

Business Notes

OFRI program puts Rainier teacher out in the middle of the trees

Sherry Evans, a Rainier Middle School teacher, spent her summer "vacation" in Vernonia learning about wildlife trees, stream protection buffers, healthy wildlife habitat, how to count the number of trees in an acre through sampling, and much, much more.

As director of her district's outdoor school program, Evans wanted to learn more so she could present a balanced picture of environmental and economic issues in the northwest. She also wanted to learn more about the areas that surround her school in order to be a more

effective teacher.

In order to do so, she signed up to participate in Oregon Teachers on Summer Assignment (ORTOSA), a unique education opportunity in Oregon's forest industry, under the auspices of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute*.

Evans spent six weeks as a forestry technician for Olympic Resource Management (ORM) in Vernonia. She was paid for her work as she assisted foresters with field data collection, designation of wildlife trees and stream protection buffers, harvest setting layout

and road design.

"Most of these summer programs let a teacher learn only one thing," Evans said, "but at Olympic, I've been out on all kinds of assignments. I'm so glad to have this opportunity."

She also expressed gratitude to the staff at ORM for their patient explanations and their willingness to share their knowledge.

Evans will now develop a new unit of study for Rainier outdoor school students, a process that will be aided with curriculum workshops provided by ORTOSA. She also sees an opportunity to use this summer's experience in teaching math and science as practical, workplace subjects.

(*The Oregon Forest Resources Institute was created in 1991 by the state legislature to improve public understanding of the state's forest resources and to encourage sound forest management.)



Sherry Evans spent a lot time this summer in an "outdoor classroom." Here she is counting trees in the Natal area.

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The Oregon No Call list is updated quarterly and distributed to more than 1,000 telemarketers in 49 states and two

foreign countries. People who miss the September deadline for the October list may register for the January 2003 list. More than 83,000 Oregonians have signed up for annual No Call List subscriptions, which costs \$6.50 for the first year and \$3.00 each year thereafter.

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Upper Nehalem CPAC formed, meetings set

The Upper Nehalem Citizen Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) has been formed by local residents with the support of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners to help the board, county Planning Department and Planning Commission address land use issues in the Vernonia area. Meetings will be on the second Tuesday of each month at Vernonia City Hall at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

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