

Action Ads

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

WILL BUY ANTIQUES,

Collectibles and Estates. One piece or house full. Cash paid. 503-429-1608 BTFN

Gift suggestion in a store:

Toaster. A gift that every member of the family appreciates. Automatically burns toast.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in partnership with Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD) has scheduled the next local work group meeting to be held January 10, 2003 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Columbia County OSU Cooperative Extension Service meeting room. The Extension Service office is located at 505 North Columbia River Highway in St. Helens, Oregon.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive input for the development of the fiscal year 2003 USDA EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) in Columbia County.

The local work group will review and make recommendations to NRCS regarding natural resource priorities, application screening tools, cost share rates and methods of eligible practices, and other EQIP program development issues in Columbia County.

For further information contact the USDA-NRCS office in St. Helens 503-397-4555. Publish January 2, 2003

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

IMPROVED DOUGLAS FIR SEEDLINGS

A limited number of bareroot improved Douglas fir seedlings (1-1) for Zone 5 are available. Minimum purchase 120. Pick-up on February 15. Deposit required. Call for order form and details. Rainier, 503-557-8800.

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Eggs - from organic/free range fed hens. \$1.75/dozen. 503-429-6032.

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BTFN

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Possible pickup and delivery
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST YOUR DOG? Call the Columbia County Animal Shelter in St. Helens at 503-397-3935.

Recycle your magazines at St. Mary's Church, 2nd & 4th Saturdays. Questions? Call 503-429-8092 or 503-429-8841.

AUTOMOTIVE

1983 - 36 ft. Komfort 5th Wheel. Needs work. \$1,700.

1977 Dodge 1/2 Ton Pickup with 5th Wheel hitch. \$500.
Or take both for \$2,000.
503-429-0316 FTFN

NEED A TAX DEDUCTION?

Have a vehicle you no longer need? Donate it and help support Not-for-Profit services in Columbia County. Call 503-556-3614 or 503-366-7645

SERVICES

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2nd & 4th Sat. 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Need different hours? Call Alison, 503-429-7151 or 503-429-7835.

HELP WANTED

Planner II

Position #02-302

DUTIES: Perform professional planning work in land use, zoning & subdivisions.

QUALIFICATIONS: B.A. in planning or related field; 3 yrs exp in planning or related field; know. of planning concepts, state & county codes; strong computer skills

SALARY: \$2943-\$3526; ExInt benefits - fully paid family health ins and PERS TO APPLY: County application form is mandatory; download from www.co.columbia.or.us or obtain from Columbia County Civil Service, 230 Strand, St. Helens, OR 97051; Phone: 503-397-3874

DEADLINE: Must be received by 5:00 p.m. January 23, 2003; postmark not acceptable; fax apps not acceptable
Equal Opportunity Employer

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Santa's elves are subordinate clauses

FREE

Vernonia Cares Emergency Food Bank is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at 627 Adams Avenue. 503-429-1414.

Free Clothing available Tuesdays, 10 am-noon. St. Vincent dePaul trailer, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 960 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia.

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Renters: Call us and learn how you can own your own home.

FOUND

Found: Dog leash at Vernonia Lake. 503-429-9410. FTFN

CARD OF THANKS

To all the people who helped get me a new bicycle, thank you very much and I would especially like to thank Willie Brewer for getting the process in order.

I would also like to thank all of the businesses that helped out.

**Connie Davenport
Vernonia**

Free advice may save money and eliminate worry

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organize their Medicare bills and set up a system that works for them.

Assist clients in submitting claims for Medicare and supplemental insurance.

Help clients understand Medicare's appeals process and help decide whether to file an appeal for any Medicare decision with which they disagree.

Help clients understand which services Medicare does not cover and assist in their decision about whether to buy additional insurance, and show them how to compare policies so they can decide which one to purchase.

Refer clients to other re-

sources and organizations in your community that can help them with Medicare-related problems that are complicated and should be addressed by a professional.

The goal of volunteers is to assist clients with problems or questions and help them understand the Medicare system so they can effectively manage their own affairs.

One of the fortunate byproducts of this help is in saving clients money. There may be payments that Medicare should have made, billings covered by a healthcare organization, insurance reimbursements, or other chances for savings.

You can reach a SHIBA vol-

unteer in Washington County by calling the Washington County Department of Aging and Veterans' Services at 503-640-3489 and ask for the SHIBA extension. A volunteer will return your call within 24 hours.

The State of Oregon SHIBA website is <http://www.oregon-shiba.org/>.

The Washington County Department of Aging and Veterans' Services (DAVS) works to create options for older persons and veterans to enable them to live as independently as they can. The DAVS may be reached at 503-640-3489 or by e-mail through its website: www.co.washington.or.us/ag ing

Department of Revenue is trying to give money away, help needed

The Division of State Lands and Oregon Department of Revenue are trying to locate the owners of more than 1,900 uncashed refund checks issued between July 1998 and June 1999.

The checks total nearly \$600,000. "Some of the checks are for large amounts, up to \$25,000 for businesses and up to \$9,000 for individuals," said Cheryl Gladden, claims coordinator in DSL's Trust Property Section.

"We're guessing that some of the checks were lost in the mail or misplaced by the businesses or individuals," Gladden said.

When the postal service returns undeliverable refund checks, the Department of Revenue attempts to contact the taxpayers. If these efforts are not successful, the check information is listed on the DOR Web site. After two years, DOR transfers these checks to DSL.

DSL staff also makes a diligent effort to locate the missing owners. If the state can't find

the owner, unclaimed proceeds are held in the Common School Fund for claim by the owner or heir forever. The CSF benefits Oregon's K-12 public schools. Investment earnings are distributed to counties for schools twice a year.

To find out if the state is holding unclaimed property in your name, click on "Check for Unclaimed Property" on the DSL Web site: www.oregon.statelands.us. The list is updated regularly and contains more than 710,000 names with accounts valued at nearly \$128 million. If you do not have Web access, send your name, current and former addresses and daytime phone number to: Trust Property Section, Division of State Lands, 775 Summer St. NE Suite 100, Salem OR 97301-1279. Staff will search the database for your name at no charge. Allow 60 days for a response.

You also may obtain access through the Department of Revenue Web site at www.dor.state.or.us. Click on Unclaimed refunds.

Letters, continued

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supports change in American education with charter school options (in spite of National Education Association resistance).

We have the testing systems in place, and in Vernonia we have an opportunity to rethink more than just the buildings of the public school system. We can vote for what we think

works, be it the Christian school, home schooling, or a new charter school. Unless the teachers are de-unionized and the district proposes using new facilities 100 percent of the year, throwing more money into pension fund deficits and stop-start education does not make any sense. It hasn't for a long time now.

Voters can just not vote and

defeat a levy now, with the double majority rule. Unless the District proposes joining the 21st century, apathy alone will defeat new bonds. Bureaucrats do not respond to change or inspire change, Business people do. We need a business-like approach to educating Vernonia's students.

**Roger Lindsley
Vernonia**