

## Business Notes

### Candidates needed for CPAC elections

Columbia County will hold elections for expiring positions on Citizen Planning Advisory Committees (CPACs). CPAC members serve for two-year terms. The terms to be filled will expire on Feb. 28, 2002.

CPACs provide advice and recommendations to county land use planning entities, including the Planning Department,

the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners.

Each CPAC is divided into neighborhoods, with members representing neighborhoods in which they reside or own property. Residents and/or property owners within the neighborhoods elect their CPAC members. To hold an election for a

neighborhood, there must be at least five voters from that neighborhood. Voting eligibility requires either a picture identification showing that you live in the CPAC neighborhood where you will cast your ballot, or a tax statement showing that you own property within the CPAC neighborhood. Voters must be at least 18 years old.

The Mist-Birkenfeld CPAC election will be on February 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hemeon residence, 14090 Wallace Road, Mist, to fill three positions presently held by Art Laubach, Leo Plas and Vicki Weller.

No election is scheduled for the Upper Nehalem CPAC because there have been no members for several years. The seven vacant positions are for the neighborhoods of City of Vernonia, Highway 47, Pebble Creek, Keasey, Pittsburg-Stoney Point, Timber Route and Treharne. If you are interested in forming a CPAC in the Vernonia area, contact Glen Higgins at 503-397-1501.

### Alternates needed for Planning panel

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants for appointment to the Columbia County Planning Commission (alternate positions).

Anyone interested may call the Board of Commissioners office at 503-397-4322 for more details. Applications must be received by February 28, 2002.

### Extension offers class on well water, septic tanks

Rural Living Basics: Well Water and Septic Tanks, a free community class from Oregon State University Extension Service, will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2-4:00 p.m. or 7-9:00 p.m., at the Clean Water Services Water Quality Lab, 2550 SW Hillsboro Hwy. in Hillsboro.

The instructor will be Gail Glick Andrews, OSU Extension Water Quality Educator.

For a free, confidential screening of your well water for nitrate, bring a cup of untreated well water to class. Nitrate level is an indicator of drinking water's safety.

To have your well or spring water tested for coliform bacteria, pick up water sample bottles and detailed instructions between February 11 and test dates of February 14 or 20, at one of the following designated

collection sites:

Jim's Supermarket in Banks, North Plains Hardware, ACE Hardware in Forest Grove, Top Notch Feed in Hillsboro, Plainview Grocery in Skyline, Petrich's Store in Scholls, or OSU Extension Service in Washington County.

Payment of \$16 per test must be made when picking up bottles. Check may be made payable to OSU Extension Service.

Drop off water samples in the test bottles before 10:00 a.m. on February 14 or 20.

Results will be returned to the Washington County OSU Extension Service for distribution at the February 26 class. If you are unable to attend, results will be mailed.

Advance registration for this class is helpful; walk-ins are welcome if space allows. Contact OSU Extension Service, Washington County, at 503-725-2300 to reserve a space.

For more information, contact OSU Extension Service at 503-725-2124.

### Computerized accounting class offered

There are still some slots available for people interested in taking the Advanced QuickBooks Pro course being offered by the Vernonia Business Assistance Team (VBAT)

Four three-hour classes will be held February 26-27 and March 26-27, with a choice of afternoon or evening sessions. The instructor will be Jane Gildner, who is with the Small Business Development Corporation at Clatsop Community College.

VBAT has funded half of the course fee of \$100 per person, allowing local business people to take advantage of the advanced course for only \$50. To register, see Kathy Morrison at Vernonia City Hall, or call her at 503-429-5291.

### Tax information will be posted throughout state in public areas

Posters will soon be up in grocery stores, Employment Department offices and DMV offices throughout Oregon to help taxpayers find state income tax forms and information. The posters, in English and Spanish, will direct taxpayers to the nearest post office, library or other location where the forms and information are located.

Tax information is also avail-

able from the Department of Revenue by calling the department's tax services line at 503-378-4988 or 1-800-356-4222 (Oregon only). Spanish speakers may call 503-945-8618.

For TTY (hearing or speech impaired only), call 1-800-886-7204. The TTY number is answered by machine; a representative will return the call.

Online information may be found at [www.dor.state.or.us](http://www.dor.state.or.us) or

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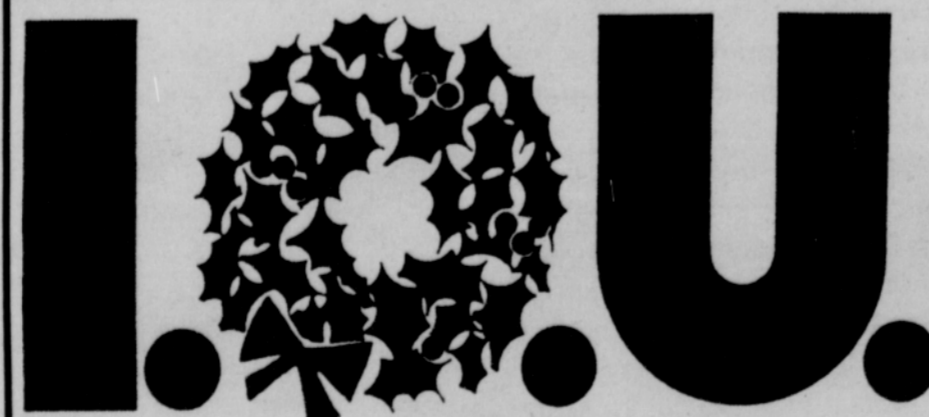


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