

OSU Extension to hold class about log grading and scaling

Log grading and scaling will be the topics of an upcoming two-part class offered by the OSU Extension Service in St. Helens. The featured speakers include Mark Dryer, log buyer with Stimson Lumber, Mike Ross, area manager with the Yamhill Log Scaling Bureau and OSU Extension forester Chal Landgren.

The first class will be held November 10 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Columbia County OSU Extension office, 505 N. Columbia River Highway in St. Helens. Topics will include background on log scaling and grading and information helpful in determining if your Douglas-fir logs will be no. 2 sawmill

grade, no. 3, or "fast growth." Discussion will include how deductions in grade are determined and how log grades influence the price paid for trees.

The second class will be Saturday, November 13 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. After meeting briefly at the OSU Extension office, the group will go to the Stimson Lumber log yard, where they will look at logs brought in to the mill and consider log values and types of defects and deductions that are common in Douglas-fir logs.

The cost for the class is \$5.00 for materials. To register, call Vicki Krenz at 503-397-3462. Deadline for registration is Monday, November 8.

Northwest RC&D Council is "Outstanding"

The Northwest Oregon Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council has received the "Outstanding Performance by a Council" award from the Pacific Rim Regional Association of RC&D Councils.

The Northwest Oregon RC&D Council includes seven counties - Yamhill, Tillamook, Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas. The Council provides a wide range of assistance to area residents, focusing on six broad areas of concern: Forestry, Water, Land Use, Soil, Economic Development, and Air.

RC&D staff assistance varies from providing a sounding board for local residents' ideas, to developing a step-by-step plan to reach goals. The NW Oregon RC&D Council identifies agencies, organizations and individuals who can assist in completing each step of the plan, including outlining

sources of technical assistance and possible financial sources.

The award was presented last week to NW Oregon RC&D Council President Ginny Van Loo and Council Vice-President Lyell Gardner at the annual Pacific Rim Conference in

Chelan, Washington.

The council will be considered for national recognition based on this award.

For assistance through RC&D call your local representative or the RC&D office in Forest Grove at 503-359-9594.

Dec. 10 cut-off date for EQIP funding

Applications for the 2005 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) will be accepted until Dec. 10 for 2005 funding. Applications received after that date will be deferred for consideration in 2006.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program offered through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service that provides eligible agricultural operations cost share and incentive payments for installing conservation practices that improve natural resource problems.

In Columbia County natural resource priorities include water quality concerns from live-

stock operations, wildlife habitat concerns, soil quality concerns and others. Some conservation practices that have previously been implemented with EQIP include fencing of sensitive areas such as creeks and wetlands, stream improvements, manure storage facilities, pasture improvements and nutrient management.

Contact the local USDA-NRCS and Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District Office for application or conservation planning information. The office is located at 2514 Sykes Road in St. Helens or call 503-397-4555.

Veterans' Day Remembrance

November 11, 2004

7:00 PM at Vernonia Lake

Community Calendar

NOVEMBER							DECEMBER							JANUARY						
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VERNONIA						
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	MIST-BIRKENFELD	M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-BRFPD Board Workshop	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	627 Adams Avenue	M-B Ambulance Drill	1st & 2nd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m., City Library	M-B Fire Drill	1st & 2nd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Booster Club	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VHS Library	M-B Helping Circle	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Scout Cabin	M-B SAR Drill	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church	M-B Volunteer Assoc.	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., Leonetti's Grill	Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall	7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	Noon, Buckhorn Restaurant	T.O.P.S.	Mondays	6:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	6:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Community Coalition	2nd Monday	12:30 p.m. School District Ofc.	Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call 429-2401	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Cub Scout Pack 201	Scout Cabin	For Info Call 503-429-0188				
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center	BANKS			
Friends of the Library	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Hands On Art Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Home Extension Club	3rd Thursday	10:30 a.m., Christian Church	Banks Fire District #13	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13	7:00 p.m., Station 13
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 503-429-7193	Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Buckhorn Restaurant	Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Nehalem Valley Car Club		For Info Call 503-429-4074	Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Pioneer Museum		For Info Call 503-429-8134	Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Fire District Office	12:30 p.m., Fire District Office
Preschool Story Hour	Mondays	10:30 a.m., City Library	CPO 14	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., City Library	7:00 p.m., City Library
Upper Nehalem C.P.A.C.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall	Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Airport Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall	Lions Club	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., Schlegel Hall	7:00 p.m., Schlegel Hall
Vernonia Cares Directors		For Info call 503-429-1414	Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., City Hall	T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.
Vernonia Community PTA	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., WGS Library	Women's Aglow	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Grange	4th Saturday	10:30 a.m., Grange Hall				
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Monday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.	COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)			
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st & 3rd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., City Hall	Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse	10 a.m., Courthouse
Vernonia Pride		For Info Call, 503-429-5201	Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., Senior Center	Columbia Soil & Water District	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., NRCS, 2514 Sykes	7:30 p.m., NRCS, 2514 Sykes
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station	County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m., District Office	County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	3rd Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center	Mental Health Advisory Comm.	3rd Tuesday	10 a.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse	10 a.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
Vern. Volunteer Ambulance Assoc.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station	Comm. on Children & Families	3rd Thursday	5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 550 N. Hwy. 30	5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 550 N. Hwy. 30
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station	Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm.	2nd Tuesday	3:00 p.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse	3:00 p.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC				

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410 or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 725 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.