

**VERNONIA FIRE DISTRICT
REPORT FOR JULY, 1996
EMS COMPANY**

City 9-1-1 Calls	15
Rural 9-1-1 Calls	10
TOTAL 9-1-1 CALLS	25
Patients Transported ALS	9
Patients Transported BLS	2
TOTAL TRANSPORTS	11
Volunteer Hours	126.0
Vol. Training Hours	32.0
Other Volunteer Hours	16.0
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HRS.	174.0
OTHER	
Life Flight	0
Patients Treated	23
Non-Transports	12
Walk-ins	2
Stand-by	1
Recalls	1
Mutual Aid	0
Multiple Patient Calls	1

More Letters

From page 3
titled "Closed government equals [open] distrust", states the Department of Forestry "... effectively lied to citizens of Fishhawk Lake by saying that they had no plans to clear-cut the area (see article on page 1) even though they were seeking approval for someone else to clear-cut the same property." That allegation is patently false.

Fishhawk Lake representatives have, on several occasions, misrepresented the content of a reply I made early this year regarding their desire to preserve the forested background around the lake, which includes much more than the 34 acres of this parcel that are visible from the lake. In that reply, I did not address the exchange specifically, as I knew that representatives of Fishhawk Lake were already fully aware of the ongoing negotiations. Representatives of Fishhawk Lake have known of the continuing effort to develop an

exchange proposal between the State and Longview Fibre since January 1994. Since then, there have been discussions and correspondence between Fishhawk Lake Estates representatives and representatives from Forestry and Longview Fibre confirming the intention to proceed with the exchange.

I share your passion for truth and openness in conducting business; especially government business. Erroneous statements from any source, including the media, contribute to the distrust that you have noted. Therefore, I want to make it clear that this exchange proposal does not "seek approval for someone else to clear-cut the same property". Exchanges are proposed in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of forest management through "blocking in" ownerships. Scattered parcels and fragmented boundaries are simply less efficient to manage than consolidated blocks of land. Once an exchange is

approved and titles are recorded, all rights of ownership, including the right to harvest, are transferred.

Several months ago, Longview Fibre Company indicated the intention to harvest this parcel upon completion of the exchange, and stated to the Fishhawk Lake residents, both publicly and privately, that it will work with them to address scenic and safety concerns that have been expressed. Longview Fibre has even offered to consider the option of Fishhawk Lake residents purchasing portions of the 34 acre parcel. This is no different than the options the State of Oregon has available to address the concerns of Fishhawk Lake residents, except the State is required to declare property "surplus to its needs" and allow other government entities to acquire it before a public sale would be permitted. Under State ownership, it is very doubtful that the sale option would be considered because intensively

managed forest land is not surplus to the needs of the State.

Contrary to what you have evidently been led to believe, the process for conducting this exchange has been very open and honest on the part of government. Open government is absolutely necessary in maintaining trust with the citizens — and so are factual reporting and citizen participation that do not misrepresent the facts through omission of essential information.

Sincerely,

J. Michael Beyerle
Deputy State Forester

Ed. note: Though Mr. Beyerle understandably objects to the "Opinion" statement that the Dept. of Forestry "... effectively lied to citizens", The INDEPENDENT didn't previously mention that he was even mildly rebuked by a member of the state Board of Forestry for his less-than-

Please see page 13

Service Directory

ECON-O-FAB Pole Buildings



CCB #51042
P.O. Box 6205
Aloha, OR 97006

649-5454

Johnny B's Enterprises



SPECIALIZING IN SHEETROCK TAPING
MACHINE & HAND BROCADE CEILINGS
WALL TEXTURE & PAINTING

Licensed & Bonded CCB No. 535680

429-8030

797 Alabama Ave., Vernonia, OR 97064

Alexander's MODERN INTERIORS

Carpet • Linoleum • Formica
Ceramic Tile

Ask about Our Contractor's Prices

429-7031

Hillsboro: 648-4722 • FAX 640-9642
180 NW 231st, Hillsboro • CCB #26508

The NEW WAY MOVING & STORAGE

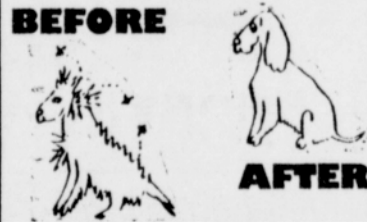
1-800-570-5296

World Wide Movers

Mayflower Transit Agency

540 Milton Way
St. Helens, OR 97051

DOG GROOMING BEFORE



AFTER
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
429-6300

Nehalem Valley Sanitary Service

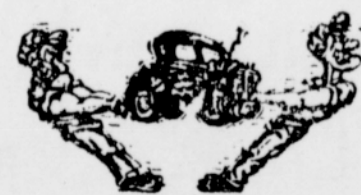
Residential - Commercial

Special Pickup - 1 & 2 Yard Containers
Transfer Station Open 2nd & 4th Sat-10-4

Recycling - All Kinds
Call for Information: **429-8711**

Meyer's Auto Body

GARY MEYER
Owner



WE TAKE THE BUMP OUT OF ACCIDENTS

Phone
429-0248

493 Bridge Street
Vernonia, OR 97064

SVEN SANDSTROM PAINTING

COMMERCIAL / RESIDENTIAL
Free Estimates

(503) 429-8970

Licensed • Bonded • Insured • CCB #109576
56126 McDonald Rd., Vernonia, OR 97064

Nehalem Valley Construction Co.

Serving All of the Nehalem Valley

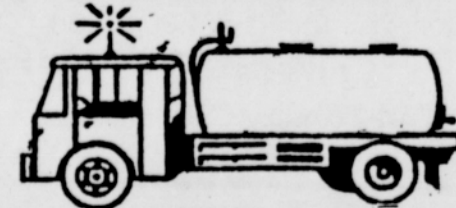
New Construction • Remodeling • Additions

FREE ESTIMATES **429-3017** SENIOR DISCOUNTS
David Scharf • Bonded & Insured • CCB #108923

PAT'S SEPTIC SERVICE

Septic Tank Pumping
1-800-953-4632

LOCATED
IN
ST. HELENS



DENNIS ELECTRIC, INC.



429-8930

Licensed & Bonded
FREE ESTIMATES
CCB No. 19808

Dennis & Schann Nelson
16725 Timber Rd. E., Vernonia, OR 97064



MACK PLUMBING

New Construction • Remodels • Repairs

(503) 429-0190

Victor W. Mack

CCB #105364

1222 Ruth Avenue, Vernonia OR 97064

ALL STAR TREE SERVICE

Precision Cutting, Stump Grinding, Tree Removal, Lot
Clearing, Chipping, Pruning
Firewood • 24-Hour Emergency Service

429-0907 • 244-2397

260-8714 Mobile

CCB #68438

Licensed • Bonded • Insured
RON DODGE



ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING

Residential & Commercial
Roof Inspection Service • Shingles • Torch Down
Hot Tar • Decks • Gutters • Repairs

429-0142 or 727-3595

45 YRS. EXPERIENCE • FINANCING AVAIL. OAC
JOHN OR BILL POTTER CCB #111996

The INDEPENDENT Service Directory is where people look when they need the services of professionals. For information on how you can advertise your services, call **(503) 429-9410**.