

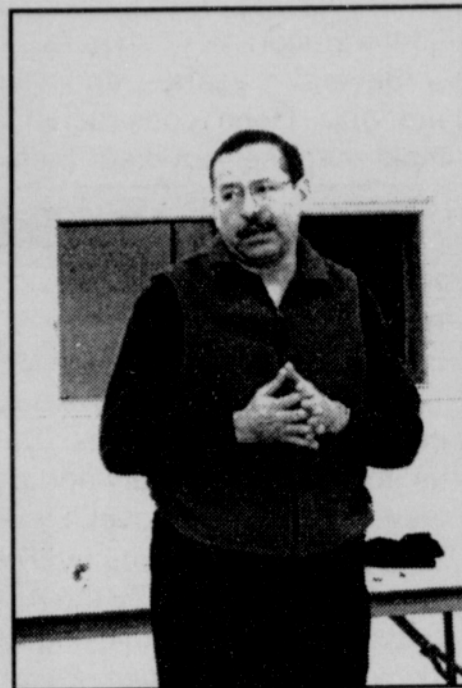
Business Notes

Entrepreneurship is alive, learning and expanding in Vernonia



Some of the seventeen people who signed up for the NXlevel business course being offered in Vernonia by the Small Business Development Center at Portland Community College are shown here. After surveying local business people, the Vernonia Business Assistance Team arranged for the 12-week course and obtained a grant to subsidize most of the cost. A sec-

ond business course will be taught after this one is finished. V-BAT is also arranging for classes in computerized accounting that will be available in the fall. For more information, call Royce Hagelstein at WOE, 503-429-3021, or Mike Sykes at Vernonia City Hall, 503-429-5291. Mario Pedrazza, above right, is instructor for the NXlevel course being taught in Vernonia



Lower Columbia Estuary proposal is topic of town hall meeting

Rep. Betsy Johnson and Sen. Joan Dukes will hold two Town Hall meetings Saturday, February 10, to receive public input on a proposed federal

Lower Columbia River Estuary Program. The first will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Columbia Technology Center Auditorium, 375 S. 18th Street, St. Helens,

followed by a 2:00 p.m. meeting at the Astor Public Library Flag Room, 450 10th Street, Astoria.

"It is the people's river, and residents of Clatsop and Columbia Counties should have a say in whether the federal government creates a federal compact in the estuary with federally authorized powers," said

Sen. Dukes.

Dukes and Johnson have been asked by the Lower Columbia River Estuary Program offices to introduce and pass an Oregon Joint Resolution asking the Congress to designate the Lower Columbia as an Interstate Compact.

After brief opening remarks, Johnson and Dukes will have staff explain the proposed compact. Then public input will be heard on how river stakeholders feel about the proposed in-

terstate compact.

Everyone interested is asked to attend, including environmentalists, farmers, developers, local governments, recreational and sports fishermen, other interest groups or individuals who have feelings about the Columbia River will make their views known.

Sen. Dukes may be contacted in Salem at 1-800-332-2313 or 503-986-1701, by fax at 503-986-1080, or e-mail at dukes.sen@state.or.us

Rep. Johnson's Salem numbers are 1-800-332-2313 or 503-986-1401, by fax at 503-986-1940 or by e-mail at betsy@betsyjohnson.com

Fishhawk Logging recognition

Fishhawk Logging, Inc., of Birkenfeld, has completed the requirements for special recognition as an Oregon Professional Logger. Nick Berg received a plaque on behalf of his company, citing their long term commitment to modern forest stewardship, made possible through professional continuing education.

This designation recognizes Oregon logging contractors who make a special effort to continue their professional education in selected aspects of the logging business.

This program is administered by Associated Oregon Loggers, a Salem based association, and a national leader in logging industry education and training programs.

The Oregon Professional Logger program is recognized as meeting the requirements of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, a national effort of the American Forest and Paper Association, whose objective is to further the principles of sustainable forestry on private forests as well as on other forested lands.

SWAC seeking panel member

The Columbia County Solid Waste Advisory Committee currently has an opening for an at-large public representative, unaffiliated with the solid waste industry. The committee is appointed by, and responsible to, the Columbia County Board of Commissioners.

Letters of interest, including relevant background information should be mailed to the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, County Courthouse, St. Helens, Oregon 97051. For further information, call Todd Dugdale, Director of Land Development Services at 503-397-1501.

Oregon loggers convention held

Mark Crawford, of Crawford Logging Co., was elected president of Associated Oregon Loggers for 2001 at the organization's annual convention last month. Other officers elected were Internal Vice-president Jim Gahlsdorf, of Gahlsdorf Logging, Inc.; External Vice-president Tracy Brostrom, of Julius, Inc.; Secretary/Treasurer Ben Swaggart, of Swaggart Enterprises, Inc.; and Rick Gibbons, of Alien & Gibbons Logging Co., as Member Services Representative.

Dale Moffett, owner of Moffett Logging Co. Inc. in Junction City, was named 2000 Logger of the Year. The Logger of the Year award is given to an AOL member who has made significant contributions to the association. A second-generation logger, Moffett has been in the business of logging for over thirty years. He has worked as

a lobbyist, has served on the AOL radio committee, as a Chapter Chair, a District Representative, and has been instrumental in the creation of the AOL Scholarship.

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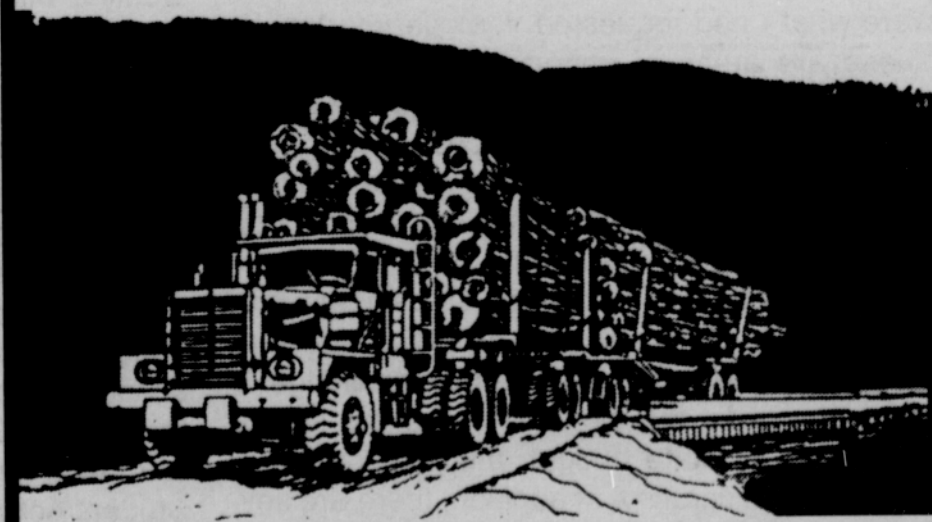
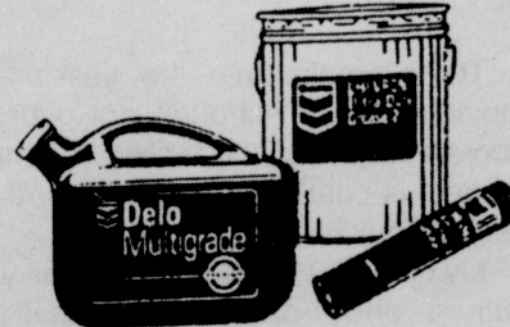
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