

Business Notes

Annual inventory underway to update regional needs and issues

The Northwest Oregon Regional Partnership in coordination with Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and western Washington Counties, Oregon Economic & Community Development Department and several federal agencies is requesting information on priority projects for the region. Formerly known as the State Community Economic Revitalization Team (SCERT), the Needs and Issues Project Inventory is an annual process to identify local project needs. Counties, cities, special districts and non-profits are among those eligible to submit project needs.

The 2001 update is both a planning and a funding process

that is based on local priorities. First and foremost is the planning process. Communities and organizations should submit projects that address community needs. Projects should include those that are ready to proceed in the short term as well as those projects that may not be implemented until sometime in the future. Project applications should reflect all needs and priorities.

The Needs and Inventory process provides an opportunity for consideration for funding by regional, state and federal agencies. It increases the likelihood of agencies and organizations working together to address funding needs including project gaps and shortfalls.

Projects for consideration include Community Facilities, Infrastructure (including telecommunications), and Community Readiness which includes planning, feasibility studies, ecosystems work, technical assistance and other non-construction projects that reflect local needs.

Projects must be submitted on needs and inventory forms provided by county coordinators or through the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department's website <www.econ.state.or.us/needs_issues.htm>. Project application forms and information packets will be mailed to each city by early September.

For further information or

project application forms, the contact in Columbia and Western Washington Counties is

Jeff King of the Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District (503)397-2888.

Raffle fund raiser for United Way

Columbia County Community Raffle for United Way ticket sales will be underway through October 14. Drawings will be held October 14 at the Scappoose Sauerkraut festival.

Grand Prizes include a 7' x 30" bookcase by Riverside Furniture, from Elam's Home Furnishings (\$250 value) and one night's stay, including full breakfast and dinner, at The Blue Heron Inn Bed & Breakfast (\$165 value). Winners of one of 23 other prizes will still be eligible for one of two grand prizes.

Tickets are \$1.00 (not tax deductible) and proceeds benefit United Way of Columbia

County.

Tickets may be purchased in Vernonia from Lisa Edgar at Vernonia Cares; in Clatskanie, at Hump's Restaurant, G & L Fashions and Turning Point; in Rainier at H.O.P.E.; Kandi's Koffee Espresso and More Power Computer Upgrades, L.L.C.; in Longview/Kelso at R & R Jewelers and E. C. Auto Sales; in St. Helens at St. Helens Book Shop, Kandi's Koffee Espresso and Tony's Shoe Store; in Scappoose at Preci-

sion Printing, from Josette Hugo at Prudential Real Estate, JJ's Market Place and United Way booth at the Sauerkraut Festival.

WOEC finally completes annual meeting business

By Jim Buxton

The regular September board meeting of West Oregon Electric Coop (WOEC) was preceded by two other meetings. Since there had been a problem with the Chapman mail ballots for the annual

meeting, the annual meeting had been extended to the evening of September 19 in order to complete the process of electing directors and determining members' decisions on ballot measures.

Aside from Dixie London, the incumbent director from the

Chapman area, no one else from Chapman attended the meeting. The final results are as follows:

District 6 re-elected Dixie London; District 4 re-elected Sam Hearing, and District 1 re-elected Bernard Bird. Measure 1, which will allow electing directors on an at-large basis, passed 244-169. Measure 2, which defines member eligibility for directorships, passed 372-41. Measure 3, which sets directors' terms and clarifies the election process, passed 376-36.

Once the ballots were counted, the annual meeting was closed and the annual election of board officers took place. The officers retained their seats, with Robert VanNatta President, Bernard Bird Vice-President, and Sam Hearing Secretary-Treasurer.

The regular board meeting was then held.

Valley Veterinary moves "clinic"

After 25 years of operating out of a "little shack" alongside Sunnyside Deli, Valley Veterinary Clinic is moving - not far away - to a larger facility. The new location is still next to Sunnyside Deli, but on the other side, at 58376 Nehalem Highway S.

Because of increasing demand for services, Valley Vet

will be in Vernonia every Thursday starting October 5, instead of just on the second and fourth Thursdays. The hours will also be extended, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekly.

Spay and neuter services will also be offered in the new office, plus more out-patient care and a larger supply of pet care products.

Extension offers forestry class

A four-evening class called "Basic Forestry" is being arranged by the Oregon State University Extension Service, according to Extension forester Chal Landgren.

The fast-paced class will cover the basics of reforestation, forest taxation, thinning, pruning, vegetation and animal damage control, harvesting and marketing trees. Landgren and local Master Woodland Managers will provide the instruction.

Classes will be held at the OSU Extension Service conference room in the Courthouse at St. Helens (Entry is from the north end of the Courthouse.) from 6:30-9:00 p.m. on September 26, 28 and October 3, 5. The cost is \$10.00 per person, payable at the first class. Pre-register by September 21 at (503) 397-3462.

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What may be a new approach for getting your bank account number has been reported to the Vernonia Police Department.

The caller, identified as a representative of "Cash Back Rebate Services," offers monthly rebates for timely payment on your phone bill, then asks for your bank account number so the rebate can be deposited directly into your account. The caller does not identify which phone service he/she represents, but offers to leave a name, toll free number and ID number.

DO NOT GIVE OUT BANK OR CREDIT CARD NUMBERS TO ANYONE OVER THE PHONE. THIS CAN BE A VERY COSTLY MISTAKE.

The Vernonia Police Department has contacted the Attorney General's office regarding this company. You can also call the Attorney General's office to report any suspicious telemarketing calls you may receive.

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*Jim Walters, Chief of Police
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