

**Business**

**Associate joins Oregon Realty**



Rhonda James, formerly with John L. Scott Real Estate in Tigard, has joined the Vernonia branch of Oregon Realty Co. as an associate broker.

James, her husband, Damon, and seven-year-old son, Ian, have been residents of Vernonia for the past three years.

**Banks branch will hold Open House**

The Banks branch of US Bank is inviting the community to an open house on Tuesday, July 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be popcorn, hot dogs, drinks, movies, prizes, kids' activities and more, especially fun.

"Come meet the staff and join the fun," urged Manager Pam Walther.

The bank is located at the corner of S. Main Street (Hwy. 47) and Oak Way.

**Western Auto gone True Value is here**

As Western Auto stores undergo changes on a nationwide basis, the Vernonia associate store, owned and operated for the past 34 years by Arnie and Mary Tolonen, has been phased out – but only as Western Auto.

The Tolonen family is still operating the store, at 834 Bridge Street, and son Craig has become a valuable part of the organization, too.

Western Auto is gone, but the new True Value sign will probably be up by the time you read this. The only problem now, will be remembering to put the correct name on our checks when we pay our bills!

**Forest workshop will emphasize improved roads**

A two-day Forest Roads Workshop will be held in several Oregon communities to help family forestland owners assess their forest roads. The road assessment process will help determine if they can improve water quality or fish habitat. Similar voluntary measures were undertaken by the forest industry several years ago, making a significant difference.

The workshop is also appropriate for road and logging contractors, foresters, watershed council employees, volunteers and others interested in forest roads. Participants will learn how road systems can be improved to better meet forest management goals in a cost-effective manner.

Day one of the two-day workshop will be a classroom session that describes the im-

portance of quality habitat, how to assess existing roads for problems, how to maintain and improve forest roads and how to develop contracts for project work. Advice will also be provided on how to locate technical and financial assistance that is available to small woodland owners. An optional evening session – "Case Studies from Local Landowners" – will also be offered.

Day two will be an all-day field session that consists of a hands-on exercises to assess an existing road and discuss maintenance and improvement options with the participants. Information about easements and road use issues may also be discussed.

The fee to attend a workshop is \$50 per participant. It includes notebook and materi-

als, lunch, and transportation to the field site.

The workshop schedule is:  
July 8-9, Oregon City  
July 23-4, Forest Grove  
August 12-13, Eugene  
Sept. 9-10, Medford  
Sept. 16-17, Prineville

Those interested in attending can register on-line at <<http://outreach.cof.orst.edu/roads/>>, or call the Conference Coordinator at (541) 737-2329.

The workshops are co-spon-

sored by the Oregon State University College of Forestry, the Oregon Department of Forestry, the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI), the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), the Association of Oregon Loggers and the Committee for Family Forestlands of the Oregon Board of Forestry. Funding is provided by grants from OWEB and OFRI.

**Helping hands needed for 4-mile scheduled B-V Trail sprucing-up**

Saturday, July 19th, will be the next Vernonia Chamber of Commerce clean up day on the Banks-Vernonia Trail.

Chamber members and other volunteers will meet at 9:00 a.m. at Anderson Park, to coordinate assignments before going out to spruce up four miles of trail, heading south from Anderson Park. There is also ivy that needs to be pulled from trees within the city limits.

Tools needed include flat-

bladed shovels, rakes, weed whackers, etc. A wheelbarrow may be handy, also, to collect trash bags and debris for disposal. Wearing comfortable, sturdy gloves keeps hands comfortable. The chamber will provide trash bags and bottled water.

Any group or individual seeking a project should make arrangements with Schann Nelson. She may be called at 503-429-8930.



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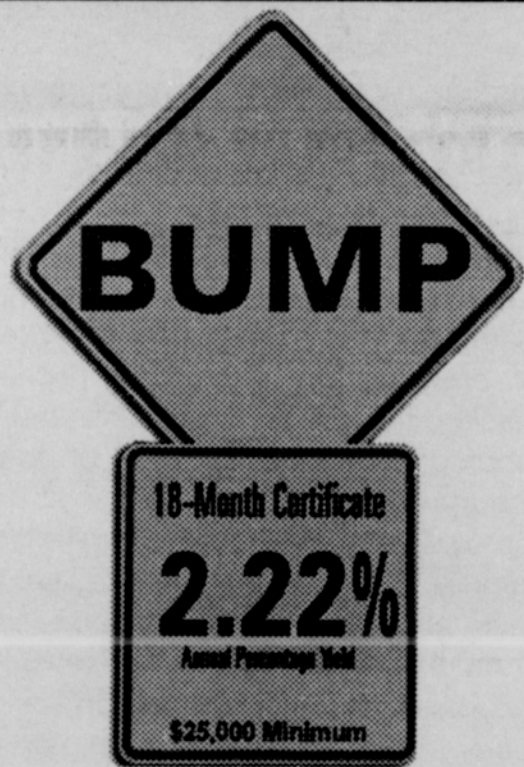
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