

Business Notes

M-B CPAC election set; no candidates in Vernonia

Columbia County is scheduling Citizen Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) elections, for those positions whose term is expiring.

CPACs advise and make recommendations to various County land use planning agencies, including the Planning Department, the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners. CPAC members serve for two-year

terms.

Each CPAC is divided into neighborhoods. Members represent neighborhoods in which they reside or own property, and are elected by residents and/or property owners within their CPAC members. At least five voters are required to hold an election for the neighborhood. To prove eligibility, electors must provide either picture identification showing official

residence, or a tax statement proving that you own property within the neighborhood where you are voting. Voters must be 18 years or older.

CPAC elections and the terms that will expire are as follows:

Mist-Birkenfeld, Wednesday, March 7, 7:00 p.m. at Hemeon Residence, 14090 Wallace Road, Mist, 3 positions - Jeri Hemeon, Larry O'Black and Robert VanNatta.

Upper Nehalem, no date set, City - vacant; Highway 47 - vacant; Keasey - vacant; Pebble Creek - vacant; Pittsburg-Stoney Point - vacant; Timber Route - vacant; Treharne - vacant.

If interested in forming a CPAC in the Vernonia area or for more information about CPAC boundaries and the elections process, call Glen Higgins, Chief Planner, Land Development Services, County Courthouse, 503-397-1501.

Free computer accounting class

A Quick Books Workshop will be offered without charge in Vernonia. Under the guidance of instructor Jared Hogue, local business people will have the opportunity to learn the popular computerized accounting system.

Management and Training Corporation (MTC) will provide the classroom by bringing their training van, complete with computers and software, to Vernonia on March 26 for the first of two three-hour classes. The second class will be held the following week.

While the class is free, space is limited and registration is required. Call Mike Sykes at Vernonia City Hall, 503 429-5291, to apply. There will be additional classes, but they are not yet scheduled.

The class was arranged by the Vernonia Business Assistance Team (V-BAT) in response to a survey of local business owners and others who are considering starting a business. It is funded by the Workforce Quality Council and MTC.

Bill requires license to shell fish

Senator Joan Dukes, D-Svensen, is seeking public input on a proposed license requirement for shell fishing. As proposed, Senate Bill 517 would create a new requirement for a fishing license for anyone to individually take shellfish in Oregon.

For the first time, an Oregon fishing license would be required for individuals taking abalone, clams, crayfish, crawfish, mussels, oysters, piddocks, scallops and shrimp, noted Dukes.

Those holding a valid Oregon fishing license would not be impacted, but any Oregonian 14 or older, or an out-of-

state visitor, would have to purchase a license. Presently, the cost is \$19.75 for an annual resident fishing license or \$8 for a one-day license.

Senator Dukes will distribute copies of the bill to chambers of commerce around the district and individuals may find the bill on the Internet at www.leg.state.or/ (select bills & laws).

Sen. Dukes may be reached in her Salem 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

Tax credits can bring \$\$ refund

Many working, low-income families can get money back from their taxes. The Federal and Oregon Earned Income Credits and the Oregon Working Family Child Care Credit can help families make ends meet.

Materials describing these important tax credits are available from the Oregon Center for Public Policy. All organizations serving low income, working Oregonians are encouraged to contact the Oregon Center for Public Policy to receive the free materials.

The Oregon Center for Public Policy is a statewide research and education organization established to assist low and moderate income Oregonians by expanding the debate on a variety of fiscal issues.

