

Business Notes

Maggie Peyton honored for work on Nehalem River watershed

Maggie Peyton of Vernonia was recognized by Governor John Kitzhaber for her contributions to restoring the state's

"She has been tireless in watershed restoration projects involving the Hire the Fisher Program and the Oregon Youth

outstanding work as a volunteer in watershed restoration or conservation and outstanding support for watershed restoration or conservation exhibited over several years.

Candidates were nominated by OWEB regional coordinators and the Governor's Natural Resources Office staff. Each winner received a deep-etched glass likeness of a jumping salmon set in a cherry wood base.

The Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds is designed to restore the healthy function of Oregon's natural aquatic systems. It focuses on salmon because they have great cultural, economic and recreational significance to Oregonians and are important indicators of watershed health. The plan represents commitments from interest groups, government and private citizens from all sectors of the state.

While it originated as an effort to address declining populations of coastal coho salmon, it now covers the entire state and additional fish species. In contrast to endangered species recovery and environmental protection that rely primarily on regulatory approaches, the Oregon Plan represents a new

way of restoring natural systems — the "Oregon Approach". This approach meshes scientific actions with local watershed-based public sup-

port. It relies on teamwork between governments at all lev-

els and groups of citizens, resulting in voluntary and cooperative actions.

More information on the Oregon Plan is available at 222.oregon-plan.org or by calling the Oregon Watershed InfoLine at 1-888-854-8377.



Gov. John Kitzhaber and Maggie Peyton, coordinator of the Nehalem River Watershed Councils.

watersheds and salmon populations, at the first joint conference of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) and the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD), in Eugene last month.

More than 500 people witnessed the governor's presentation of the "Spirit of the Oregon Plan Leadership Award" to Peyton and fifteen other Oregonians. It was the first time the award has been given.

Louise Solliday, the Governor's Natural Resources Advisor, described Peyton's work as the Governor presented the award. "Maggie is responsible for the formation of the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council and worked as a volunteer coordinator for the initial two years of its existence. Now, a full time coordinator for both the Upper Nehalem and Lower Nehalem councils, she was instrumental in organizing the Lower Nehalem as well.

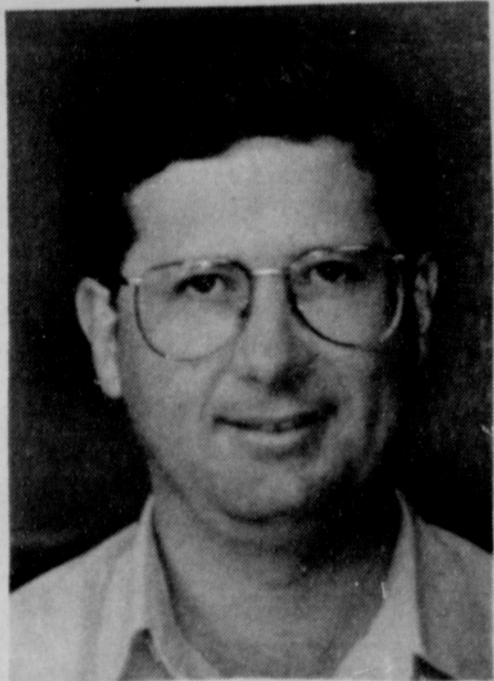
Conservation Corps. She also works in the traditional school system involving students in water quality monitoring and tree planting projects."

The success of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds depends on Oregonians to be stewards of the state's watersheds, noted Kitzhaber. "It simply can't happen without the kind of dedication that these award winners have shown," the governor said. "We need to recognize contributions people from all over the state have made to improve conditions in our watersheds and communities."

The award program was created to recognize leadership in such areas as adopting and/or practicing innovative or unprecedented conservation strategies in the watershed, bringing together a community to accomplish watershed restoration or conservation.

Russell Green elected by peers to lead statewide ORECA group

Russell Green, general manager of West Oregon Electric Cooperative, was elected



Russell Green

President of the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association (ORECA) by its Board of Directors following their 57th Annual Meeting, held November 30 and December 1 at the Embassy Suites in Tigard.

Other officers elected to the board are Vice-president Jerry Healy, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op in Heppner; and Secretary/Treasurer Jeri Nelson, vice-president of Lane Electric Co-op in Eugene. The additional board members are David Crowell, chairman of Blachly-Lane Electric Co-op in Eugene and Bryan Wolfe, director of Umatilla Electric Co-op in Hermiston.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR THE CITIES OF SCAPPOOSE AND VERNONIA

Your garbage pickup will be delayed one day the weeks of Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st. The only two holidays that the garbage and recycling drivers do not pick up are Christmas and New Year's Day.

This holiday season, both Christmas day and New Year's day fall on a Monday. As a result, your garbage will be picked up one day later than your normal collection day during the weeks of December 25th and January 1st.

If your regular pickup day is:

Monday	your pickup will be on Tuesday during both weeks.
Tuesday	your pickup will be on Wednesday during both weeks.
Wednesday	your pickup will be on Thursday during both weeks.
Thursday	your pickup will be on Friday during both weeks.
Friday	your pickup will be on Saturday during both weeks.

This change in pickup days will only affect these two holiday weeks in Scappoose and Vernonia. Your pickup days will return to their normal collection day the week of Jan. 8th.

WASTE WISE TIPS NOT JUST FOR THE HOLIDAYS

- Donate items you no longer use to a non-profit group or thrift store.
- Consider purchasing used items.
- Avoid disposable items whenever possible.
- Before recycling it, use the blank sides of scrap paper for notes and lists.
- Think about packaging before you buy. Purchase gifts with little or no packaging, or with packaging that is recyclable or reusable.
- Buy tickets to events rather than another tie for Dad.
- Wrap gifts in reusable items like towels, napkins, or shopping bags.
- Donate extra prepared but not served, food from parties to the food bank.

BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS

When roads are covered with snow or ice, your collection services will likely be disrupted. Hazardous weather conditions generally exist on any day when local schools are closed. When weather conditions make driving or collection unsafe, your hauler may have to postpone collection. Because the trucks are large, it may be unsafe for them in some conditions even though it seems safe to drive your car.

If your garbage is not picked up, your hauler will make every effort to pick it up by the end of the following day. However, sometimes this will not be possible due to continued hazardous driving or collection conditions. If this happens, please call us at 1-888-323-2307 for information concerning your pickup.