

## Business Notes

### Program on "I'm tired of the recession"

"I'm Tired of the Recession....can we Please Start the Recovery?" will be presented May 7 in Vernonia and St. Helens.

This is a must-attend program for anyone interested in working toward solutions to Oregon's economic situation.

The Vernonia session will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park, 901 Park Drive. A morning session will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Columbia Technology Center, 375 S 18th Street in St. Helens.

Topics will include Oregon's Economy, past, present and projections; Oregon Labor and Industry Trends, Oregon Employer Survey Results, and Columbia County Labor and Demographic Trends.

Graham Slater, Administrator for Workforce and Econom-

ic Research, Oregon Employment Department, will lead the presentation. Born, raised and educated in England, Slater moved to the United States in 1981, after graduating from the University of Manchester with a degree in Mathematics and Management Sciences. He has worked for the Oregon Employment Department for 20 years and is responsible for about 60 economists and analysts.

Shawna Sykes, a Workforce Analyst for Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, will join Graham. She holds a B.A. degree in Economics from Lewis & Clark College and formerly served as Executive Director of the St. Helens-Scappoose Chamber of Commerce.

Sponsors include Oregon Employment Department, Management & Training Corpora-

tion, Vernonia Chamber of Commerce, and St. Helens/Scappoose Chamber of Commerce.

The program is funded through a generous educational grant from The Regional Workforce Investment Act Board and Wal-Mart in St. Helens.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

For more information and registration, call Jeanette Sharninghausen at 503-397-4995 x-26 or Diana Riggs-Nish at 503-397-6495 by May 5.

### Freisen Lumber sold to Stimson Lumber

Friesen Lumber Company has announced its intention to sell its operating assets to Stimson Lumber Company of Portland. The St. Helens sawmill has been in operation since 1959 and under the current ownership since 1979.

Stimson is a family owned company that was founded in 1850 with operations in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. It operates mills in several small towns, including Clatskanie, Forest Grove and Tillamook.

The sale is expected to conclude by the end of June, 2003

### Volunteers and Easter Bunny put on another well-attended activity



This little bunny had a great time at the annual Vernonia Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt in Hawkins Park. The event was chaired by Doll y Keenon, with volunteers who cooked and dyed and hid 40 dozen eggs.

### Chamber sets trail clean-up dates, seeks volunteers for ivy removal

Vernonia Chamber of Commerce, which has "adopted" four miles of the Banks-Vernonia Linear State Park, recently completed an early spring clean-up and has scheduled additional clean-up days of at least once each calendar quarter.

The next scheduled day is July 19 but, if enough willing hands and equipment can be amassed, some extra days will be planned specifically to re-

move ivy, which is choking trees along the trail near the entrance to town.

Anyone who is interested in helping with this project may call Schann Nelson, 503-429-8930, or Noni Andersen, 503-429-9410.

### County Parks panel schedules meeting

The Columbia County Parks Advisory Commission will meet Wednesday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. (new time), in the Columbia County Parks Department office, 1054 Oregon Street, St. Helens.

The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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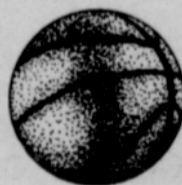
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