Buxton mother develops "mom-essential" child safety products

Kay Green, formerly of Vernonia and now a resident of Buxton, understands the importance of child safety. Every mother's nightmare is being separated from her child, Green explained, and having a finder not know where the child lives or whom to contact, or being in an accident that leaves the parent unable to inform others of their children's needs.

When Green began homeschooling her children, it became apparent that they needed ID cards in order to receive the same benefits as public school children. To solve the problem, and have peace of mind when they went out in public, Green developed her own ID cards. Over time, she began to see the importance of these cards for all homeschooled children and began her business venture.

Gradually, she expanded the concept to include products that would protect children in a variety of situations, incorporating potential needs regarding car seats, strollers, adoptive children, and overnight bags.

My Precious Kid will inspire mothers to take time out for their children's safety. With a few simple clicks of the mouse, http://www.mypreciouskid.com, moms can now special-order identification cards and fingerprint kits that will ultimately add to the safety of their children.

My Precious Kid car seat cards, for example, protect children in a car accident by providing both medical and contact information, including the name of the child's doctor.

Christine Nicholls of Creative Kids at Home said, "... Most of the attractions we visit (museums, science center, art galleries) want a student ID for discount admission rates. The admission clerk often has no idea what to charge for children who don't attend a traditional school. A home-school ID card solves the problem nicely."

Green describes her product as "mom-essential." Just as essential is her Adoption and Homeschool Resource Center (http://www.preciouskids.org) that offers links to parents who homeschool and/or adopt children.

County seeks volunteers for advisory boards

The following boards and commissions are currently seeking applications for new members (All of the positions will become vacant June 30, 2002, with the new terms to commence on July 1.):

- Accessibility Advisory Committee (3 terms to expire 6/30/02)
- Audit Committee (1 term to expire 6/30/02)
- Board of Property Tax Appeals (6 terms to expire 6/30/02)
- Farm Board of Review (1 term to expire 6/30/02)
- Park and Recreation Advisory Committee (3 terms to expire 6/30/02)

The application deadline is May 28th, 2002 or until all vacancies are filled. Applications may be obtained by visiting the website or by calling (503) 846-8685. Descriptions of all the boards can also be found on the website: http://www.co.washington.or.us/cgi/boards/commis.pl

The advisory boards, committees and commissions are composed of volunteers who study issues and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on matters of interest to people who live and work in Washington County.

Serving on an appointed board or commission is a great way for residents to participate in decisions that affect them and to learn more about how local government works.

Wilkes St. contract awarded

Following the recommendation of Dale Merrell, Banks consulting engineer, the Banks City Council awarded the $64,340 contract for the Wilkes Street overlay to Pro-Teck Construction, at a special meeting April 29. The contract award had previously been tabled in order to allow Merrell and Superintendent of Public Works Tim Grossnickle to conduct additional research.

Pro-Teck construction was low bidder for the project, by a significant amount. However, Merrell had difficulty in verifying Pro-Teck's qualifications. Subsequent research determined that the firm had sufficient satisfactory experience.

Merrell reported that the firm's employees have adequate paving experience and a very good superintendent, Bruce Weaver, with solid qualifications. The firm also has the necessary equipment and a good overall record.

Since the savings to the city are significant and Grossnickle will work closely with Pro-Teck, Merrell recommended awarding the contract to Pro-Teck.

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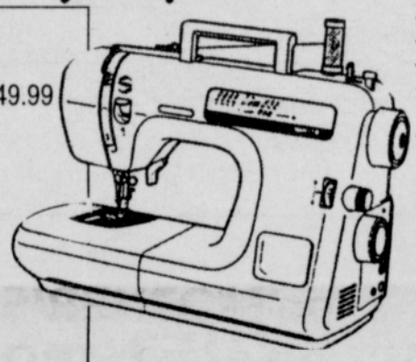
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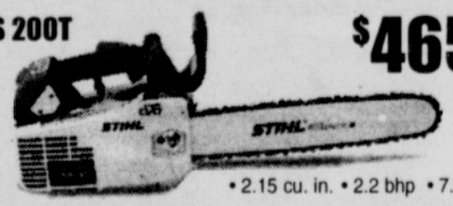
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