

Business Notes

Longview Fibre notes changes and planting of 100 million trees

Planting of the 100 millionth tree in Longview Fibre's half-century reforestation program was achieved on the Company's Clackamas Tree Farm, near Estacada, on March 2.

The Company estimates that the 100 million trees planted equates to a total of some 300,000 acres reforested.

A two year old Western Red Cedar was the milestone tree planted in the foothills of the Cascades near Eagle Fern Park in Clackamas County. officials and Longview Fibre Timber management.

The event was attended by Oregon State Dep't. of Forestry

The 100 millionth tree is part of 3.344 million trees Longview Fibre is planting in its Oregon and Washington timberlands this winter and spring.

David L. Bowden, senior vice president-timber, said, "Longview Fibre began hand-planting tree seedlings in 1951 in Columbia County, on our Deer Island Tree Farm, which is now approaching time for harvest — testimony that trees are our renewable resource. Our 50 millionth tree planted

was in Columbia County in our Nehalem Tree Farm."

In the 1960s, the company used aerial seeding for reforestation near the Oregon Coast then, as good planting stock became available, went exclusively to hand-planting for optimum tree survival and spacing.

According to Bowden, Longview Fibre plants about twice as many trees per acre as are required by the State Forest

Practices Acts in Oregon and Washington.

"Oregon law requires 190-200 trees per acre and we plant 375-400 trees per acre," said Bowden.

Longview Fibre is now increasing tree species diversity in reforestation of their nine Pacific Northwest tree farms, Bowden explained, with the tree mix for the 1999-2000 planting season consisting of 52 percent Douglas fir, 23 per-

cent western hemlock, 12 percent western red cedar, 11 percent Ponderosa pine, and one percent each of noble fir and red alder.

Longview Fibre owns and manages more than 570,000 acres of timberlands, with 330,000 acres in Oregon and 240,000 acres in Washington.

Many Vernonia clean-up projects

The annual Cleanup Day for Vernonia is just around the corner, and Vernonia Pride is again asking for community commitment and involvement. The big day is April 29, which coincides with Earth Day this year.

Here are some of the projects where help is needed:

- Any one of a number of cleaning/planting/painting projects being planned.

- Help with a big community barbecue following clean up. This will be served at the Scout Cabin at 1:00. In addition to the usual cooking, serving and clean up, Vernonia Pride is asking the cookie bakers of this community to contribute tons of cookies for the workers.

Cash donations are welcome. The event promises to be bigger and better this year,

and there will be some expenses. If anyone feels they cannot help with their presence, this is a great way to be part of the action. Checks should be made out to Vernonia Pride, and mailed to Enid Parrow, Treasurer, 842 2nd Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064.

Those who previously participated in Vernonia's giant clean up day already know how much fun hard work can be! Families, civic groups, churches, and individuals seem to enjoy rolling up their sleeves and making Vernonia shine. If you are new to the community, it's a great way to meet your neighbors.

If you have any questions or suggestions, call Genny at 429-1204, or Donna at 429-5201. See you on April 29!

Contest for name of Clean-up day

Have creative ideas—a good imagination—a desire to win \$25.00? Then this contest is for you! The community's annual "clean-up and enhancement day" needs a permanent name; a name that would capture the feeling and spirit of this day, where for a few hours on one day each year, all ages and skill levels combine efforts to clean up and beautify the community, maintain existing projects and help senior citizens. This is a day which reflects spirit, pride, camaraderie and honor of community and self.

The winning entry will not only receive the \$25.00 in cash but also the satisfaction of knowing they have named this

event which has become a "community helping" tradition.

Enter as many times as you like, but all entries must be received by March 10th.

Enter two ways: by phone to Genny 429-1204 or Donna 429-5201, or by mail to Genny Fisher, 1410 Roseview Hgts, Vernonia, OR 97064. Include the name of the day, your name, address, and phone number.

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Performers wanted for State Fair

Entertainers and variety acts are invited to audition for an opportunity to appear in the Oregon State Fair talent show or to perform on the Cultural Arts Stage. Auditions will take place Saturday, April 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Cascade Hall at the Fairgrounds in Salem. Enter through the Red Gate on 17th Street.

The 2000 State Fair will mark the second annual all-state talent show. Those interested in taking part may be-

come eligible either by auditioning on April 8 or through their county fair talent show. The first place prize is \$2,000, the second place prize is \$750, and the prize for third place is \$500.

The Cultural Arts Stage traditionally features performers from the Northwest. Audition appointments must be scheduled with Judy Rieber of Top Hat Entertainment at (360) 694-5985 or (503) 223-5765.

This year's State Fair, with the theme "A New Century of Summers," will run from August 24 through September 4.

Wyden meeting in Scappoose

Sen. Ron Wyden has scheduled a Town Hall meeting in Columbia County on Saturday, March 18, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

"I look forward to meeting with Oregonians face-to-face because they know what's really going on in their neighborhoods and around the state," said Wyden. "If there is anything you want me to know or if there is something I can work to change, I hope you'll come to Scappoose and share your ideas with me."

The meeting will be held in the Scappoose City Council Chambers, at 33568 E. Columbia Ave. in Scappoose.



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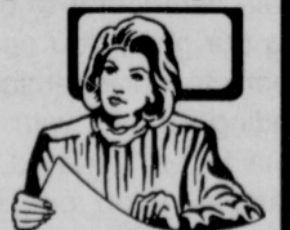
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