

Small Woodlands Owners schedule annual sale of seedling trees

The annual Tree Sale of Columbia County Small Woodlands Association is scheduled for Saturday, February 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hi-School Pharmacy parking lot in St. Helens.

A number of popular varieties including fir, pine, cedar, sequoia, hardwoods and other landscaping seedlings are for sale, with prices beginning at

50 cents each. Nearly 5000 genetically improved Douglas fir seedlings will be on hand for the sale. Demand for these trees has been exceptionally strong and the Association has doubled the number available to the public.

Master Woodland Managers and silviculture experts will be available to answer questions about selection, suitability,

planting and care. In addition, purchasers may pick up printed materials to assist them with their seedlings.

This non-profit association is organized to promote family forestland owners' understanding of responsible land stewardship. More than 125 fami-

lies in Columbia County are active in the organization. In the past three years, the members have planted over 150,000 genetically improved Douglas fir seedlings. The association promotes sound silvicultural practices, including protecting wildlife habitat, clean water and

recreational opportunities. Members support the principle of sustainable forestry to ensure a continuing supply of forest products from private lands.

For more information, call President Rod Nastrom at 503-397-5997 or Director Paul Nys at 503-556-8800.

Wu field rep scheduled in county

Ann Richardson, a field representative for Congressman David Wu, will hold community office hours in Columbia County in the first quarter of 2001. She will be available to provide constituents an opportunity to share concerns, express opinions or discuss problems with federal agencies.

Appointments are not required but may be scheduled by calling Rep. Wu's Portland office, 503-326-2901 or 1-800-422-4003. For special accommodations call Richardson at the Portland office at least 48

hours prior to the meeting.

Community office hours will be held at the following locations and times:

Vernonia Public Library, Feb. 28 and March 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Clatskanie PUD, Feb. 27 and Mar. 27, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Rainier City Hall, Feb. 27 and Mar. 27, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

St. Helens, Columbia Technology Center, Feb. 27 and Mar. 27, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Scappoose Public Service Building, Feb. 27 and Mar. 27, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Head Start schedules training program for parents

Community members are invited to attend a parent training program sponsored by the Vernonia Head Start program. The three-week series is entitled "1, 2, 3, 4 Parents!"

Sessions will be held February 16, 23 and March 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Public Library. This training focuses on parenting children who are between one- and four-years old. The course will present information about discipline methods, preventing tantrums, building loving bonds with your child and other relevant topics.

The class will be lead by Gina Dixon, who has 10 years of parenting experience, a degree in social work and working

experience with children who have disabilities. There is a fee of \$13.95 for the workbook, for parents whose children are not enrolled in Head Start. Call by February 9 to sign up.

Vernonia Head Start has on-

going recruitment for low-income families with children aged three to five. To apply, or for more information, call Vernonia Head Start at 503-429-9243, or stop by 500 California Avenue in Vernonia.

Dukes will chair Coastal Caucus

Senator Joan Dukes will serve as chair of the Coastal Caucus for the 2001 Oregon Legislative Session.

Senator Dukes, a member of the Oregon State Senate since 1987, said, "There is strength in numbers and I am proud to join the eight Oregon House and Senate members in fighting for issues of importance to coastal Oregonians."

"Our goal is to make certain that issues of importance to the Oregon Coast are advanced by the legislature and to explain the unique problems that the area experiences."

To allow further input by all interested parties, the joint Coastal Caucus has delayed enactment of a proposed rule on sanitary conditions of fish filleting on boats and dockside, according to Dukes.

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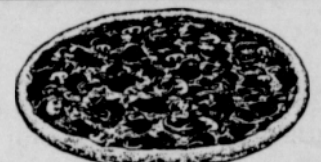
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Al-Anon	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m., City Library
Boosters	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	Noon, Lew's Place
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Girl Scouts	Thursdays	6:30-8 p.m., Christian Church
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 429-7193
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Lew's Place
Narcotics Anonymous	Thursdays	6:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Nehalem Valley Car Club		For Info Call 429-4074
Preschool Story Hour	Mondays	10:30 a.m., City Library
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	4th Thursday	For location call 429-2401
Vernonia Airport Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Cares Directors	1st Thursday	For location call 429-1414
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	6:30 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Comm. Dev. Corp.	2nd Tuesday	Noon, City Hall
Vernonia Grange	2nd Friday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Pride		For Info Call, 429-5201
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	8:00 p.m., District Office
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	1st Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC

MIST-BIRKENFELD

M-BRFPD Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Ambulance Assoc.	1st & 2nd Thurs.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Firefighters Assoc.	1st & 2nd Wed.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Rescue	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Helping Circle	2nd Wednesday	10:00 am, 755-2346 for info.
Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Grange Hall
T.O.P.S.	Sundays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station

BANKS

Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Brown Derby
Citizen Participation Org.	3rd Monday, odd months	7:15 p.m., City Hall
Friends of the Library	1st Saturday	10:00 a.m., City Library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.
Tri-City RFPD Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13

COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
COLCO Transportation	2nd Friday	10:30 a.m., Courthouse
County Council of Seniors	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Courthouse
County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Emergency Comm. Dist. (9-1-1)	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Courthouse
Historical Society	4th Wednesday	Noon, location call 429-3713

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410 or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 725 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.