

Valerie Busch, Trend Business College Graduation, June 7

Bruce Carter, WOSC Graduation, June 9

Bill & Bob Busch,

Washington Grade School Graduation, June 13

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Tomato seeds from space capture interest of elementary classes

Budding scientists at Lincoln and Washington Grade Schools are planting gardens to experiment with tomato seeds from space.

Students in the classes of Gay Bartels, Becky Louder and Sharon Batty at Lincoln, plus the WGS class of Nayan Fleenor are growing and monitoring space-exposed seeds and Earth-based seeds, searching for differences caused by long-term exposure to cosmic radiation. Results gathered by the students will be forwarded to NASA by June 15 for a final report.

For nearly 6 years the seeds were exposed to the harsh environment of space, subjected to cosmic radiation, temperature extremes, weightlessness, and the vacuum of space. Students will be looking for possible changes in the tomato plants such as fruit size and color, growth rate, and leaf, stem and stalk shapes and sizes.

The 12.5 million tomato seeds were recovered by the crew of the space shuttle Columbia, on January 12, from the eleven-ton Long Du-

ration Exposure Facility satellite. They were part of only one of the 57 experiments housed on the satellite.

The cooperative project of

Record kindergarten enrollment

Fifty-nine children have been pre-registered for 1990-91 kindergarten classes at Washington Grade School.

This is a record enrollment for the district and the school is trying to determine actual class size to allow for adequate planning.

If you know of anyone who did not attend the pre-regis-

Jennifer Hepler is top county speller

Jennifer Hepler, a Vernonia High School senior, took first place for grades 10-12 in the annual Columbia County Spelling Bee. Her win brought in \$100 and the opportunity to compete at the state level in Salem.

Linda Schill, a third grader at Washington Grade School, won second place, and \$50, on the primary level.

NASA and Park Seed Company of Greenwood, S.C., offers students a one-of-a-kind opportunity to study the effects of long-term space exposure on living tissue.

tration and screening, but has a child who will be five by September 1 and plans to enroll in the fall, please ask them to call the school at 429-7941 to have their names added to the roster.

WGS graduation set for June 13th

Eighth grade graduation ceremonies will be held on Wednesday, June 13, at 7 p.m. in the Washington Grade School gym.

Awards and certificates will be presented at that time and a post graduation party is planned.

Parents will be informed of the plans for the party when all arrangements have been confirmed.



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A Columbia County credit union, working in conjunction with an auto broker in Portland, is encouraging Columbia County residents to purchase out of county.

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