

Spruce aphid does damage to shrubs and trees

Small but hardy spruce aphids can cause a lot of problems in the winter landscape if controls aren't applied promptly.

"Spruce aphids will begin attacking spruce trees and other evergreen landscape shrubs and trees in late January and February," says Chip Bubl, Oregon State University Extension agricultural agent in Columbia County. Spruce aphids are tiny, dull green aphids that increase rapidly in numbers shortly after their initial appearance.

Spruce aphid damage is evident during the first warm days of spring. The needles of plants, pierced and sucked dry by the aphid, turn yellow or brown and drop to the ground. Bare limbs with needles remaining only on the outer tips are characteristic of

spruce aphid infestations. However, the damage is actually done during the winter. Control measures must be taken early in the year or potential aphid infestations will be difficult to stop.

Sprays of diazinon or lindane, plus a wetting agent,

are effective if applied soon. Try to spray when several hours of dry weather will follow the spray applications. Do not spray when outdoor temperatures are below freezing. Spray coverage should be as complete as possible for maximum aphid control.

Volunteers needed in many areas

Many volunteer opportunities are currently available in Columbia County, through the state Department of Human Resources Volunteer Program.

Drivers are needed in all areas of the county for assignments to Portland or Longview. Volunteer drivers may use either a state vehicle or their own with reimbursement.

Volunteers are also needed for office work. This is a good opportunity for some-

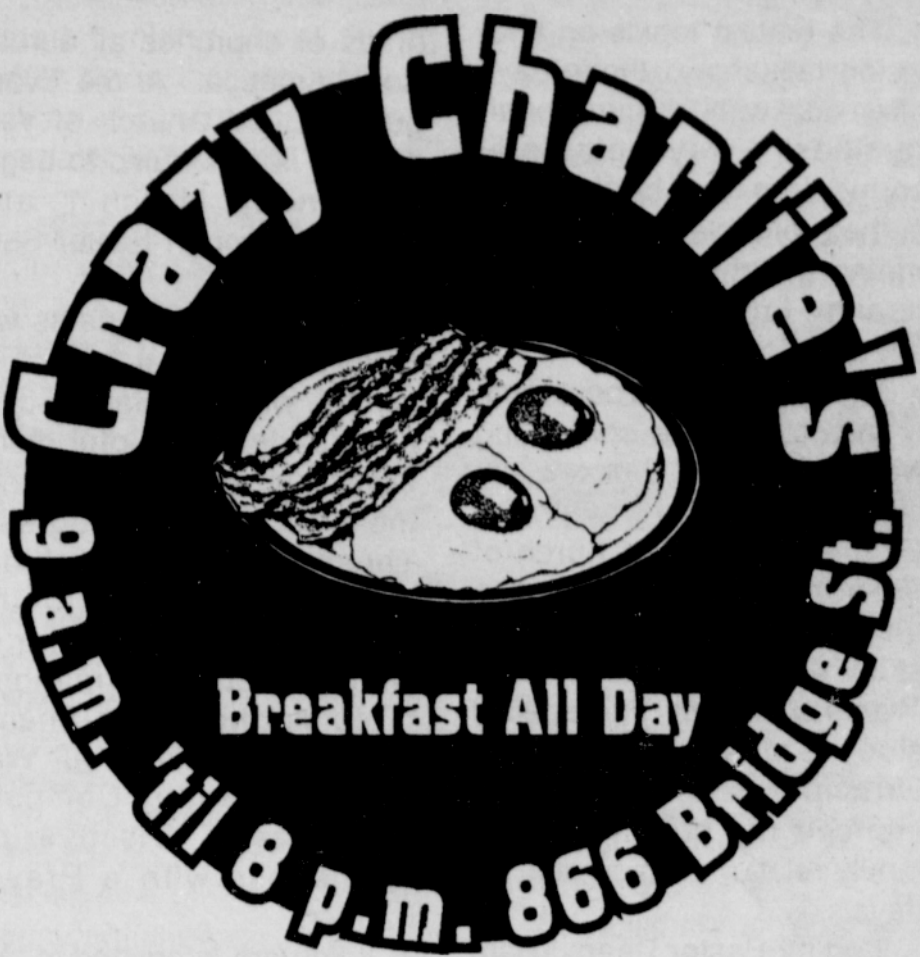
one wanting to obtain work experience or to sharpen up current skills. There are openings for receptionist, file clerk and computer clerk.

If your interests are in working with children, there are opportunities to volunteer as a Big Brother/Sister or childcare aide.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact the Dept. of Human Resources Volunteer Program at 397-5350.

