

## Business Notes

# Lots now available in new, custom Nickerson Ridge development

A first in the history of housing in the Vernonia area is an 18-lot plat being developed by James Smejkal of Banks. The new development, Nickerson Ridge Estates, includes covenants to protect prospective buyers and guarantee the quality of construction, the aesthetic values and the ongoing maintenance to sustain the emerging community into the 21st Century.

The development, which lies just north of Knott Street at the east end of the city, is now ready for sales, with lots ranging in size from 7,553 to 19,272 square feet. Streets and side-

walks are installed and all utilities — water, sewer, electric, natural gas and telephone — are underground.

Homes may not have less than 1200 sq. ft. of living space, and must be of approved quality materials and workmanship. Other requirements reflect a concern about fencing and the storage of boats, trailers, motorhomes, etc.

The lots are currently listed locally by Vernonia Realty and Oregon Realty, and will be shown through multiple listing services also.

## Salesperson joins Vernonia Realty



**Nancy Santoro**

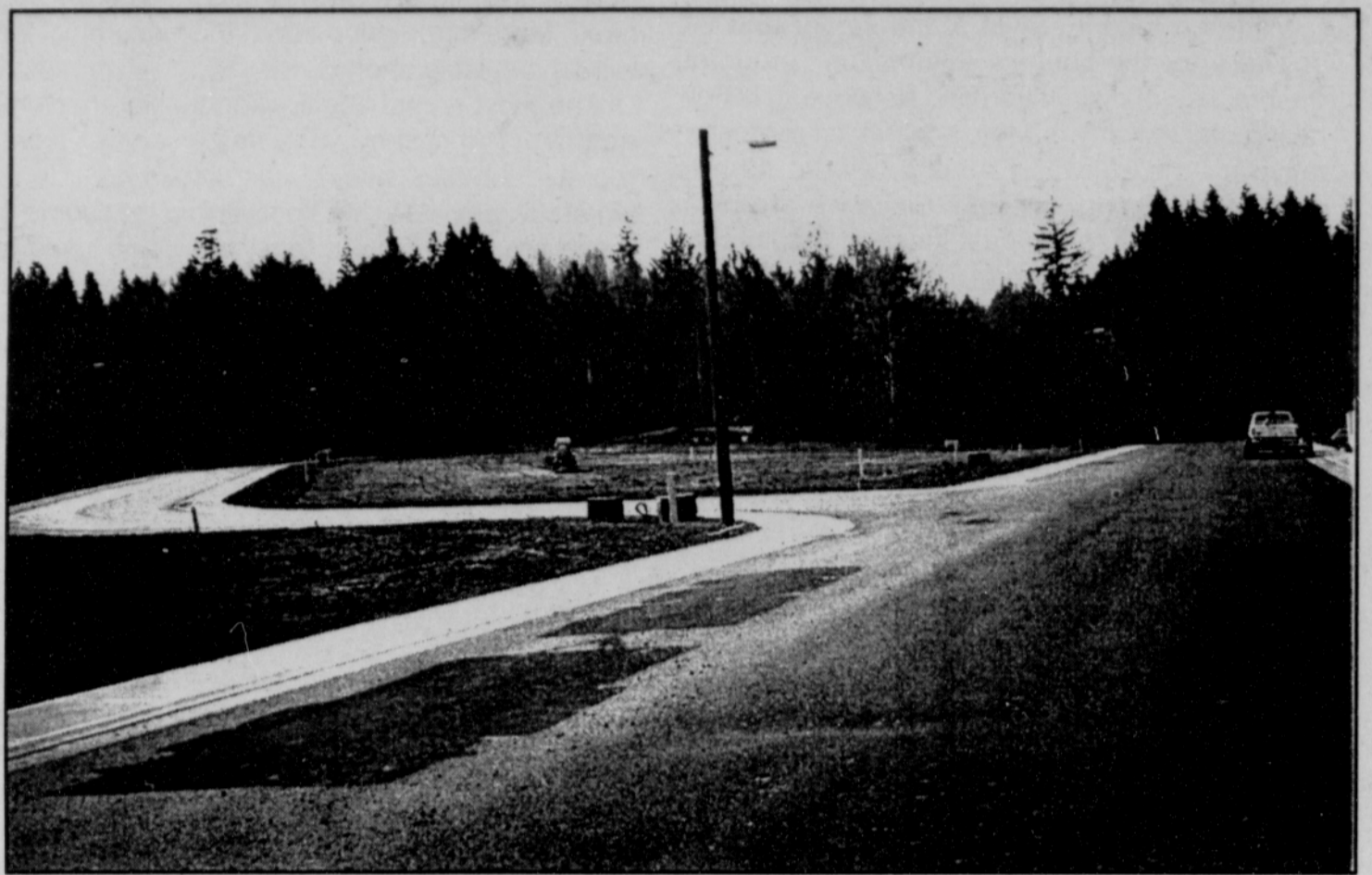
Joining the real estate sales staff at Vernonia Realty is Nancy Santoro, who grew up in Vernonia and graduated from

Vernonia High School in 1965 as Nancy Skidmore. Following graduation, she went off to college and returned 30 years later.

