

No Call List registration deadline

Deadlines for the April 2003 update of the Oregon No Call list are near. Oregon consumers who want to stop most telemarketing calls to their homes and cell phones have until March 8 to mail registration, or March 15 for phone or web registration.

The No Call Law, enacted by the Oregon Legislature in 1999, gives residential and cellular phone customers the opportunity to get on the "No Call List" and get off telemarketers' lists. Companies that call homes on the No Call list are subject to fines of up to \$25,000. Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers has fined 120 companies more than \$450,000 for violating the No Call Law.

Cellular phone customers who want to put an end to most of these calls can also sign up for the No Call List.

Registration for the Oregon No Call list costs \$6.50 for the first year and \$3.00 each year thereafter. The list is updated quarterly and is distributed to more than 1,250 telemarketers in 49 states and two foreign countries. People who miss the March deadline for the April list will be still be able to register

for the July 2003 list. The number of Oregonians registering for the No Call list has increased significantly recently, jumping by more than 50 percent since August. More than 112,000 Oregonians now subscribe.

Oregon residential phone customers may subscribe or receive additional information about the No Call List by calling a toll-free number, 1-877-700-NO CALL (1-877-700-6622), or through the Internet at www.ornocall.com. Those who mail in their applications have until March 8 to make the April list; phone registration will continue until March 15.

Ike Says...

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33 tags were issued last year in this so-called de-emphasis hunt. Makes sense to me!!! I would expect to see a high demand for Land Owner Preference tags soon in this hunt; who knows how much money somebody would be willing to pay for a chance at a world record bull! Let's just say some farmers are figuring that out right now.

Vernonia may have a new tourist attraction. Well, the attraction is already here, let's say the attraction may get some promotion. There is talk of having a Fall Salmon Festival. Of course our summer run Chinook salmon would be the

attraction. Preliminary plans are being put together and there is excitement that Vernonia could be on to something big. The festival would occur either at the end of September or the first weekend in October. This usually coincides with the arrival of the summer run Chinook in Rock Creek. From what I hear, there would be other events scheduled during the festival to help draw more people. Stay tuned for more on this event in the future.

I have several fishponds at my home and — until this year — have never had a problem with any predators eating my goldfish. This year, I have had a

visitor. Standing over three feet tall and looking like all leg and neck, this blueish-gray fish eater made dinner out of about 20 of my goldfish. What was it? A great Blue Heron. The bird came back over several different time periods. I will try one of those ornamental glass globes to scare it off. If that doesn't work, does anybody have a recipe for Blue Heron? Just kidding!

Izaak Walton League
Nehalem Valley Chapter
meets the third Thursday
of each month at 7:00 p.m.
For meeting location, call
(503) 429-7193.

Birdwatching trip on Lower Columbia

An Audubon sponsored field trip on Saturday, March 15, will be led by Gerald Henry and David Miller. Henry and Miller are veteran birders who have led many field trips for the Willapa Hills Audubon Society in recent years.

The group will meet in Longview at 7:30 a.m. behind the Longview Public Library in the 1600 block of Maple Street. Participants will spend the day

visiting popular birding areas along the lower Columbia in Oregon from Jones Beach to the Brownsmead area.

Participants are asked to bring binoculars, scopes, bird books, lunch, clothing for variable weather, rain gear, and boots for short walks in muddy or wet conditions.

For more information call Susan Meyer, 360-423-9679, or Linda Nelson, 503-556-9379.

WEATHER REPORT FEBRUARY 2003

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP. AMT.
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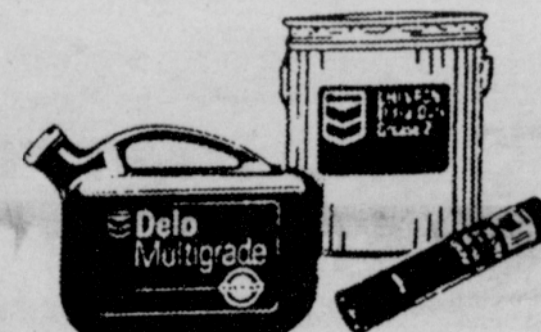
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