

Business Notes



Victor Mack

Mack Plumbing now serves local area

When Victor Mack moved to Vernonia two years ago, with his wife, Cindy, and their five children, he used his experience as a journeyman plumber to get a job with Petra Plumbing in Tigard. Now he is using his 15 years of experience to develop his own plumbing business in the upper Nehalem valley.

Since obtaining his contractor's license in the spring of 1995, Mack has been very busy, in fact he rarely lacks for work. If work slows down

here, he takes his skills to Washington County, where burgeoning construction needs workers in all of the building trades.

Prior to obtaining his license, Mack turned down requests to do repair jobs because, he said, it wasn't ethical. Now he has plumbed five new houses in this area in addition to doing repair and remodeling work.

It's good to have a plumber in town and, when you need

Fire district needs numbers on houses

Residents of the City of Vernonia are reminded that a house number that can be read easily from the street is required on all residences.

Vernonia Rural Fire District Chief Steve Weller expressed concern about the situation, recently, after a fire on Jefferson Avenue. Though Weller was in the neighborhood when he saw the smoke, he was unable to find a readable house number for rapid dispatching of emergency equipment and personnel.

him, you can find Mack Plumbing in The INDEPENDENT Service Directory.

Now is time to enroll in CRP program

Eligible farm owners or operators have until Sept. 22 to submit bids for the 13th Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Land accepted for the CRP may have to meet higher environmental and conservation criteria than in previous years, however, because the U.S. Dep't. of Agriculture will accept less acreage for the program.

Bidders may request a CRP contract for either the 1996 or 1997 crop year. Annual rental payments for approved contracts will be made to those who convert eligible cropland to permanent cover.

In addition to the rental payment, the Commodity Credit Corporation may pay up to 50-percent of the cost of establishing permanent cover.

To sign up, or for more information, contact the USDA Farm Service Agency in Hillsboro, (503) 648-3174.

Committee studies effectiveness of county charter

The County Charter Review Committee agreed last month that county government could be improved with a home rule charter. They will now start working on the form they feel the charter should take.

Two meetings are scheduled in September, on the 14th and 28th. The meetings are held 6-8 p.m. in room 308 at the county courthouse.

At the last meeting, the committee heard from county Finance Director Paul Downey, budget committee chairman Joe Taylor and Commissioner Bill McDonald.

Concerns expressed by the guests and by citizens in the audience ranged from lack of representation for citizens outside the St. Helens/Scappoose area to the creation of "sovereign" departments and the lack of a coordinated effort caused by having so many department heads in elective positions.

Linhares elected by professional group

Tom Linhares, Columbia County Assessor, has been elected 2nd Vice-President for the 1995-96 fiscal year by the Oregon State Association of County Assessors (OSACA). He will serve in this capacity through July of 1996. Mr. Linhares will assist the President and Vice-President of OSACA in all matters relating to statewide assessment business.

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treasurer, assessor, clerk, sheriff, surveyor, district attorney and three commissioners are elected. Election of the district attorney is required by state law and will remain regardless of any changes in

the county charter.

On Sept. 14, the committee will hear from Assessor Tom Linhares, Sheriff George Hult and Treasurer Corene Carlstrom. The meetings are open to the public.

