

Business Notes

The winners are...



The walls of the Vernonia branch of US Bank were literally covered with entries in their fall coloring contest and, after the community voted, the winners for each of the three age groups were announced. With the scooters they won for their skills are, from left to right, Katelyn Shadday, Brittany Murray and Shelby Gritman.

Larry Steele speaker at Jamboree Committee final meeting of 2002

Larry Steele, who operates in the Washington Grade Cedar Ridge Sports Camp and Community Sports & Events, will be guest speaker at the final 2001 meeting of the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree Committee. Steele will discuss ideas for promotions to increase attendance and help insure the continued success of Jamboree. The meeting will be held December 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Also on the agenda will be a decision about which organizations will receive donations from Jamboree proceeds. The Jamboree Committee welcomes public participation and invites anyone interested to attend. For more information call Randy Parrow at 503-429-1093, or Glenda Delemos, 503-429-4074.



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Watershed tech joins Columbia SWCD

After spending 32 years as a forest management engineer, Hoyt Laney, of Rainier, has taken a position as a Watershed Technical Specialist with the Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District. Laney's primary responsibility will be to provide technical assistance to individual landowners in the development of water quality management plans.

Because of public concerns about improving water quality standards for the protection of people, fish and wildlife, lawmakers passed SB1010, a plan to prevent water pollution from agricultural activities and soil erosion. Efforts to save salmon and improve watershed health are also statewide conservation issues that will eventually require the owners of even small acreages to be aware of changes required for individual operations.

Laney will help landowners as they work their way through the various programs, design a



Hoyt Laney

personalized conservation plan and, where applicable, apply for cost-sharing incentive pro-

grams such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), or others.

Laney's position is funded by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, which, with other state and federal agencies, funds watershed councils, including the Nehalem Watershed Councils.

For more information regarding programs and local watershed council contacts, call Laney or Don Mehlhoff, NRCS Conservationist, at 1-503-397-4555.

Wu representative in Vernonia Wednesday

A staff member in the office of Congressman David Wu, will be in Vernonia on Wednesday, December 5, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street.



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