

OSU Extension will offer Watershed Steward course in February

A Master Watershed Steward Program will be offered early next year, sponsored by Oregon State University Extension Service, the Lower Columbia Watershed Council, Scappoose Bay Watershed Council, Upper Nehalem Watershed Council, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Co-

lumbia Soil & Water Conservation District.

The goal of the program is to help residents and volunteers understand watershed processes and how to conduct assessment, monitoring and enhancement projects. It also seeks to help people working in watershed councils and other

groups to create successful partnerships.

The program will include eight 2-hour evening presentations and four 8-hour Saturday sessions. The course will start in late February, 2001.

Topics include watershed science and stream processes, salmon biology, riparian area functions and improvement, water quality monitoring, working together to create partner-

ships, wetland functions and improvement, evaluating upland erosion potential and improving conditions and stream evaluation and enhancement.

Those attending all of the training sessions and conducting a project will be certified as Master Watershed Stewards. The projects can be on your property or in your local area.

The cost of the program is \$60, which includes a certifi-

cate of completion, a watershed steward manual and training materials, one-on-one training related to your project, lunches for the field sessions and a sporty new hat! Upon completion, a portion of the fee will be refunded.

Classes will probably be held in St. Helens. For more information or to register, call the Columbia County Extension Office at 503-397-3462.

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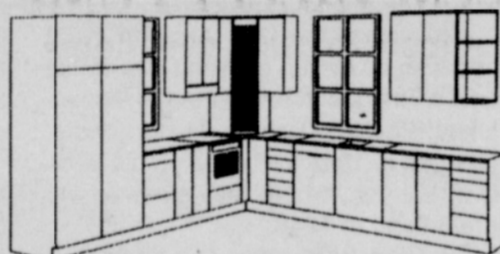
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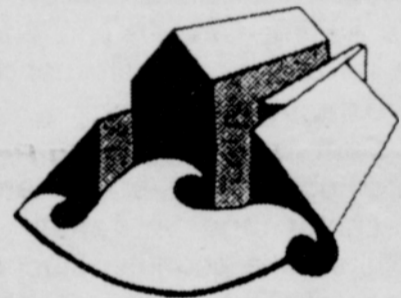
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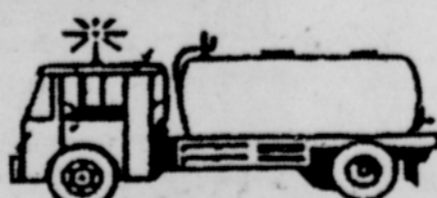
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