

## New Exec named for Logger group

Associated Oregon Loggers has selected Jim Geisinger as Executive Vice President and CEO. He will replace H. Mike Miller, who will be managing the Friends of Paul Bunyan Foundation, which was created in 1997 by the association.

Geisinger is currently president of the Northwest Forestry Association, where he has been responsible for the management and direction of the trade association and their work on forest management issues. He has served in that position since 1987.

Geisinger was named by the Clinton administration as a for-

est industry delegate to the 1993 Forest Conference chaired by Pres. Clinton and Vice-Pres. Al Gore. This conference began a process that ultimately resulted in President Clinton's Northwest Forest Plan. Geisinger served a key role in the successful placement of legislative language in the FY 1995 Interior Appropriations Bill that effectively prevented the closure of several northwest mills.

Geisinger has a Forest Management degree and an MBA from Oregon State University. He will begin his new duties on June 1, 2000.



The "Elusive Irish Y2K Bug" made an appearance in the Vernonia St. Patrick's Day Parade. Just how it arrived in Vernonia was never quite explained.

## Annual Columbia County Garden Fair and sale set

The fourth annual Columbia County Master Gardeners' Town & Country Garden Fair and Plant Sale will be held Saturday, April 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the St. Helens High School Commons. The garden fair and plant sale is free, and no registration is required.

The event will also feature free seminars, a Master Gardener's Plant Clinic, and more.

The seminar beginning at 9:30 a.m. will deal with growing a prize-winning tomato. The second seminar, at 11:00 a.m., will focus on "Planning the perennial garden," with Elizabeth Howley of Clackamas Community College Horticulture Department.

The Master Gardeners plant sale will feature a variety of tomato plants, perennial and annual flowers, miniature roses, shrubbery and trees.

Blue Heron Herbarium from Sauvie Island will be at the event, bringing an assortment of herbs and lavenders. St. Helens Book Shop will have a variety of books on gardening for

sale. According to owner Luanne Kreutzer, they will focus on newer garden publications geared toward the Pacific Northwest, as well as a large selection of books on tomatoes. Earl Hendrickson will offer handmade baskets. His booth will emphasize baskets for the gardener, including harvest and gathering baskets, as well as wall baskets for display.

Local Master Gardeners Irish and Deon Reynolds will have a selection of their flower photography greeting cards available. There are 26 designs to choose from, and a "pick-a-bouquet" of cards assortment, which comes with a special gift box, will be available.

Corvallis Master Gardeners Randy DiMilia and Jim Cassidy will fill their booth with ceramics for the gardener and handmade soaps. Randy has been making her own soaps for the past seven years and has formulated one especially for the gardener. Jim will have planters designed specifically for outdoor use, as well as a selection of indoor pots and wall

mounted planter pockets for a greenhouse or deck

Other vendors at the Garden Fair and Plant Sale will be offering local honey, mason bee houses, and cut flowers. The Scappoose Garden Club and the 4-H club will join the event. The 4-H club will feature handmade fiber crafts.

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Ken Smejkal is now the proud owner of this 1925 Ford truck, a birthday present from his daughter, Cindy, who won the truck in a church fund-raising raffle. The truck is 75, but the new owner is only 63. Great birthday present!!

## United Way funds allocated to member agencies

Final allocations for 2000 to 32 service providers and programs have been approved by the United Way of Columbia County Directors.

The total, \$275,376, will be distributed to member agen-

cies as follows:

- American Red Cross, \$5,806
- Boy Scouts, Cascade Pacific Council, \$3,887
- Community Action Team - Affordable Housing, \$3,864
- Child Care Resource and

Referral, \$5,223

- Emergency Homeless, \$6,484
- Energy Self Reliance, \$5,345
- Even Start, \$4,877
- Kid Care, \$12,004
- Lifespan Respite, \$5,275

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# Community Calendar

APRIL 2000	MAY 2000	JUNE 2000	JULY 2000	AUGUST 2000	SEPTEMBER 2000
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### VERNONIA

Al-Anon	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Boosters	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wed.	Noon, Lew's Place
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Friends of the Scout Cabin	4th Monday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Girl Scouts	Thursdays	6:30-8 p.m., Christian Church
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 429-7193
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Lew's Place
Nehalem Valley Car Club		For Info Call 429-4074
Preschool Story Hour	Wednesdays	10:30 a.m., City Library
Senior Center Directors	1st Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
TOPS	Thursdays	6:30 p.m., 1st Baptist Church
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	4th Thursday	For location call 429-2401
Vernonia Airport Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Cares Directors	1st Thursday	For location call 429-1414
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	6:30 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Comm. Dev. Corp.	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Vernonia Grange	2nd Friday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Pride		For Info Call, 429-1204
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	8:00 p.m., District Office
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC

### MIST-BIRKENFELD

M-BRFPD Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Ambulance Assoc.	1st & 2nd Thurs.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Firefighters Assoc.	1st & 2nd Wed.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Rescue	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Helping Circle	2nd Wednesday	10:00 am, 755-2346 for info.
Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Grange Hall

### BANKS

Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Brown Derby
Citizen Participation Org.	3rd Monday, odd months	7:15 p.m., City Hall
Friends of the Library	1st Saturday	10:00 a.m., City Library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
TOPS	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Jr. High Library
Tri-City RFPD Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13

### COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
COLCO Transportation	2nd Friday	10:30 a.m., Courthouse
County Council of Seniors	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Courthouse
County Fair Board	2nd & 4th Mondays	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
County Parks Commission	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Emergency Comm. Dist. (9-1-1)	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Courthouse
Historical Society	4th Wednesday	Noon, location call 429-3713
Traffic Safety Commission	1st Wednesday	7:00 a.m., Village Inn

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410 or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 725 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.