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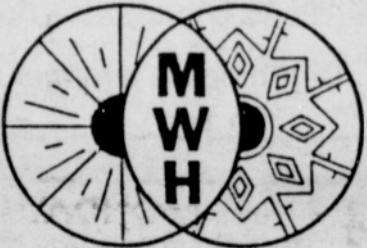
Toll free line will take outage reports

West Oregon Electric Cooperative members may now call a toll free telephone number to report power outages or other emergencies if they live outside the 429 phone prefix. The toll free number is 1-800-777-1276; it will answer 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Members within the 429 phone prefix may also report problems at any time of the day or night by calling 429-3021, the co-op's office number. This will also be on a 24-hour, year around basis.

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Adult Volleyball
Aerobics
AFS
Al-Anon
Alcoholics Anonymous
American Cancer Society
AWANA Clubs
Boosters
Chamber of Commerce
C of C Directors
Girl Scouts
Home Extension Club
Izaak Walton League
Jamboree Committee
Ladies Golf Club
Lions Club
MTC Job Service
Masons
Men's Golf Club
Narcotics Anonymous
Parent-Teacher Club
Preschool Story Hour
Ridge Riders
Senior Center Directors
Society of Arts & Crafts
TOPS
Vernonia Cares Directors
Vernonia City Council
Vernonia Doll Club
Vernonia Grange
Vernonia Health Center

Tuesdays 7-9 p.m., WGS Gym
Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 7 p.m., WGS Gym
1st Wednesday 7:30 p.m., VHS Library
Wednesdays 8 p.m., Baptist Church
Fridays 8 p.m., Baptist Church
2nd Wednesday 12:30 p.m., Golf Course
Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m., Evangelical Bible Church
2nd Wednesday 7:30 p.m., VHS Library
2nd Wednesday 7:30 a.m., Crazy Charlie's
1st Thursday 7:30 a.m., U.S. Bank
2nd Tuesday 7 p.m., Farmers & Merchants Bank
3rd Thursday For location call 429-5533
3rd Thursday For location call 429-7193
2nd Monday 7 p.m., VHS Library
Tuesdays 5 p.m., Golf Course
1st & 3rd Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Vernonia Cafe
2nd Wednesday 1 p.m., City Library
1st Thursday 8 p.m., Masonic Temple
Wednesdays 5 p.m., Golf Course
Tuesdays 8 p.m., Baptist Church
3rd Thursday 7 p.m., WGS Library
Wednesdays 10:30 a.m., City Library
Last Tuesday 7:30 p.m., City Library
1st Friday 1 p.m., Senior Center
1st Monday 7 p.m., WGS Library
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Baptist Church
2nd Thursday* 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
1st & 3rd Mondays 7:30 p.m., City Library
4th Tuesday 1 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
2nd Saturday 7:30 p.m., Grange Hall
2nd Thursday 7:30 p.m., Health Center*

Vernonia Park/Rec Committee
Vernonia Planning Commission
Vernonia Preschool Directors
Vernonia Recycles (Plastics)
Vernonia Rural Fire District
Vernonia School District
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters
WOEC Directors

MIST-BIRKENFELD

Alcoholics Anonymous
Mist-Birkenfeld Fire Bd. of Direct.
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M-B Ambulance Assoc.
Natal Grange
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1st Thursday
3rd Thursday
1st Tuesday
1st Saturday
2nd Tuesday
2nd Thursday
2nd Monday
3rd Tuesday

7 p.m., City Library
7:30 p.m., City Library
7 p.m., American Legion Hall
10 a.m.-2 p.m., City Water Plant
7:30 p.m., Fire Station
7 p.m., School District Office
7 p.m., Fire Station
7 p.m., WOEC

Mondays
2nd Tuesday
1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays
1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursdays
2nd Wednesday
Fridays

8 p.m., Main Fire Station
7:30 p.m., Main Fire Station
7 p.m., Main Fire Station
7 p.m., Main Fire Station
7:30 p.m., Grange Hall
9:30 a.m., Main Fire Station

COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

Board of Commissioners
Citizens for Senior Justice
COLCO Transportation Committee
County Council of Seniors
Columbia Educ. Service Dist.
County Fair Board
Emergency Communications Dist.
Historical Society
Traffic Safety Commission

Wednesdays 10 a.m., Courthouse
2nd Tuesday 7 p.m., Sunset Park Comm. Church
2nd Friday 10:30 a.m., Courthouse
2nd Friday 1:00 p.m., Courthouse
3rd Wednesday 7:30 p.m., 800 Port Ave.
2nd Tuesday 7:30 p.m., Fairgrounds Office
3rd Tuesday 8 p.m., Courthouse
4th Wednesday Noon, For location call 429-3713
1st Wednesday 7 a.m., Village Inn

*January, April, July & October only
Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410, or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 1206 State Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064.