.

Clyde Stryker said they are remodeling what used to be a restaurant into a center where many more services will be available to the community.

The ETS office will be relocated to the new site that will also serve as a training center, Internet café and print shop, he added.

"We've been working on it for the past 4 to 5 months," Stryker said.

They are planning to complete the project during the month of December.

In Stryker's opinion, "I think it's going to have a really strong effect on the community."

A large part of the effect will be due to the technological op-

portunities, Stryker explained.

He added, "People who don't have Internet access and don't have computers will have a place to come to get on the Internet."

In addition, Stryker said, "People who need computer components, parts or even need to have a computer repaired can come there and have that done."

The addition of a print shop will give community members a place to have business cards and other materials printed.

According to Stryker, the project is one that aims to help other businesses develop in this area as well.

"We're really hoping to pull in the business community there, help support the Warm Springs Chamber of Commerce there," Stryker said.

Another way they plan to create opportunities for local businesses, Stryker said, is to serve as an Oregon Information Center.

The information centers are sponsored by chambers of commerce statewide and provide information for tourists.

Stryker said they won't be stopping there—currently ETS

is working with the local chamber of commerce to put together additional programs, he said.

"Given the fact that the small business center has closed, we're trying to provide some of those services to the best of our ability as a short-gap solution," Stryker explained.

As for potential training, he added, "We'll have training classes on an ongoing basis. We're in the process of putting out a newsletter which will show what training classes we're going to have scheduled."

According to Stryker, they plan to have training sessions on subjects ranging from bookkeeping to computer use and how to use Internet resources like eBay.

In order for the classes to be successful, Stryker said, they need feedback from the community about what types of classes they would like to attend.

"I think that it's a very good time for the local business community to contact Eagle Tech, as well as the general public to give us some input on some of the training classes they'd like to see provided," he said. "We're just looking for any input we can get."

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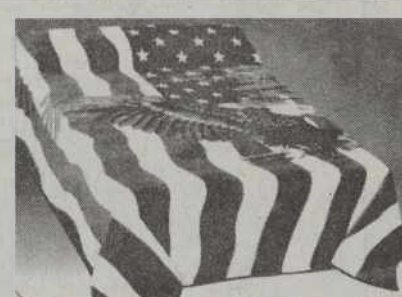
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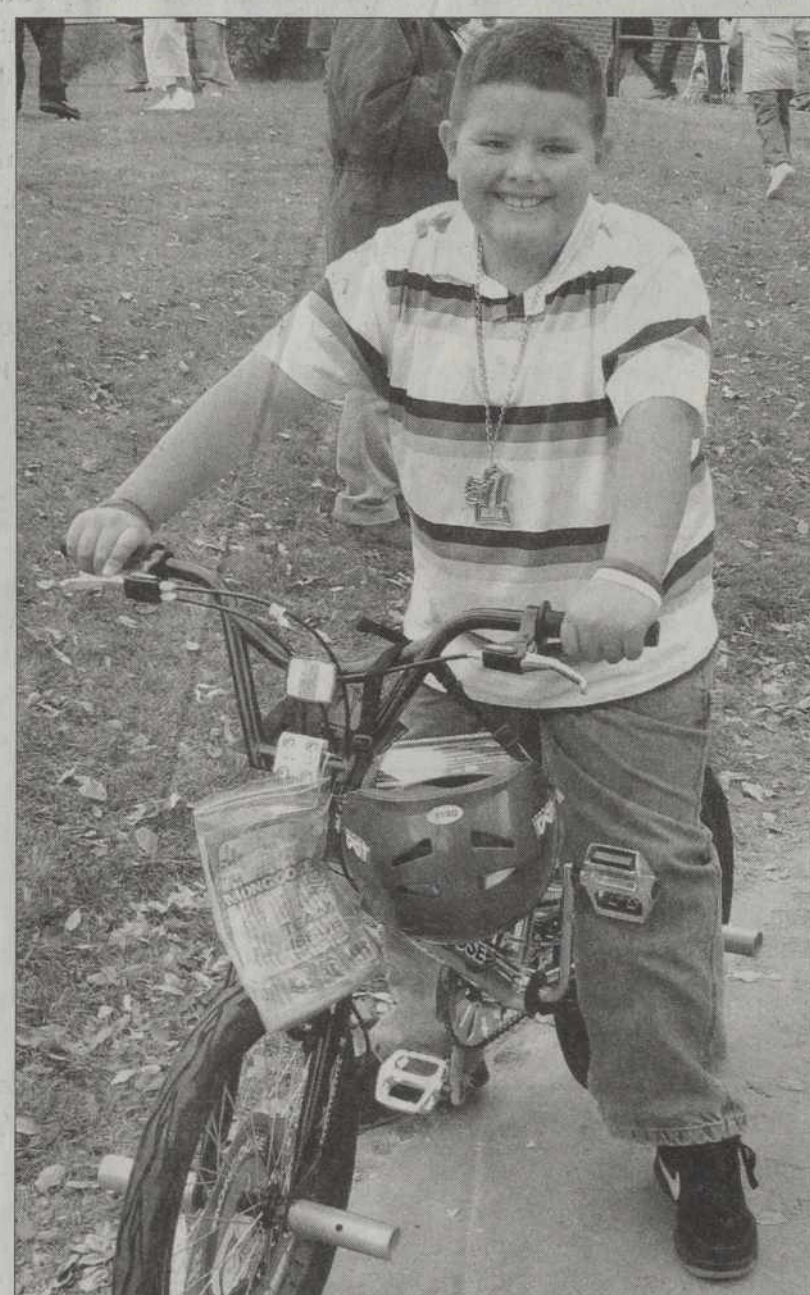
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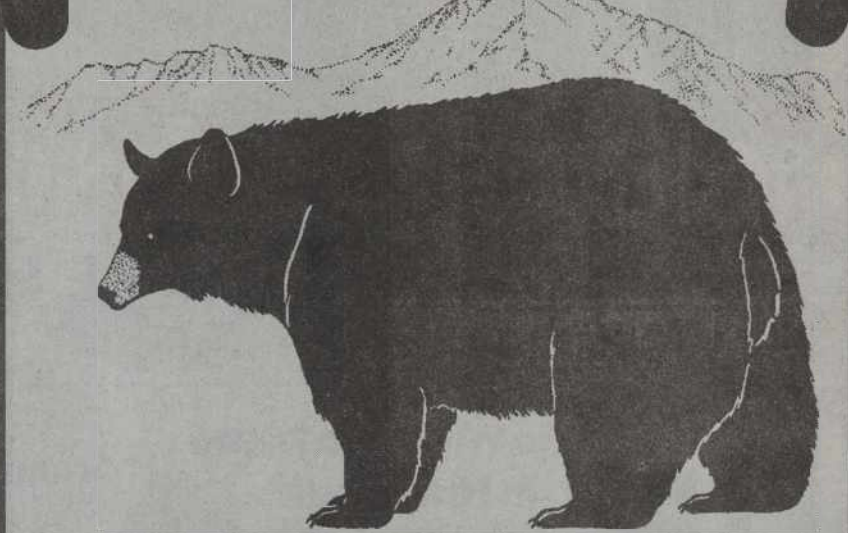
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