

## Business Notes

# Bridge Street Automotive now open at Meyer's Auto Body shop

Providing quality automotive care in the Vernonia vicinity is the goal of Bridge Street Automotive, a newly formed partnership located in Meyer's Auto Body building.

Partners Dean Smith and Mike McBride are already serving customers and have plans for a Grand Opening early in February. While the shop is becoming established, it will be open five days a week, with the partners sharing a schedule of three-day and two-day shifts.

In the meantime, they each will spend their alternate days working at their present jobs at Chrysler and Jeep garages in the Hillsboro/Beaverton area.

Smith moved to Vernonia in 1987 and is a 1989 Vernonia

High School graduate. He has completed two years in Automotive and Diesel at University Technical Institute in Phoenix. He has accumulated eleven years of professional experience in addition to working in his grandfather's Rock Creek shop as a youth.

Mike McBride was not available for this interview, but is an experienced mechanic and is working at a Jeep shop in the valley.

The partners have the equipment necessary to trouble shoot and repair most cars, including the hi-tech systems in today's vehicles.

Bridge Street Automotive can be reached at 503-429-4809.



Dean Smith

## Dukes named to Ways & Means

Oregon District 1 Senator Joan Dukes, D-Svensen, has been appointed to the powerful budget-writing Joint Ways and Means Committee and the Public Safety and Natural Resources subcommittees of Ways and Means.

in her Oregon State Capitol office toll free at 1-800-332-2313, directly at 503-986-1701, by fax at 503-986-1080 or by e-mail at dukes.sen@state.or.us.

## V-BAT gets grant \$\$ for business education classes

The Vernonia Business Assistance Team (V-BAT) has been awarded funds to provide training for the owners of existing and potential businesses in the Vernonia area.

The award from the Northwest Oregon Economic Alliance (NOEA) will underwrite the cost of two 12-week business courses, taught by Mario Pedraza of the Portland Community College's Small Business Development Center (SBDC). With this funding, each \$200 course will cost participants only \$50 each and, on completion, participants will each have a business plan developed to their own specifications. The evening classes will be taught in Vernonia, probably at the Scout Cabin, and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone wanting to register is urged to do so quickly as class slots are filling rapidly. To be included, call V-BAT members Mike Sykes at Vernonia City Hall, 503-429-5291, or

Royce Hagelstein at West Oregon Electric Cooperative, 503-429-3021.

SBDC will offer more business courses in the fall, with a focus on local businesses that need to expand or are in the process of expanding.

Additional business training will be provided by MTC, which will be offering computer courses for businesses and computerized accounting. There will be no charge for the MTC courses.

The grant application, on behalf of both the Clatskanie and Vernonia BATs, was written by Vernonia City Administrator Mike Sykes. The two Business Assistance Teams joined together for the funding process and will continue to work together in order to elimi-

nate unnecessary duplication of effort.

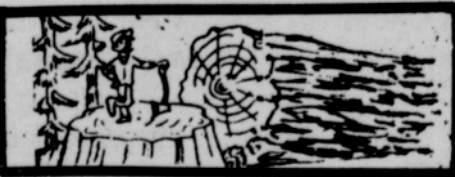
Clatskanie BAT is working with Clatsop Community College to develop business training. For information on C-BAT, call Randy Larson, 503-728-2622.

"I am very pleased to be appointed to Ways and Means," Sen. Dukes said. "It will give me the opportunity to have strong input into funding decisions that will impact Senate District 1. The Public Safety Subcommittee will establish direction in the development of Oregon prisons and Oregon State Police funding levels in the beginning of the new millennium," she added.

"The subcommittee on Natural Resources will potentially have a great impact on issues of Salmon enhancement, hatcheries, the controversial Columbia River channel deepening project, restoration of estuaries and wildlife habitat," Dukes concluded.

Sen. Dukes will meet in subcommittee every morning and afternoon, Monday through Thursday, and each Friday morning in the full Joint Ways and Means Committee to deliberate on work passed by the seven subcommittees. Senate floor sessions will begin in mid morning and will be altered to an earlier starting time as the flow of committee passed legislative bills increases.

Sen. Dukes may be reached



## ANNUAL MEETING TIME

Election of Officers  
Door Prizes • Refreshments  
Wednesday, January 31, 2001 – 7:30 p.m.  
Senior Citizens Center, 446 Bridge Street, Vernonia  
Please use side entrance.

503 429-8031

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## DEADLINE 2001 DOG LICENSE

Elizabeth E. Huser, Columbia County Clerk, reports that the deadline for licensing dogs in Columbia County is **MARCH 3, 2001**

You may mail your rabies vaccination certificate (if not on file in our office) along with the appropriate fee to Columbia County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, St. Helens, OR 97051. Commercial and non-commercial kennel licenses are available. Contact Clerk's Office for information.

**To All Columbia County Dog Owners**  
**\$10 Penalty after March 3, 2001**  
**\$25 Penalty after April 2, 2001 (Without Citation)**  
**\$50 PENALTY IF CITATION IS ISSUED**  
**Dog License Fees are due on all dogs with permanent teeth or that are six month of age for year of 2000.**

### FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

On or Before March 3, 2001  
REGULAR, NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....\$26.00  
DOG SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....\$10.00  
SENIOR CITIZEN-DOG NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED...\$15.00  
SENIOR CITIZEN-DOG SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....\$5.00  
(Senior Citizen is 65 Years or Older - 1 per Household)  
REPLACEMENT TABS.....\$5.00  
ASK ABOUT OUR OPTIONAL THREE-YEAR LICENSE

### 2001 APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
2000 License No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex (Check one): Male  Female   
Neutered:  Spayed:

A VALID (Good through Oct. 31, 2002) Rabies Vaccination Certificate MUST accompany this application or be ON FILE in the Courthouse, along with a spayed/neutered certificate if applicable.  
WE WILL RETURN YOUR LICENSE AND DOG TAG TO YOU BY RETURN MAIL.