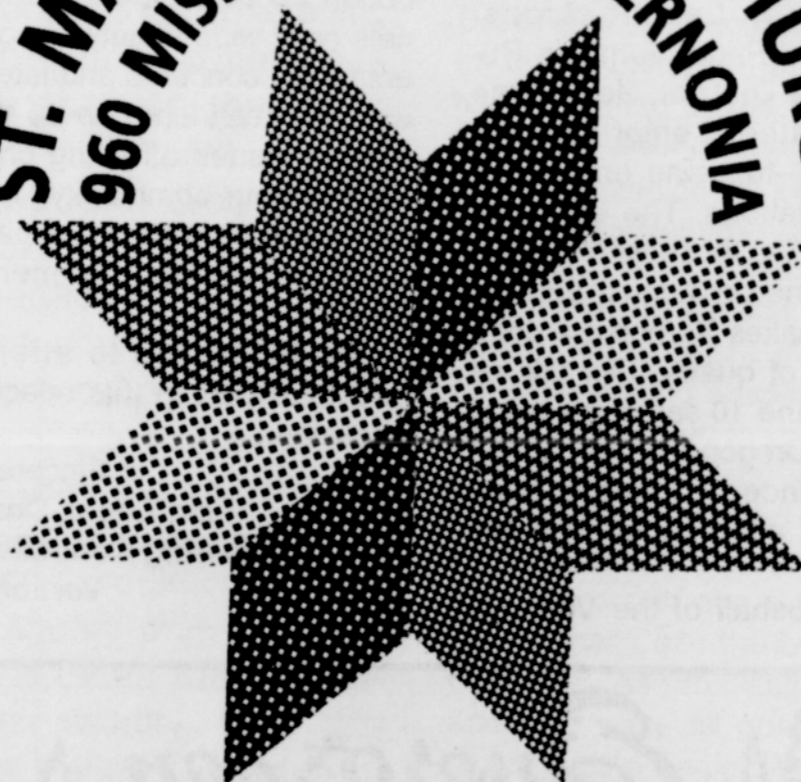
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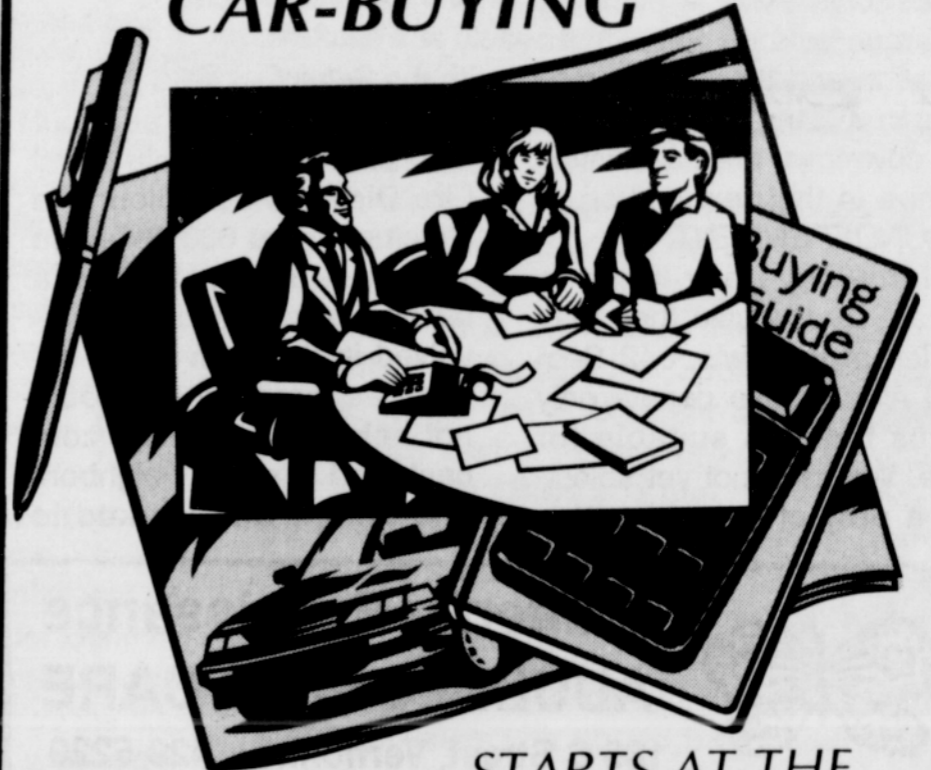


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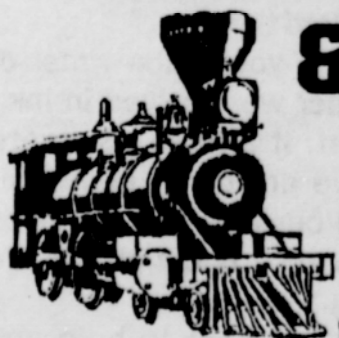
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