

# Action Ads

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### HELP WANTED

**Building Inspector II**  
Columbia County, Oregon  
Position #03-152  
DUTIES: Perform residential/commercial inspections and plans review.  
QUALIFICATIONS: AA degree plus 4 yrs exp in bldg inspection or related field Other exp/educ may be acceptable.  
REQUIREMENTS: At least 1 OR A level inspector (structural, mechanical, plumbing or plans examiner); all C level CABO certifications. Similar certs from other states or ICBO may also be accepted. Preference will be given for add'l A level certifications and for 1 / 2 Family Dwelling Plumbing and/or Electrical Inspector certification.  
SALARY: \$2788-\$3352; DOE (total poss. \$3783 w/add'l certs). Add'l pay for each A level cert held/obtained above minimum up to \$430/month. Excellent benefit package  
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;

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Phone: 503-397-3874  
DEADLINE: Must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2003; postmark not acceptable; facsimile apps not acceptable  
Equal Opportunity Employer B05/01

**Accountant - Junior**  
Columbia County, Oregon  
Position #03-035  
DUTIES: Participate in accounting and financial record keeping functions for the County. Perform a variety of duties, processing payrolls, processing accounts payable, reviewing financial transactions and preparing statements and reports.  
QUALIFICATIONS: BA in accounting. 2 yrs exp in accounting/bookkeeping. Exp using computerized accounting/payroll systems required.  
SALARY: \$2,351-\$2,830 + 2.5% COLA 7/1/03; exclnt benefits  
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230 Strand, St. Helens, OR 97051;  
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**NOW HIRING:** companies desperately need employees to assemble products at home. No selling, any hours. \$500 weekly potential. Info. 1-985-646-1700  
DEPT. OR-1661 P4/17-5/1

*I do not like work even when someone else does it. — Mark Twain*

### BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

**Coffee and Snack Concession Columbia County Courthouse**  
Columbia County is seeking proposals from qualified food and drink providers to establish a concession stand at the Columbia County Courthouse in St. Helens, Oregon. Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m., May 22, 2003. A copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) can be obtained at the Department of General Services, Columbia County Courthouse, Room 158, 230 Strand Street, Department of General Services at 503-397-2100. B05/01

### MORTGAGES

**PURCHASE & REFINANCE CONSTRUCTION**  
*With 20 years of experience, Superior Service is a Guarantee*

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- REFINANCE FOR ANY REASON
- EQUITY LOANS / 2ND MORTGAGES
- REMODEL/REHABILITATION
- CONSTRUCTION

Full service banker/broker able to service all of your financing needs.  
Call Kirk and Donna Benefiel (503) 357-5238  
email: kirkb@mtglender.com donnab@mtglender.com

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

### AUTOMOTIVE

**1983 36' Komfort 5th Wheel.** Needs some cosmetic work. \$600  
**1977 Dodge 1/2 Ton P/U** with 5th Wheel hitch. \$400  
**1983 Nissan King Cab.** Runs great. \$500  
Call Susi at 503-429-9410 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or 503-429-0316 between 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. No late calls, please.

### MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

**Nice weight system** \$85, Kick boxing bag \$20, Computer chair, grey \$35, Embroidery machine \$400, Compound miter saw, Delta, 8 1/4 \$85, Scroll saw, Pro-Tech \$85, Roto zip saw \$75. 503-429-0569 P05/01

**Tupperware Open House,** Saturday, May 10, 10 - 2 at Head Start Building. Contact Sharon Ferguson 503-429-0652 for further info. B05/01

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CAT, Inc. First Time Homebuyers Workshop,** Saturday, May 17, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in St. Helens. Low and moderate income households encouraged to attend. To register, call Dana Crane at 503-397-3511 or 503-397-4951.