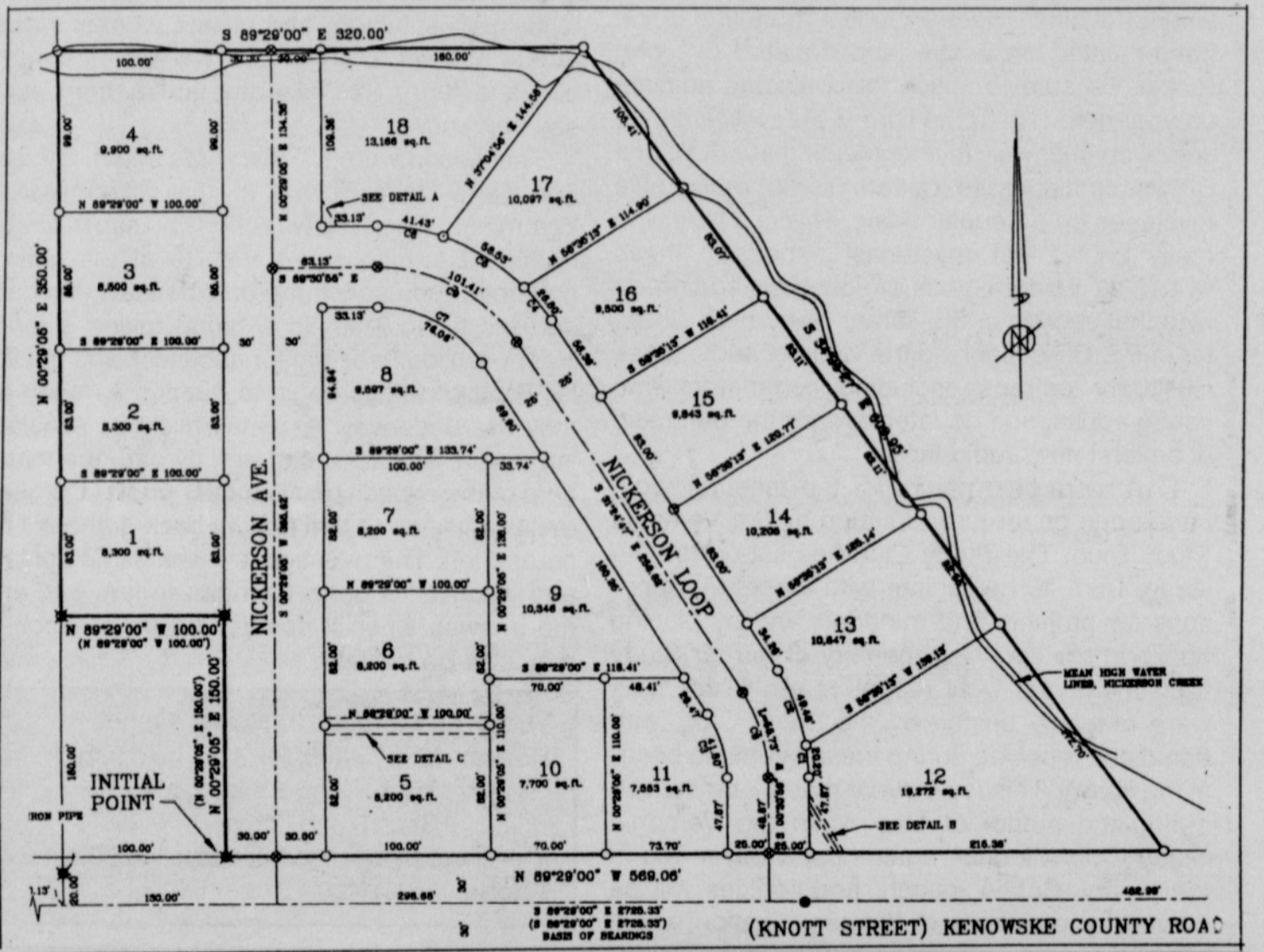
Santoro has been involved in real estate all those years as a salesperson and as a mortgage broker, working in Tacoma, Alaska, Hawaii and Lake Oswego.

She plans now to continue her career, and will soon be taking the Oregon State broker's exam.

She and her husband, Raymond, moved to Vernonia in 1995. They now live on the old Skidmore homestead on Keasey Road, where they are neighbors to her brother, Fred Skidmore. The Santoros' daughter, Jennifer, lives in Lake Oswego.



A view of Nickerson Ridge looking north from Knott Street.



## Tax facts seminar for employers

A free seminar specifically designed to increase knowledge and understanding of Unemployment Insurance and combined reporting with the Employment Department and the Department of Revenue, has been scheduled by MTC and the Oregon Employment Department.

Seminar topics include completing quarterly reports, subjectivity and tax rates, Employment Department audits, new legislation, independent contractors, Federal/State UI taxes, reporting options, UI tax hearings, and where to get

help and information.

This seminar is for employers, bookkeepers, accountants and any personnel who deal with payroll issues. There will be hands-on experience in applying Employment Department Law, plus practical and valuable information to help you understand your requirements and avoid paying higher UI taxes.

The seminar will be Wednesday, April 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (lunch 12 - 1:00 p.m.) at MTC/Employment Department, 500 N. Highway 30, Class Rm. 3, St. Helens, OR 97051 (formerly known as the St. Helens Hospital).

Presentors will be Alan Carrington, OED Unemployment Tax Supervisor; and Bob Bielefeld, OED Columbia County Tax Auditor.

For more information and to reserve a seat (limited seating available), call Kelly at OED in St. Helens, 503-397-4995 ext. 24.

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## Scott Burge

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