

Volunteers needed to advocate for children in court

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of Columbia County is accepting applications for its next volunteer training in October. The program requires 30 hours of classroom sessions, interviews with CASA staff and observation of courtroom procedures. Prospective volunteers must undergo a criminal background check and provide letters of reference.

A CASA is appointed by a judge to speak for the best in-

terests of children who are in the court system due to abuse or neglect. According to program director Patrick Birkle, CASAs can expect to spend about 10-15 hours a month on a case, after completion of the training program.

"CASA volunteers come from all walks of life; some are parents and grandparents, some are retired and others hold full-time jobs," said Birkle. "All CASAs make a difference in the lives of abused and neg-

lected children," he stressed.

There are ten active CASAs in Columbia County representing over twenty children. They are among 1,000 CASAs in Oregon and more than 40,000 nationwide. CASA of Columbia County is funded by the Columbia County Commission on Children and Families and the National CASA Association.

To apply as a CASA volunteer or for more information, contact Birkle at 397-4988 or casa@columbia-center.org.

County's new 9-1-1 schedules tours and open house

The Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District will hold an open house the week of September 11 to celebrate the district's new office and computer-assisted call system.

The community is invited to tour the new facility and experience "real-life" simulations in the call center on Monday and Wednesday. Tour hours are 11

a.m.-1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

The Masonic Lodge of Oregon will formally dedicate the new office Friday, September 15 at 12:00 p.m. Cake and punch will be served. The ceremony will be followed by a Life Flight demonstration at 2:00 p.m. and the 9-1-1 "Off and Running" Race at 4:00 p.m.

The new 9-1-1 facility is located at 56811 McNulty Way, behind Wal-Mart. Call (503)

397-7255 ext. 225 for more information. Colco Transportation will provide transportation

to the open house from the county's senior centers. Contact your local senior center for information.

Vernonia man does well in national radio appearance

Those of you who tuned in to National Public Radio's "Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me," a few weeks ago, heard Vernonia resident Michael Roberts "do our town good" as well as get to banter along with the hosts.

When guest host Roy Blunt, Jr. asked Michael how our town

was named, Michael proudly told him the correct story, "of the first school teacher's daughter." Blunt and the other guest hosts amusingly made a few suggestions of their own, about how we must have been named for the daughter of a guy named Vern!

Well, Roberts correctly answered the three riddles and since - in this day of BIG money game shows on the airwaves - Public Radio doesn't

have the budgets for cash awards of any type, what he received for his effort is a personalized answering machine greeting from the broadcast's announcer, Carl Castle.

Satisfied with the win and the prize, Roberts, who is on a winning streak, says he hopes that next time "I get to be the next millionaire" on Regis' show!

Good luck, Michael. We're all rooting for you!

Member needed on Solid Waste panel

Columbia County is seeking volunteers to serve on the Columbia County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The current opening on the Committee is for an at-large public representative unaffiliated with the Solid Waste Industry. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee is appointed by and responsible to the Columbia County Board of Commissioners.

Anyone interested may send a letter, including relevant background information, to the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, County Courthouse, St. Helens, OR 97051. Letters should be submitted immediately. Appointment will be made by the Board as soon as possible based on qualifying letters of interest. For further information, call Todd Dugdale, Director of Land Development Services at (503)397-1501.

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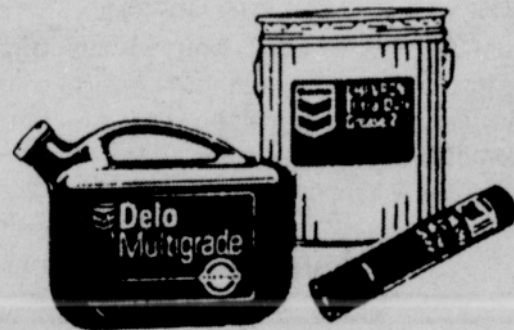
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