

Business Notes

Engraving business in Vernonia

Specialized Engraving, a custom engraving business (as you probably guessed) came to the area in October, when Catherine J. Ross and her husband, Robert, moved to Vernonia.

Now that they are settled in their new home, Ross is ready to get back to work with an engraving service that includes scanning and engraving many camera ready logos and art work in order to incorporate them into the custom service she offers.

"I really specialize in work for businesses and organizations," Ross said, "but there are some unique items that are perfect for individual gifts."

Among the gift items, she creates are plaques engraved with a child's handprint, name and year, a birth announcement or wedding invitation, and others.

Plaques come in a variety of sizes, shapes and types of

wood, Ross explained, and she engraves the desired message on brass, aluminum or plastic in more than 400 finishes and colors.

Of great interest to people in the Nehalem Valley, Ross "brings the store to you" when you call, eliminating a sixty-mile round trip to the nearest engraving service...and she delivers free to downtown Vernonia.

Ross may be called at 429-1000, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Catherine Ross

Volunteers sought to aid seniors

Volunteers interested in investigation and advocacy are needed to serve as ombudsmen for residents of nursing homes, residential care facilities, assisted living facilities and adult foster care homes.

A certification program sponsored by the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman will begin September 6 in Lake Oswego, to provide training on the aging process, communications, problem-solving, and investigations.

Certified Ombudsmen identify and investigate complaints, then work with the facilities to make changes. More than half of long term care residents do not receive regular visitors, according to Kathy Walter, Volunteer Recruitment Supervisor. Ombudsmen insure that the resi-

dents receive good care, that their rights are protected and that they enjoy a good quality life.

For information about the program or to learn how to get involved contact Walter at 1-800-522-2602.

Pediatrician starts practice in FG

Sandra J. Barton, M.D., FAAP, has joined the Tuality Healthcare medical staff as an internal medicine and board certified pediatrics specialist.

Her Forest Grove practice is located at 2011 Cedar St. Patients may pre-schedule appointments by calling 357-7186. As both a pediatrician and an internist, Dr. Barton will treat patients of all ages.

Dr. Barton is a native Oregonian who grew up in the Eugene area. After earning her medical degree at Oregon Health Sciences University in 1988, she completed a four-year residency in both internal medicine and pediatrics at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, including a one-year stint as chief resident.

A fellow of the American

Academy of Pediatrics, Dr. Barton has been a full-time pediatrician in Texas since 1994. Before that, she held the position of associate medical director of the Pediatrics Clinic at Cedars-Sinai, and has been staff physician for a number of other clinics in California.



Sandra Barton, M.D.

GTE names manager

Rick Martineau, an 18-year veteran of the telecommunications industry, has been named local manager for GTE's Hillsboro and Forest Grove service areas. His office is in Cornelius.

Martineau supervises a team of technicians responsible for installation and maintenance of residential and single-line business telephone service in Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Cornelius, Banks, Gaston, Vernonia, Clatskanie and surrounding areas. GTE serves about 49,000 total customer lines in those areas.



Martineau has extensive technical experience and is highly familiar with western Washington County. He joined GTE in 1979 as an installation and repair technician in Cornelius. His background also includes three years as a cable technician and three years as a network maintainer. Before accepting his current position, he was a customer zone technician in the Forest Grove area.

Martineau lives in the Hagg Lake area with his wife, Corky, who also works for GTE.

Wyden sets county meeting

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden will host a Columbia County Town Meeting on Tuesday, August 19, in St. Helens.

The meeting will be at the Columbia Center auditorium from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Area residents are encouraged to attend and speak with Wyden about any issues they wish to discuss.

Columbia Center is located at 375 S. 18th Street in St. Helens.

Rabid bat found in Columbia Co.

A bat found last week in Prescott tested positive for rabies, Columbia County Public Health announced.

The bat was exhibiting erratic behavior and was safely captured, killed and tested, according to Mark Edington, Columbia County sanitarian. There was no known physical contact with the bat.

Recent cases of animal rabies in bats have occurred in Clatsop County, where a bat bit a dog, and in Cowlitz County, Washington.

Bats are an important part of nature because they contribute to insect control, but they should not be handled, according to the Oregon Health Division.

Questions about getting a bat tested can be directed to Edington at 366-3828.



Pictured here is what remained of Terry Schaumburg's 1994 John Deere 5200 Tractor after it inexplicably burned in a hay field on Stoney Point Road. The tractor was turned off and left in the field when an apparent electrical fire consumed it. When the Vernonia Rural Fire District arrived on the scene, the fire was fully engaged but the hay had already been cut and the fire didn't spread. Insurance immediately replaced the tractor with a 1997 tractor of the same model. Some concerns have been voiced about the incident Schaumburg said, which reportedly has occurred in three other tractors of the same model in recent weeks.

University of Oregon sets new application deadlines

The University of Oregon has announced the following changes in their application deadlines.

Early notification deadlines for freshmen, Clark Honors College and General University Scholarship applications will be Nov. 1, 1997. The early scholarship notification option allows top students apply-

ing for honors and scholarships to receive a decision by Dec. 15, 1997.

The new Regular Application deadline for freshmen admission applications, Clark Honors Application, General University Scholarships and Priority Application date for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will all

be February 2, 1998.

Insight, the U of O viewbook, will be mailed to prospective students in August so students can receive and return applications faster than ever, which means students could receive notification of admission as early as October.

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