

Business Notes

Banks storage facility open

Banks has a new storage facility, since the March 3 opening of Banks Mini Storage at 140 NW Oak Way, behind Jim's Sentry Market.

The facility is managed by Heather Bently, who is new to Banks, but not new to the job. Bently recently moved to Banks from Canby where she managed Barlow Mini Storage.

Bently, her husband, Adam, their 11 year-old son, Garret, and eight year-old daughter, Morgan, have found the friendly atmosphere of the Banks community makes it an easy place to live. Heather said the children are enjoying their new

school and teachers, as well as baseball. She added that the teachers seem to be "hands on" and involved. The move also brings Adam closer to his job as supervisor of nine storage facilities, all in Western Washington County. Now he can spend more time with his family and less time commuting.

The gates at Banks Mini Storage operate daily from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For more information call 503-324-0552.

Free seminar on effective supervisory practices

Helen Russon, Program Coordinator of the Bureau of Labor & Industries will present a free seminar on Effective Supervisory Practices, April 9 and 10 at three locations in Columbia County.

The topics will include employment at will, exceptions to employment at will, protected classes, federal and state civil rights laws, conducting effective interviews, medical examinations and inquiries, getting employees started on the right foot, positive discipline (coaching), conducting performance appraisals, documentation, termination as a last resort, and personnel records.

Effective Supervisory Practices will be held April 9, from

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Columbia Technology Center, 375 S. 18th Street in St. Helens; and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lew's Place, 934 Bridge Street in Vernonia. April 10 it will be presented from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Humps Restaurant, 50 W Columbia River Hwy, in Clatskanie.

This presentation is made possible by a grant from the Regional Workforce Investment Act Board and Walmart in St. Helens. It is sponsored by the Oregon Employment Department, Management & Training Corporation, the St. Helens/Scappoose Chamber of Commerce, Vernonia Chamber of Commerce and the Clatskanie Chamber of Commerce.



Manager Heather Bently, with daughter Morgan, at new Banks Mini Storage.

Site picked for county transfer station

Columbia County has tentatively agreed to purchase a site on Railroad Avenue in St. Helens for a new solid waste transfer station. The proposed 6.38 acre site, at 36525 Railroad Avenue, is in a Heavy Industrial (HI) zone in unincorporated Columbia County.

The County plans to relocate and expand facilities currently located at Highway 30 and Gable Road to include a Household Hazard Waste (HHW) Drop Off Facility. Construction of the new HHW Facility will be funded by a grant from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

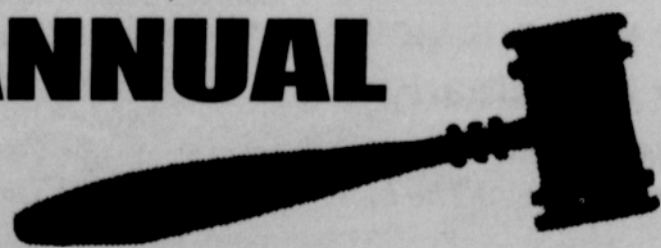
Purchase of the site is con-

tingent upon the satisfaction of several conditions, including a determination of zoning compatibility, approval of an on-site septic system, an acceptable appraisal, a level one environmental report and access. The County will begin site and facil-

ity design planning when the site is actually purchased.

The County's goal is to have a new Transfer Station and Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Facility in operation by the end of the current Transfer Station franchise in 2005.

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MEETING TIME

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2003, 2:00 P.M.

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