

Business Notes

Resident manager hired for B-V Linear State Park

Joe Paiva, Deputy Director of the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department, has announced the hiring of Eugene Fabryka as full-time, resident manager of the newly created Banks-Vernonia Linear State Park.

Fabryka, his wife Vicki and three-year-old daughter, have moved into a residence on property acquired by the parks department near the Buxton trestle. In addition to providing a residence for the manager, the property will serve as park headquarters for maintenance and personnel.

Fabryka, a seven-year veteran of Oregon Parks & Recreation, served first at Stewart Park, moving from there to Ecola, then to Fort Stevens as park ranger in 1987.

As manager of the Banks-Vernonia Linear State Park, he will begin by overseeing construction of the park, under the direction of Max Ruff, manager of the Champoege District. Paiva is the engineer for the project.

Fabryka's duties will also include general maintenance and public relations, which, he

emphasizes, will include the development of a "Friends of the Park" group to support and facilitate its development and use. Fabryka sees the park as a unique opportunity and serious challenge. Not

only is this park the first park of any kind developed within the state system in twenty years, it is also the first park of its kind in the state parks system.

Linear parks are not new in

the United States, but are unique in their concept of creating long, narrow trails. Many of them, such as Banks-Vernonia, are rails-to-trails conversions, utilizing the open spaces of abandoned railroad rights-of-way. This park will be 16 miles long.

Fabryka comes well qualified to the task. In addition to his seven years of experience in the Oregon park system, he previously spent five years in the Delaware Parks Department, working in different parks as a naturalist and assistant manager.

Academically, his choice also has merit for this park, including a Bachelor of Science degree in park management from West Virginia University and a Masters in Edu-

cation, majoring in environmental education.

In the short time he has been at the B-VSLP, he has become enthused about the diversity of the ecology and habitat.

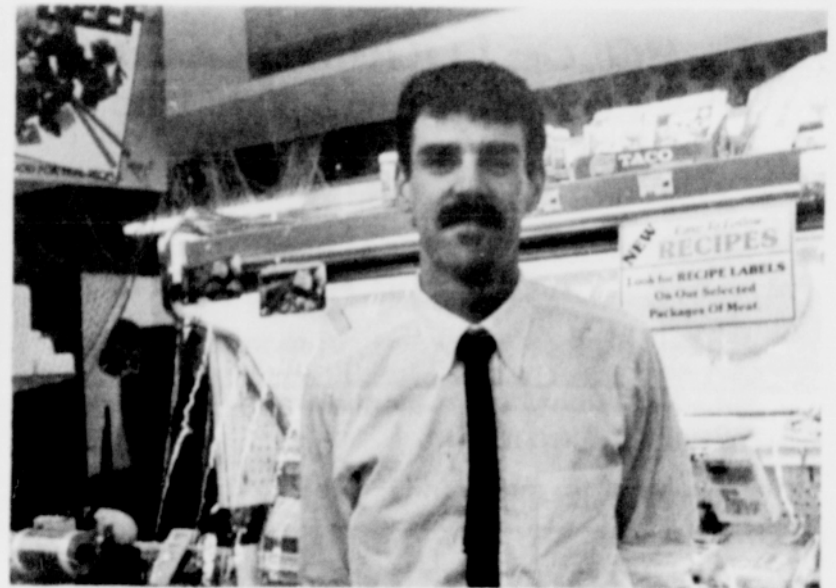
"I spent a summer at Mt. St. Helens after the eruption, as an interpreter of the visual signs of recovery of fauna and flora," he said, "It is the basis of a program I am interested in developing along the trail as a teaching component available to the schools in the area."

He feels it is important for the people of the community to understand that it is their park, and that we need to work together to achieve its potential, recreationally, educationally and economically.



Gene Fabryka, Banks-Vernonia Linear State Park manager.

Sentry Market appoints manager



Mark Bush, Vernonia Sentry Market manager.

Mark Bush, formerly of Seaside, has been named manager of Vernonia Sentry Market.

Bush opted for Vernonia after a year with Fred Meyer. Prior to that position, he had spent thirteen years with Tanner's Thriftway store in Seaside, where he was assistant manager.

"The first two years in the grocery business were my

last two years in Seaside High School," Bush said.

"I'm looking forward to life in Vernonia," he stated. "I have always been community oriented and plan to get involved in community activities."

Bush and wife, Kim, have two children and are living in Vernonia. They're not strangers here, as Bush's sister is City Hall clerk Jana Borst.

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