**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.

### LIVESTOCK

**Standing at Stud.** Overo Paint "Exotic Scribbles" producing lovely & smart babies. \$300 Reg Mare, \$200 Grade Mare. 503-429-0532 P03/20-05/01

**MIKE JAMES HORSESHOEING**  
503-429-4017

### SERVICES

**Lulu's Antique Refinishing Repair & Caning**  
If your furniture isn't becoming to you, you should be coming to me.  
**Antiques Bought & Sold 429-7633 Eves.**

**GORLEY'S MACHINE SHOP**  
THE PLACE TO GO FOR:  
• EQUIPMENT & HYDRAULIC CYLINDER REPAIR  
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• PICK UP & DELIVERY  
• NIGHT SHIFT INCLUDED  
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KELSO, WASHINGTON  
PHONE 360-423-4567

## Ike Says... continued

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out on a journey of adventure. Being a surveyor, Mr. Bernard was not thrill-seeking; he was exploring the unknown to find out if the great wealth of Mother Nature could be floated down a river to the Pacific Ocean. That river was the mighty Nehalem. Mr. Bernard started at "Browse's Mill," which he thought was around river mile 100. He wrote that there was a settlement with a population of one or two hundred people who had taken up farms along the river. That settlement, most likely, was Vernonia. Browse's mill, most likely, was a misspelling of Peter Brouse, who, with Isaiah W. Detrick, built a sawmill at the mouth of the East Fork of the Nehalem, a few miles downstream of Vernonia. At Browse's mill Mr. Bernard built a boat, 24 feet long and 3 feet wide, and using pitch from a tree, sealed the bottom of the boat. Bernard then hired two raftsmen and started down the Nehalem, beginning what was thought to be the first journey down the Nehalem by white men.

Having read this amazing first descent of the Nehalem, a kayaking friend, Troy Horton, and I thought this would be an amazing trip to re-create. Two years ago we did it, but in many short trips of 10 miles each. Yet, in the back of our minds toyed the thought of doing the trip in just four days as Mr. Bernard did. A few months ago we decided we would attempt the trip, but with company. Troy's brother, Stan, has kayaked with us on occasion; also I was mentoring Dennis Nelson in the art of kayaking. Being brave souls, they agreed to accompany us on the Great Nehalem Challenge. My father volunteered to drive the support vehicle, which would provide the comforts of home on the nearby road.

Since Mr. Bernard thought he had started his trip at river mile 100, we decided to honor his estimation, even though we really think he started at the East Fork of the Nehalem, which is around river mile 85. Our group knew that we were in for a challenge, since most of our kayaking trips run 5-

10 miles in length. Averaging 25 miles a day was going to be strenuous, at the least. Would we develop tendonitis or other ailments? To answer this question we took several training trips, one of 16 miles and the next a full 25 miles. We all survived without lasting ill effects. We tried to get as much water time as we could each week to get into shape. I logged around 100 miles of river running since the first of the year in my effort to get in shape.

Our journey began April 24th, around 9:30 a.m., at the bridge on Timber Road near Clear Creek Road. The morning was cool and overcast, but hinted of sunshine. Rainfall on the 23rd had raised the river, which was good because it would make a faster, smoother ride. We had one portage when we could not get around a small log blocking the main channel. We arrived in Vernonia around 12:00 p.m., completing our first 10 miles. From Vernonia down to river mile 75, the river was twice as big, since we had passed Rock Creek and several major tributaries.

Before the trip, we had planned where we needed to camp to fit with our paddling expectations. The first camp fell at Larry and Claudia Oblack's, who graciously allowed us to camp on their land. When the four of us arrived, around 5:30 p.m., dad had camp semi-setup. We had a good hot meal, camp fire and a nice visit with the Oblacks before settling into our first night of sleep along the mighty Nehalem. We were all quite tired from our day of paddling, some of us questioning whether we were really up to this challenge.

Would we really recover enough overnight to travel the 26.4 miles of the next leg of our trip? The answer is in next month's *Ike Says* column.

### Izaak Walton League

Nehalem Valley Chapter meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome.  
For meeting location, call (503) 429-7193.

### MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

**WILL BUY ANTIQUES,**  
Collectibles and Estates. One piece or house full. Cash paid. 503-429-1608 BTFN

**Egg Cartons needed.** Please drop off at *The Independent* or call 503-429-8930 for pickup. FTFN

### FREE

**3 Free (Parts) Pickup Trucks.** 2 Fords, 1 Courier. 503-359-1005 or 503-936-0728. F05/01

**Free Large standing bird feeder,** two VW Bug wheels, two boxes old piano music, washer that stopped. Call evening 503-429-8039. F05/01

**Free Clothing available** first Saturday of each month, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. St. Vincent dePaul trailer, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 960 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia.

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