

- Business Notes

It's not a zoo, but it's aptly named "The Menagerie"

The Menagerie, the newest business in Vernonia, is a joint venture of some of Vernonia's finest "collectors," including Larry and Gail Snethen, Debbie VanZant, Florence Moring, Arin Mitchell, Pat Lloyd, Dixie Palmer, Pam Ostrander, and Ben and Lisa Edgar—all sharing space and time at 736 Bridge Street.

The remarkably broad selection of merchandise includes antiques, collectibles, artwork, new and used clothing, tableware, toys, baby items, tools, jewelry, household furnishings, books and much, much more. Also included are consignment items from other collectors, including Mike and Carolyn Cook.

The Menagerie is an adventure designed by collectors who love to share their talents with the public. The collective is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Stop in and check it out.



Free disposal day for old, unsafe propane tanks

A "Propane Tank Round-Up," jointly sponsored by Columbia County Department of Land Development Services, St. Helens Rural Fire Protection District and Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District, will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 58555 McNulty Way in St. Helens on October 12, and at 280 SE 3rd Street in Clatskanie on October 13.

Columbia County residents may either dispose of old propane tanks without charge, or exchange them for new tanks, for a fee.

As of April 1, 2002, national fire protection laws have outlawed refilling small propane cylinders (4 to 40 pounds) without an overfill protection device (OPD). New propane tanks are required to have the safety device. Outdated cylinders may be retrofitted, which supports the waste reduction rule of reuse, but only by a licensed person.

The OPD was developed to help prevent injuries and deaths caused by leaks in propane tanks. At the very least, fumes from leaking tanks can cause headaches and

breathing problems. Leaking tanks can also contaminate groundwater and drinking water. The most serious problems associated with leaking propane tanks are fires and explosions.

The new propane tanks have valve handles with three prongs. The older tanks have valve handles with five prongs. To see if an older tank has the new safety device, check the valve handle.

For more information, call Tara Hurm, Columbia County Solid Waste Program Coordinator at 503-397-1501, ext 7222, or email her at hurmt@co.columbia.or.us

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Hyde named to NACo panel

Columbia County Commissioner Tony Hyde has been named to the Community and Economic Development Steering Committee of the National Association of Counties (NACo) by President Kenneth A. Mayfield.

NACo's eleven steering committees form the policy-making arm of the association. Each committee is comprised of approximately 60 to 90 county officials who meet several times during the year to examine issues critical to local government.

The Community and Economic Development Steering Committee focuses on general community development and

redevelopment; residential, commercial and industrial development; housing programs; building and housing codes; subdivision regulation; and public works and economic development.

Libertarians nominate Helen McDaniel

Helen McDaniel of Astoria was nominated by the Libertarian Party of Oregon (LPO) for the 16th Oregon Senate District, which includes Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook and part of Washington County. The nominating convention was held August 26 in Beaverton.

McDaniel, who has the chaired the Clatsop County Libertarian Party for the past two

Forest owners field day slated at Woodland

Washington-Oregon Regional Forest Owners Field Day, an "out in the woods" educational experience for people who own forest land in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington, will be held September 21, in Woodland, Wash.

Topics will include Wildlife Habitat Improvement, Reforestation, Fish Habitat, Forest Health, Alternate Plans, Thinning and Pruning, Animal Damage Control, Selling Your Timber, Special Forest Products and Controlling Competing Vegetation. There will also be demonstrations of Horse Logging and Small Scale Forestry Equipment.

Additionally, two three-hour workshops will be offered — Managing Hardwoods and Forest Measurements — on a first come, first served, basis. Space must be reserved.

At-the-door registration to this event is \$25, \$30 and \$35.

The Forest Stewardship Program is funded, in part, by USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry—Cooperative Programs.

years, will challenge incumbent Democrat Joan Dukes in the November General Election.

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