

Business Notes

Computer consultation, training and trouble-shooting offered

Personal Touch Computer Services, a new Vernonia business, has a name that telegraphs a believable message to small town PC owners who are removed from the urban milieu, but who need help or advice in all of the possible dimensions of PC use and acquisition.

Pamela Johnson, who has five years of experience as a computer technician and trainer, will operate her business out of her home in the Treharne area and promises dependable, loyal service for almost all local needs, including consulting services on upgrades or new purchases, in-

stalling new hardware/software, trouble-shooting error messages and hardware failures, plus tips and help with DOS/Windows.

Her services are available to businesses or residential PC owners. Johnson's message to prospective clients is "Call me! I can help!"

One of her small town features is a lower fee for solving problems by telephone, rather than by on-site inspection, testing and physically repairing a problem. In addition to her five years of experience, the service is backed up by Gateway 2000 technical support. Johnson can work on any IBM-compatible clone.

Johnson moved to Vernonia from Vermillion, So. Dakota in September with her daughter, Hannah, one of four children. Two children live with their father in Iowa; a grown son lives in Texas. Johnson's sister is Candy Olson, a local locksmith.

Personal Touch Computer Services is in *The INDEPENDENT* Service Directory, making it easy for you to call her when you have a problem with your computer, or just need advice. Johnson will be happy to help.



Pamela Johnson can answer your computer questions.

Insurance questions answered

Insurance policies can be confusing, difficult to compare and understand, and insurance companies can be challenging to deal with.

To help consumers understand what insurance coverage would benefit them and what their present policies include, OSU Extension Service has invited a representative from the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services to speak.

Jan White, compliance officer in the Consumer Services Department will visit St. Helens, Wednesday, Nov. 15 to share tips with local consumers about insurance in Oregon. The Department of Consumer and Business Ser-

vices does not recommend any particular insurance agency or policy but can answer questions about what terms mean, what level of coverage is recommended, how to deal with insurance companies when you make a claim and where to turn for help if you have a dispute.

There is no charge for the program, which will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church, 125 N. 17th Street, St. Helens. The meeting room is handicapped accessible and there is parking. For more information, contact the Columbia County office of OSU Extension Service at 397-3462.

BOE will hear property tax petitions

The 1996 Columbia County Board of Equalization session will begin in early January, 1996. Deadline for filing Board of Equalization petitions with Columbia County Clerk is December 31, 1995. However, since the deadline occurs on Sunday, petitions will be accepted through 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 2, 1996. Petitions postmarked January 2, will also be accepted.

Elizabeth E. Huser, Columbia County Clerk, recommends that petitions, along

with evidence supporting the petitioners request for reduction of property taxes, be submitted as early as possible to allow staff time to prepare for hearings.

Hearings will be scheduled from mid to late January through early April, 1996. Petitioners who request a hearing will be notified by mail.

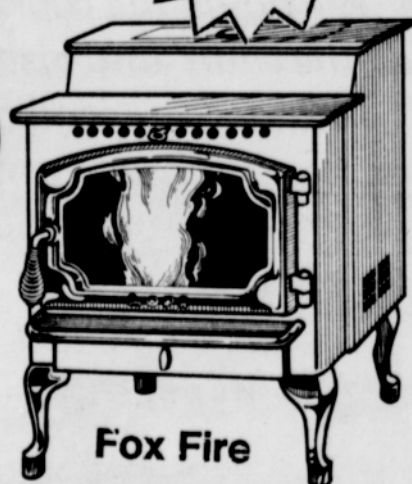
Petition forms are available through the County Assessor's Office. Upon request, the County Clerk's office will mail the forms.

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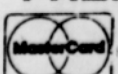
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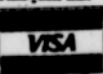


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