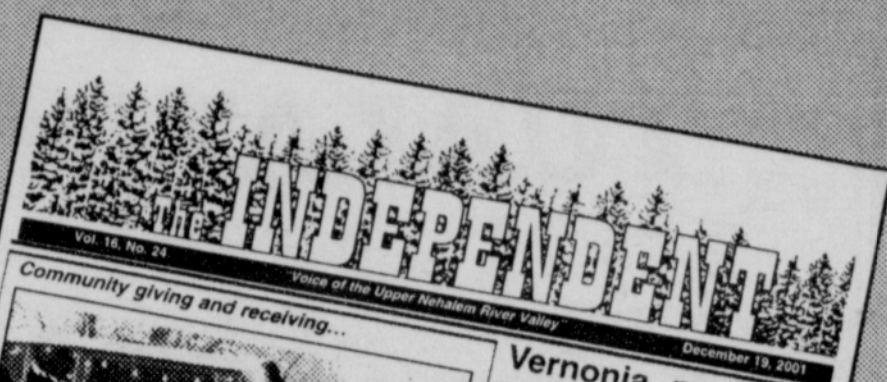
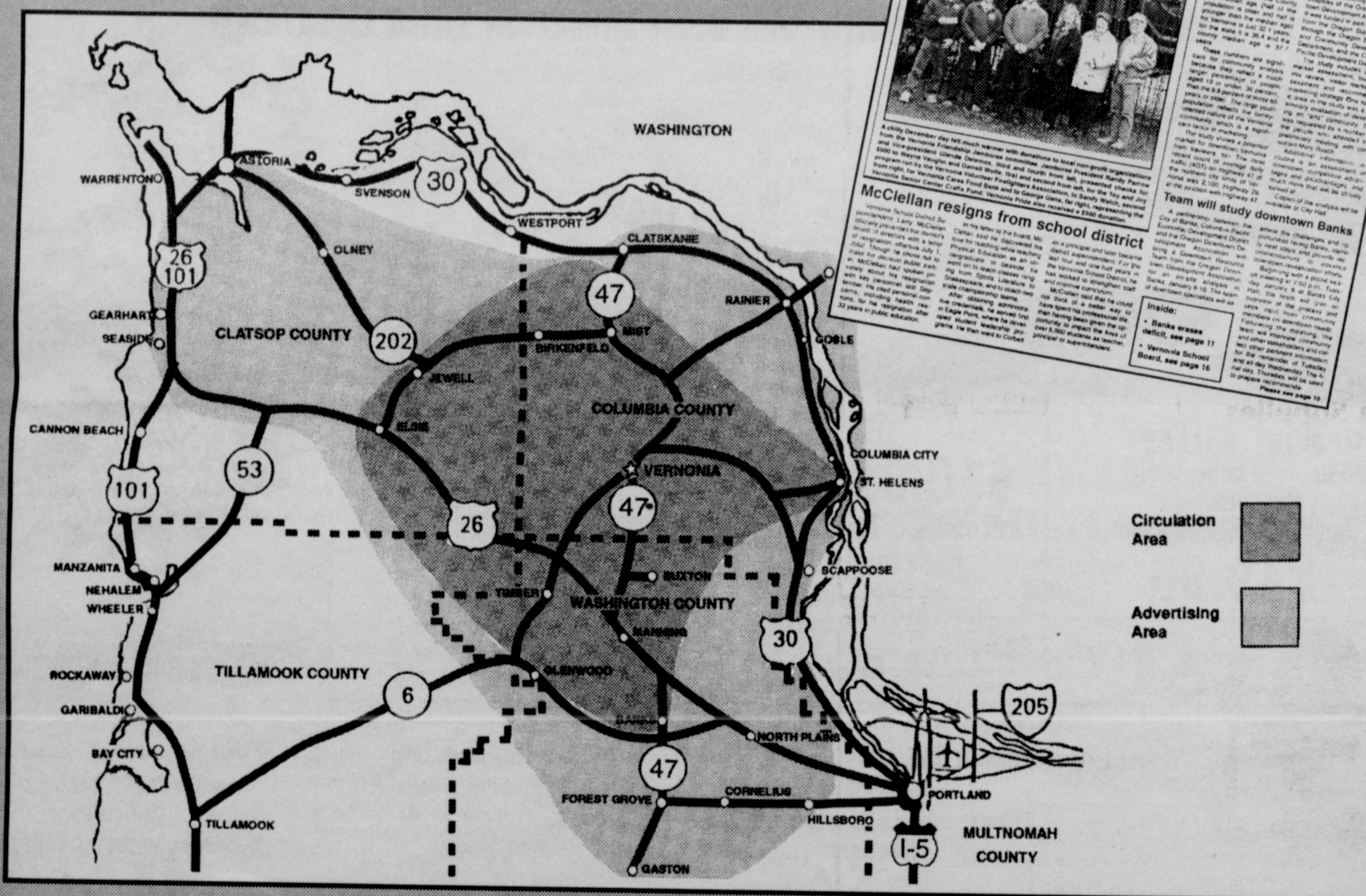


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Vernonia marketing analysis prepared

A marketing analysis of Vernonia, an average daily traffic count of 6,600 vehicles, was performed recently under the auspices of the Oregon County Development Association. The analysis was requested by a grant through the Oregon State Lottery and Community Development, and the Columbia County Development District.

The study indicates a retail market, under market as measured by the Oregon County Development Association. One study area in the study was a primary evaluation of development potential. This study was requested by a number of community members who attended the preliminary meeting with community members.

Additional information in the study is an assessment of the challenges and opportunities facing Banks, Oregon. The study also includes a list of recommendations for the community to address these challenges and opportunities.

McClellan resigns from school district

Vernonia School District Superintendent Larry McClellan has resigned from his position. McClellan had been the superintendent of the district since 1998. He was 63 years old and had been in the position for five years. He was succeeded by David R. Smith.

Team will study downtown Banks

A team of experts from the City of Banks, Oregon, and the Oregon County Development Association will study the downtown area of Banks, Oregon. The study will focus on the challenges and opportunities facing the community and will provide recommendations for the community to address these challenges and opportunities.

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