

Business Notes

Local women collaborate with unique merchandise



Linda Spry and Celeste Ferrera in their warm and friendly shop in the old Joy Theater building.

With all the colors of the rainbow and the smells of summer, Celestial Tyedye and Serenity Gardens Herbals opened a new shop December 15, at 715 Bridge Street in Vernonia.

Co-owner Celeste Ferrera has been tie-dyeing for six years and co-owner Linda Spry has been working with herbals for 15 years. Both have had shops before, but this is their first full collaborative venture.

Celestial Tyedye offerings include quality clothing for the entire family, from infants to size 6X. All are hand tied and hand dyed. There are also tie-dyed towels, placemats, napkins, oven mitts, and aprons. Tie-dyed cotton canvas barbecue aprons will be in stock soon. Custom orders are available and there are even group discounts.

Ferrera said "doing the tie-dye is a passion and a labor of love. I get a wonderful feeling while working in the kitchen and looking out the window at the deer, other wildlife and nature."

Serenity Gardens Herbals has a full line of locally grown herbs plus containers and essential oils. Ready-to-go items include bath salts, massage oils, lip and body balms, aromatherapy sprays, liquid soaps, incense and miscella-

neous gift items. Many of these items, like the bath salts or massage oils, can also be custom blended for a personalized product.

Spry would like to see "people start using items from their own gardens and creating with plants," so she plans to offer classes during the spring and summer. She also offers home herbal parties and catalog sales.

Long term goals for the shop include the desire for a larger store with room for gardens, workspace and more display area.

Ferrera and her husband have lived in Vernonia 23 years and she has had shops in Hillsboro. Spry and her husband, Mike, moved to Vernonia 12 years ago and raised their two children here. Their daughter will graduate from college this year. Both Ferrera and Spry are excited to be able to open a shop locally and serve their own community.

Stop in for a cup of tea, find the perfect rainbow or other tie-dye design, and experience one or more of the unique herbal offerings to be found at Celestial Tyedye & Serenity Gardens Herbals. They are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or call 503-429-4671 for more information.

Watershed Council Annual Meeting scheduled

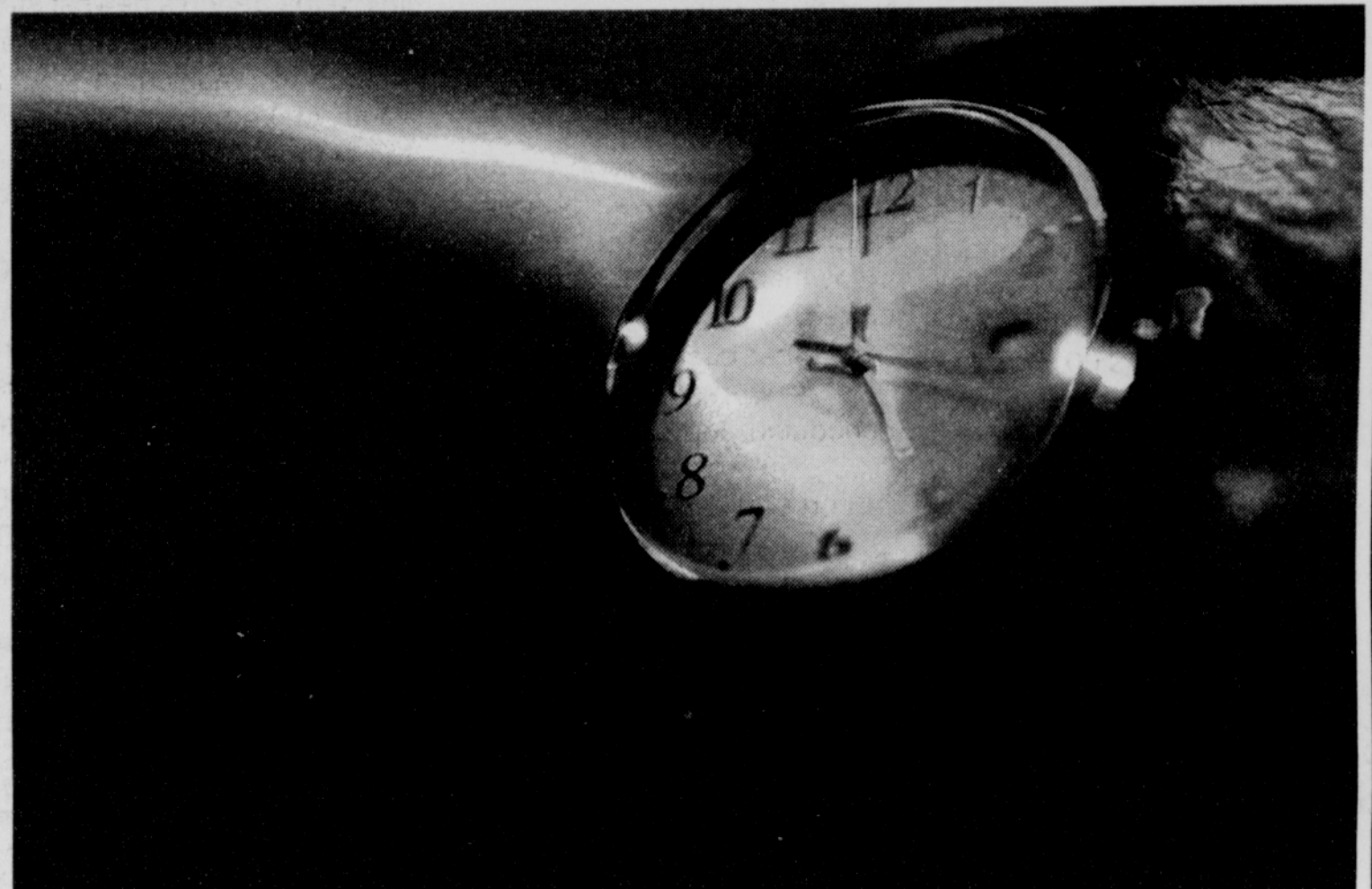
The Annual Meeting of the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council will be held January 27 at the Mist-Birkenfeld Fire Hall on Hwy. 202. Included on the agenda for the 7:00 p.m. meeting is election of a board of directors, followed by a short

self-evaluation of the council. Area residents are welcome to attend and offer their assistance in providing focus and direction of council activities during 2005.

Landowners interested in increasing the value of their prop-

erty by applying conservation practices are encouraged to attend. Those unable to attend may email <info@nehalem.org> or call Maggie Peyton at 503-429-2401. Additional information is also available at <www.nehalem.org>.

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