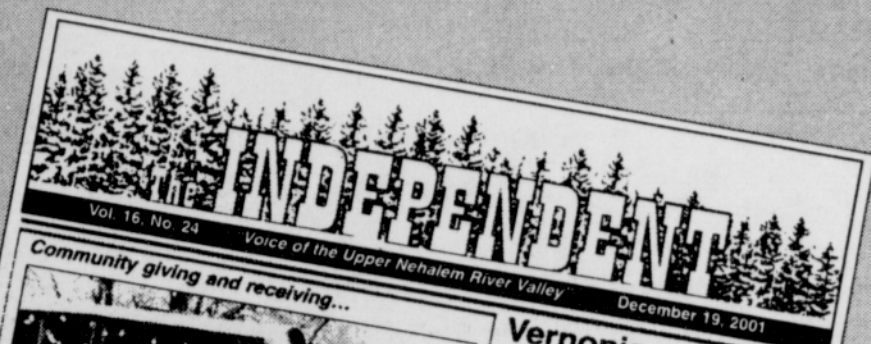
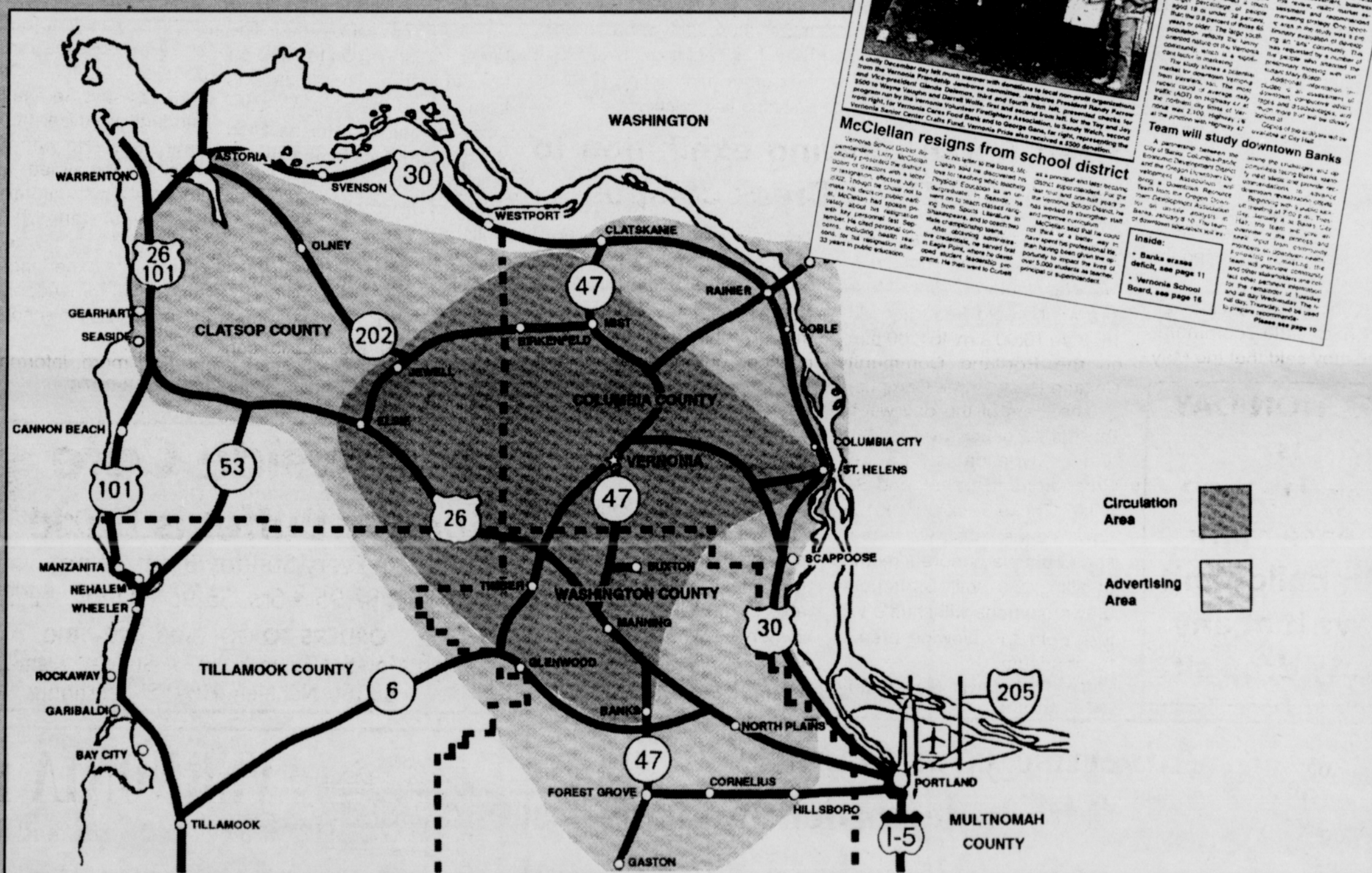


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McClellan resigns from school district

Larry McClellan, who has served as the superintendent of the Vernonia School District for 33 years, announced his resignation on Monday. McClellan said he is leaving to pursue other opportunities. He will be replaced by George Glau, who is currently the interim superintendent. McClellan's resignation is effective immediately.

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Team will study downtown Banks

A partnership between the City of Banks, Columbia County and the Oregon Department of Transportation is planning to study the downtown area of Banks. The study will focus on improving the area's infrastructure and making it more attractive for businesses and residents. The study is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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