Knotweed cannot be eradicated by burning, mowing or digging

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plicator working for Clatsop SWCD was employed to use an injection gun to apply glyphosate (the active ingredient in Roundup) herbicide to individual knotweed stalks through the summer.

From late August through October, the Department of Agriculture will join forces will Clatsop SWCD so larger patches, and those farther from water, will be sprayed with the same herbicide. The herbicide will be applied only to Knotweed leaves and care will be taken not to spray other plants. Timing and amounts will be carefully monitored and all herbicide application regulations followed.

As time and weather conditions allow, patches that have been injected will be revisited to kill off any resprouting plants.

Over the next two to three years, there will be short visits to check on the treated patches. Any resprouting will be again treated.

Large areas of bare ground left after the knotweed is eradicated will be replanted with native shrubs and trees.

By signing a "Permission to Access" form, property owners will allow eradicators to enter land only to look for Japanese Knotweed and to treat any that is found. Eradicators agree to take responsibility for herbicide use. The permission form also allows someone to return for two years to check for and eradicate any small regrowth.

Property owners who would like to treat the plants themselves can receive guidance and the proper injection and spray equipment.

Digging up the plant, burning it and/or mowing it doesn't work and will only contribute to its spread. Many organic means have been tried to control knotweed and are essentially ineffective. One small piece of living plant can re-infest the treated area.

The council will keep all information confidential except to share the location of identified knotweed patches with those involved in assisting with its control.

Contact Maggie Peyton – Upper Nehalem Watershed Council Project Manager at 503-429-2401, or email <info@nehalem.org> for assistance and/or additional information.

Grad brings business skills back home

Real Estate Broker Andrea Grant has joined Steve Calhoun in the Vernonia office of Oregon Realty.

Grant, whose maiden name is Jones, grew up in Vernonia. After graduating from Vernonia High School, she took classes at Pacific University and graduated from Portland State University. While at Pacific, she took real estate classes, since she had always been interested in real estate. She got her real estate license in 1998, started working in the field, then took a break to marry Jason Grant, another Vernonia graduate. She returned to work in real estate in 2001.

Grant, her husband, and two sons, Nolan and Taylor, moved back to Vernonia in May of this year after buying a house listed with Oregon Realty. That contact with Oregon Realty resulted in a decision to bring her skills to the local market and leave the commute behind.

The flexibility of real estate agrees with Grant, not only in being able to have time with family, but also being able to use her skills in any community. "I'm looking forward to doing business here in Vernonia, because it's home," said Grant.

Asked why people should contact her for their real estate needs, Grant answered, "Because my heart is in it and Oregon Realty is a great company."

Andrea Grant

To take advantage of Grant's enthusiasm for real estate, and her local knowledge, she can be reached at the Vernonia Oregon Realty office at 825 Bride Street, or by phone at 503-702-1572 (direct) or 503-429-4300 (office).

Community Calendar

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VERNONIA

Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	627 Adams Avenue
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m., City Library
Booster Club	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VHS Library
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Scout Cabin
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., Leonetti's Grill
CERT	4th Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-6033
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-6081
Community Coalition	2nd Monday	12:30 p.m. School District Ofc.
Cub Scout Pack 201	Scout Cabin	For Info Call 503-429-8133
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Friends of the Library	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library
Hands On Art Committee	1st & 3rd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 503-429-7193
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Buckhorn Restaurant
Nehalem Valley Car Club		For Info Call 503-429-4074
Pioneer Museum		For Info Call 503-429-3713
Preschool Story Hour	Mondays	10:30 a.m., City Library
Upper Nehalem C.P.A.C.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Venturing Crew 201	1st & 3rd Thursdays	5:30 p.m., Buckhorn Restaurant
Vernonia Airport Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Cares Directors		For Info call 503-429-1414
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Community PTA	3rd Thursday	6:30 p.m., WGS Library
Vernonia Grange	4th Saturday	10:30 a.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Monday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st & 3rd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Pride	3rd Thursday	1:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m., District Office
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	3rd Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vern. Volunteer Ambulance Assoc.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC

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M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-BRFPD Board Workshop	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Ambulance Drill	1st & 2nd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Fire Drill	1st & 2nd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Helping Circle	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B SAR Drill	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Volunteer Assoc.	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall
T.O.P.S.	Mondays	6:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call 429-2401	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station

BANKS

Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodiist Church
American Legion Post #90	2nd Tuesdays	7:30 p.m., Main Street Post
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Banks Fire District #13	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13
Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Fire District Office
CPO 14	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., Brown Derby
Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.
Women's Aglow	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library

COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
Columbia Soil & Water District	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., NRCS , 2514 Sykes
County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Mental Health Advisory Comm.	3rd Tuesday	10 a.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
Comm. on Children & Families	3rd Thursday	5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 550 N. Hwy. 30
Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm.	2nd Tuesday	3:00 p.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse

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.