

Business Notes

Greene offers tax, liability advice

Many business owners are frustrated by the amount of taxes they pay, a situation well understood by Phillip Greene of Vernonia.

Greene has been working with business owners since 1989 and since 1993 has been president of Insured Investment Concepts, Inc., a company that assists small, closely held businesses.

"Successful business owners are involved in the tax game," said Greene, "and they have only one of two choices: Play or Pay."

Because of that reality, Insured Investment Concepts helps business owners with proper structuring and positioning of assets in order to achieve substantial tax savings.

Free, unlimited consultation time is provided by Insured Investment Concepts to determine if their service is appropriate to your business.

Business owners wanting to talk with Greene may call



Phillip Greene

him in Vernonia, 429-2310, or at his Beaverton number, 642-7671. His ad may be found in The INDEPENDENT Professional Directory.

Greene and his wife, Pam, live on Creekview Lane. They have two grown daughters, one of whom is a dentist, the other is a teacher.



Warren Harris, standing right, project engineer for Northwest Natural Gas, presented information about NNG's plans to develop additional underground gas storage capacity in the Mist gas

fields, to about 90 Mist area people at a public meeting on May 23. The first phase will be development of new storage capacity at Calvin Creek and expansion of the Miller Station storage facility. Phase one is scheduled for completion by Nov. 1, 1998.

NWRESD regular meeting scheduled

The Northwest Regional Education Service District Board will meet in regular session on Wednesday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Columbia Service Center office, 800 Port Avenue, St. Helens. The budget committee meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m.

Downtown Business group forms

The charter meeting of the Vernonia Downtown Business Association was held May 1. All local businesses were invited to share their ideas for revitalization of our downtown and approximately 20 local businesses were represented.

The initial concern was whether a downtown business association was needed, and the overwhelming response was "Yes." Those involved are excited about the opportunity to help our downtown become a place we all want to work in, shop in, visit, and be proud of. The June 7 grand opening of the Vernonia Farmers' Marketplace is a small step in that direction.

Interested business people are urged to attend the next meeting. Watch *The INDEPENDENT*.

Culverts are topic for next Nehalem Watershed meeting

The Upper Nehalem Watershed Council will meet Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. in Washington Grade School, Room 20, Vernonia.

The purpose of the meeting will be to identify culverts in need of repair, removal, replacement or retrofitting in relation to salmon habitat values, and to identify ownerships.

A brief presentation by U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be followed by opportunities for state, county and private landowners to share culvert policies in relation to the Governor's Coastal Salmon Restoration Initiative. Further discussions will include positive actions to increase salmon habitat and grant opportunities.

Public comment is welcome. For further information contact Maggie at 429-2401.

PENDENT for meeting time and location. For more information, call Kathleen Beierschmitt at 429-3232 or Treasa Staggenborg at 429-4006.

Meeting tonight on county jail problems

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Phil Derby have been exploring long term solutions to overcrowding in the County Jail. Since it has become apparent that a new jail will be required, they are enlisting the support of the community to plan for the new jail. Participation is requested in a Citizens Advisory Task Force.

This is a reminder that the first meeting of the Task Force will be Wednesday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m., in the Loo Wit Room at St. Helens High School, 2375 Gable Road in St. Helens.

For further information, contact the Board of Commissioners' office (503) 397-4322.

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