

Free computer is awarded to Vernonia library

Vernonia City Library received notice that it is among 30 libraries in the state selected to receive a free computer that will enable them to fully utilize the Oregon Public Access Catalog at the State Library. The computer can also be used for other purposes the library considers necessary. The award includes a microcomputer, disk drive, dot matrix printer, telephone modem, all cable and conductors, and telecommunications and word processing software.

The computer will be delivered during September or October, and Librarian Sandy Nimz will have the opportunity to attend a one-day training session on the equipment.

Scappoose and Rainier Libraries also were awarded computers from the same program.

Blueberry Festival set for second year of fun

Queen Hazel Donaldson will preside over the second annual Washington County Blueberry Festival, sponsored by Cornelius Chamber of Commerce and Valley Road Blueberry Association, on August 8th and 9th, beginning at 8 a.m. in Cornelius' Harleman Park.

Robert Buchanan, Oregon's Secretary of Agriculture, and Bonnie Hays, chairperson of the Washington County Board of Commissioners will be guest speakers for this occasion.

A full schedule of activities, including a trade fair, farmers' market, arts and crafts, farm and home auction, horseshoes contest, children's story hour and live music, is planned for the visitor's enjoyment.

Sunday's activities start off with an 8 km competitive road run/walk competition and a shorter, non-competitive 2 mile course. Sunday will also feature a traditional blueberry breakfast, served from 8 a.m.

until noon. There will be an auction at 2 p.m. of items contributed by Senators Hatfield and Packwood as well as a souvenir from Ed McMahon of the Tonight Show. Other prizes and gifts will be auctioned as well.

Tours of blueberry fields and processing facilities will also be available.

The family oriented weekend has many activities, appealing to all ages. For more information, call Shirley Stanley at 357-8398.

Bacona hearings continuing

The contested case hearing brought by opponents of the Bacona landfill to review procedures used by the Department of Environmental Quality in the Green Mountain/Bacona site selection started July 13.

At the conclusion of the hearing, probably this week, the hearing officer will review the testimony and make a recommendation to the Environmental Quality Commission which will then decide to continue with, or drop development of the site. EQC's decision can be appealed to the Oregon Supreme Court.

Some highlights -

- John G. Pacey, president of Emcon Associates and a DEQ consultant, testified that the liner material proposed for the dump would probably last 50 years, but no one had long-term experience with it because it has been around only since the early 1970s.

- Derick Cornforth, Cornforth Consultants of Tigard, testified that inclinometer readings on the site showed earth movement of 1/6 of an inch from March 6 to April 1. He also testified that a minimum of one season of repeated measurements was needed for accuracy, and maybe two seasons. A "season" for such measurements, he explained, is from December through March when most landslide movement occurs.

- More than 900 pages of hearings transcripts have been typed by volunteers opposing the landfill. Their work has saved several thousand dollars for the Green Mountain Watershed Committee.



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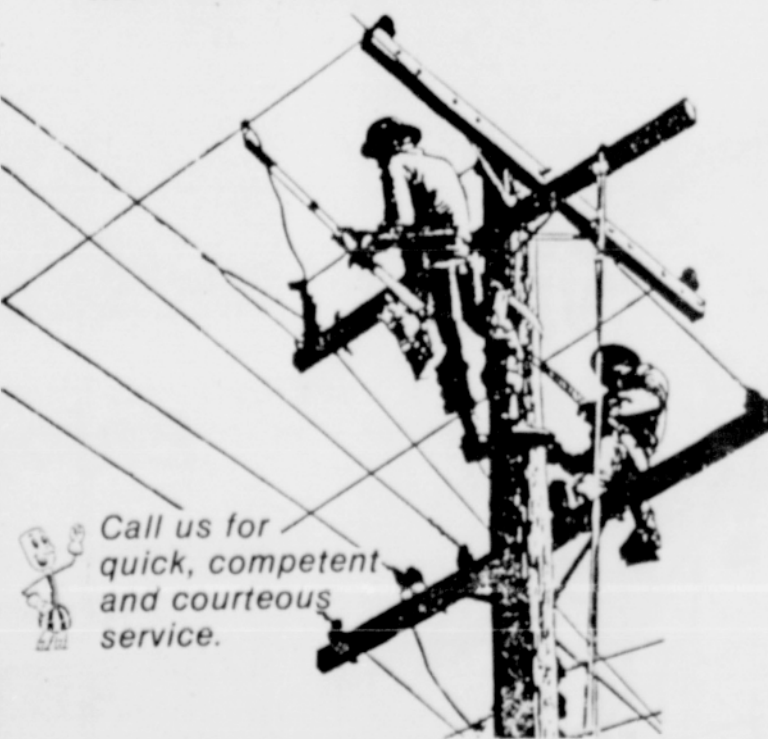
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Trojan tours

On June 15, the Trojan Visitors Information Center began operating seven days a week. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m., Sunday.

Tours of the Trojan Nuclear Plant now are being conducted three days a week: Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Center Supervisor Dan Carter says everyone planning to tour the plant should check in at the Visitors Center 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time. Tours require about an hour and a half of visitors' time. The tours are as follows: 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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