

Deadline for property tax appeals

Property owners who want to request a reduction in the real market or specially assessed value of personal and/or real property for tax purposes still have time to file a petition with the Board of Property Tax Appeals.

Taxpayers who had a penalty imposed for the previous year's taxes may also petition for a dismissal of the penalty.

Jazz Studies class will start

A class in Jazz Studies will be offered in the spring semester at Vernonia High School.

The new music class, for both instrumentalists and vocalists, will begin Jan 27 and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. in the VHS band room.

In addition to learning how to play jazz and to improvise, the course will include jazz history and tradition. High school students will earn credit for the class, but members of the community are also invited to participate.

For more information, call instructor Bob Ragsdale at 429-9581.

All petitions must be filed with the County Clerk by January 30, 1998.

Hearings will be scheduled mid-February through early April.

Petitioners who request a hearing will be notified by mail at least five days before the hearing date.

Petition forms are available from each county. Call the County Clerk in the county where your property is located to obtain petition forms.

Ridge Riders elect officers for new year

Vernonia Ridge Riders elected officers for 1998 at their annual banquet, Jan. 19. Leading the saddle club will be President Tim Titus, Vice-president George Bellingham, Secretary Teri Greenwood, Treasurer Jessie Johnston, and Publicity Secretary Sue East.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Ridge Riders Horse Club may attend the March 26 meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Washington Grade School.

For more information, call Titus at 429-8250, or Bellingham at 429-9523.

Interest-free loans for child care providers

Interest free loans are available from Child Care Resource & Referral to qualified child care providers in Columbia and Clatsop Counties.

A grant from North Coast Workforce Quality will finance small loans to purchase equip-

ment or training. The fund cannot be used to refinance a prior purchase.

Loans will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or an application, call toll free 800-404-3511.

Apply now for heating cost help

Applications are now being accepted from people needing help with high winter heating costs.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally funded program oper-

ated in Columbia County through Community Action Team.

For more information call the Energy Assistance Program at 397-4951.

Wedding plans are announced

Wedding vows for Aimee Sue McGillvray and John Jay McFalls will be recited January 23, 1998, at the First Christian Church in Vernonia.

The future bride is the daughter of Sue and David Jenkins of Vernonia, and Brian McGillvray of Ketchikan, Alaska. She is a senior at Vernonia High School.

The groom-elect is an in-home caregiver. He is the son of Gene McFalls of Forest Grove, and Carol and Kenny Derrick of Tillamook.

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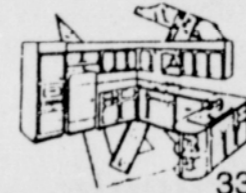


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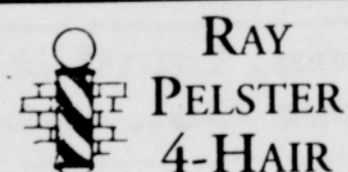
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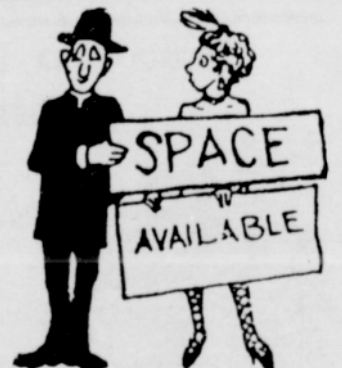
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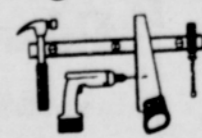
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