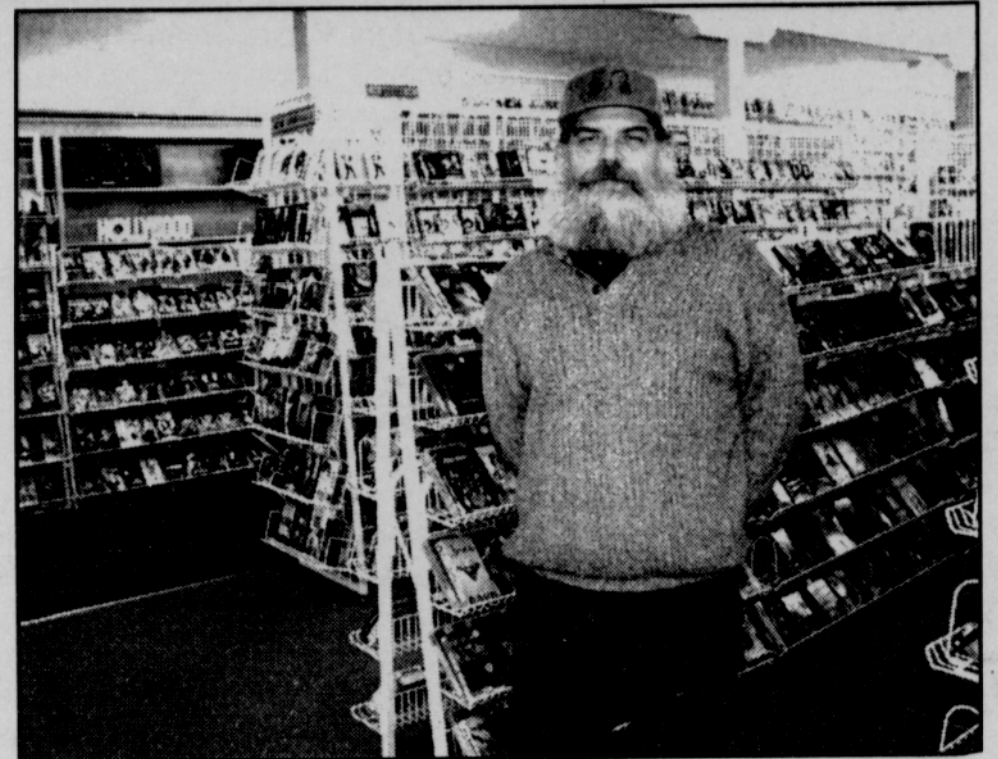
For more information, call 503-873-1202; write OCCPP, P. O. Box 7, Silverton, OR 97381-0007, or email credits@occpp.org/tc/

Book signing at St. Helens shop

The St. Helens Book Shop will host a book signing and demonstration for Scappoose author, Casey Kellar, on Thursday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. She will be creating a custom fragrance bath oil blend for attendees, as well as discussing and signing her most recent book *The Good Earth Beauty, Bath & Health Book*, published by Krause Publications.

Kellar is the founder of Rain Country Naturals and Rain Shadow Labs, both based in Scappoose, which formulate and manufacture all natural bath, beauty and fragrance products. She is also the author of *The Natural Beauty & Bath Book* and *Natural Cleaning for Your Home*.

The St. Helens Book Shop is located at 1550 Columbia Blvd. in St. Helens. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call the bookstore at 503-397-4917.



Guy Lester has brought his Prime Time Video to Vernonia.

Prime Time Video opens its doors

For seven of the 10 years Guy Lester has been in the video business, he and his wife, Lee, have lived in Vernonia and he has commuted to Manning, Forest Grove or Cornelius. He has now eliminated the commute by opening his Prime Time Video business at 847 Bridge Street, Vernonia.

The leaky old building has been refurbished with a new roof, new carpeting, paint, office and kitchen space and a rear entrance. The store front, for now, is locked and being reserved for future development. Lester has 8000 movies, all

5 day rentals, including new arrivals, and 2000 movies for sale at \$5 each.

Rental categories are: catalog (old movies), \$1; budget, \$1.50; new arrivals, \$2; DVD, \$2.50; and adult, \$2.50.

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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 6, 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 6, 2001
\$25 Penalty after April 6, 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 6, 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)
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Owner: _____
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A VALID (Good through Oct. 31, 2001) Rabies Vaccination Certificate MUST accompany this application or be ON FILE in the Courthouse, along with a spayed/neutered certificate if applicable.
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