

Columbia County Master Gardeners Garden Fair

The 7th Annual OSU Columbia County Master Gardeners' Garden Fair and Plant Sale will be held Saturday, April 26, at St. Helens High School Commons, 2375 Gable Road, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

As in past years, Master Gardeners will be selling tomato plants for \$1 each. They plan to have all of the standard favorites, as well as several heirloom varieties. The tomatoes are being grown this year by Nelson's Nursery in Warren and Shafts Farm in Scappoose.

There will be booths with ed-

ucational information on growing roses, fuchsias, rhododendrons, wildflowers, peonies, and, of course, tomatoes. Master Gardeners will be staffing a plant clinic to answer all gardening questions.

Raffle tickets are on sale for \$1 each. Prizes include a garden cart, hose cart, pruners, sprayers, gloves, planters, bird houses and more. In addition, gift certificates from area nurseries will be awarded.

Many local vendors will have booths at the Fair, including Blue Heron Herbery, Tide

Creek Nursery, Nelson's Nursery, St. Helens Nursery, Shafts Farm, Happy Hollow Garden, Shooting Star Lavender Farm, St. Helens Book Shop, Meowie Wowie, Sheepy Hollow Crafts, Jerry's Workshop, Gifts from the Heart, Blue Moon, Apple of My Eye, Scappoose Garden Club and Heaven on Earth Farms.

For more information, call OSU Extension office at 503-397-3462 or visit www.mstrgardener.org.



Pioneer Museum has copy of O-A Lumber Co. book

The Vernonia Pioneer Museum Association now has a copy of *The Oregon-American Lumber Company*, presented to us by the authors, former Vernonia residents Edward Kamholz, Jim Blain and Gregory Kamholz.

For a quicker read, Enid Parrow has compiled stories of local folks taken from back issues of *Ruralite* magazine. Come in and step back in time with old friends.

The association now has a tax ID number and by-laws. Work days are showing a spruced up look, but still ongoing. There are lots of little, but important things to do, too, and HELP is needed.

One task is to paint the flag pole, string a rope and fly our country's flag, including a light on it so it will shine at night.

Remember, the museum is open each Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

There is no charge to come in and view the treasures in the museum, but donations are gladly accepted.

If you have spare change, a photographic student at Maryhurst is interested in helping us preserve our many precious photos. He can donate time and access to equipment, but approximately \$500 is needed for supplies, paper, etc. Anyone who wants to help with this project should mark their donation for "Photo preservation."

The next business meeting of the museum association will be April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Work days at the museum are scheduled for March 22, April 19 and April 26.

New members are welcome. It makes no difference whether you are an old-timer, or new to the community. If you enjoy blending the past and the present, stop in and see what's going on.

Military is cautious about mail to middle East

Many people want to continue the tradition of supporting unknown members of the military by sending letters, packages and e-mails through efforts such as Operation Dear Abby.

At the present time, however, there are concerns that may restrict the general public from

these practices. The first is safety, a concern created by letters mailed last year with anthrax in them. Another concern is that the mail system gets over-loaded, preventing mail from family members getting through to loved ones.

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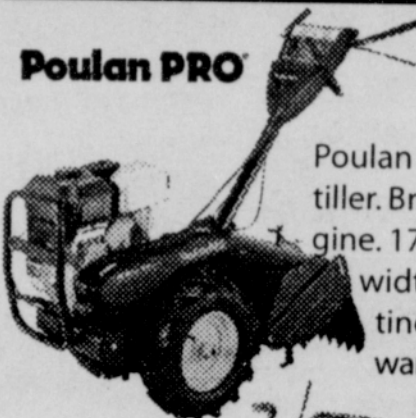
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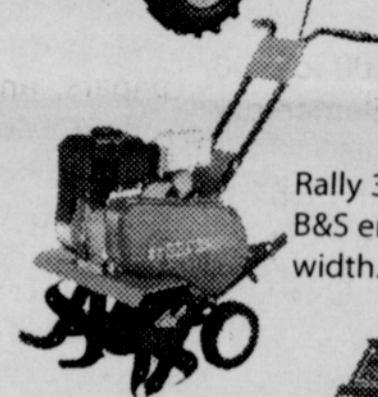
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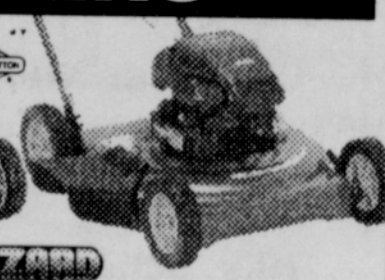
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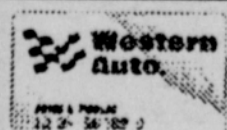
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