

Business Notes

Schann's Basket isn't a farmer's market, it's a gardeners' surplus



Schann Nelson will have fresh eggs, herbs, and much more for your eating pleasure.

Remember the Dr. Seuss book, *Green Eggs and Ham*? Well, there really are green eggs and they taste good. Green, brown and other colors of farm fresh eggs are now available at Schann's Basket, on Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (or so) at the pocket park next to Black Bear Coffee Co. on Bridge St., Vernonia.

Owned and operated by Schann Nelson, Schann's Basket offers farm fresh eggs, fresh herbs and garden produce in season, and dried flowers on occasion. She may add handcrafted items in the future.

Nelson has been selling eggs for years, but has now decided there is enough demand for her to provide this service at a regular time and place. She has been gardening and grow-

ing foods in her own garden since 1972 and completed the OSU Extension Service Master Gardener program in 2003.

Actually, Nelson's husband, Dennis, is in charge of the chickens. She's in charge of the eggs they produce. They have Barred Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Araucanas (the green egg producers) and several other chicken varieties. The chickens produce eggs for two to three years before being given away to good homes and replaced with new layers in spring.

Nelson started Schann's Basket to "provide a service to the community, have a chance

to find out what's going on in Vernonia each week, and to get more adults addicted to farm fresh eggs." And, yes, farm fresh eggs are different from store bought. They have more flavor, vary in size and color and are much yellower when cooked. Farm fresh eggs are definitely a treat and at \$2.00 per dozen the enjoyment is affordable.

You, too, can eat green eggs and ham. To become one of the farm fresh egg enthusiasts, or to try other farm fresh produce and herbs, the place to be is at Schann's Basket next Thursday and the Thursday after that and...well, you get the idea.

Public needs to be aware of fire safety regulations

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The following public use restrictions went into effect yesterday, July 19, at 1:00 a.m. and apply to all private, state and federal lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry within the Northwest Oregon Forest Protection District:

1. Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in closed vehicles on improved roads.
2. Open fires are prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires, except at designated locations. Use of wood burning devices, used in conjunction with temporary dwellings, including tents and trailers is prohibited. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed.
3. Non-industrial chain saw use is prohibited, except as waived by the Forester. Current waiver by the Forester allows power saw use until 1 o'clock in the afternoon or after 8 o'clock in the evening. The following equipment shall be provided with each power saw: A .023" spark arresting screen in good condition and fit, a long handled shovel and an 8 ounce or larger fire extinguisher. In addition,

Local business owner interviewed by national business magazine

Rietta Behnke, owner of Buckleberry Cottage, was recently interviewed by, and quoted in, the July/August edition of Country Business magazine.

Country Business is a magazine for retailers of country gifts and accessories. Behnke was interviewed for an article on *Winning Back Lost Customers*.

National recognition of good business practices by Vernonia merchants is one more way Vernonia is gaining attention outside the Nehalem Valley.



Rietta Behnke

tion, a 60 minute fire watch is required following power saw use.

4. Use of motorized vehicles, including motorcycles and all terrain vehicles, is prohibited, except on improved roads.
5. Possession of the following fire fighting equipment is required while traveling, except on state and county roads: one gallon of water or one operational 2-1/2 pound or larger fire extinguisher and one shovel.
6. Use of fireworks is prohibited.
7. Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is prohibited.

For current information on fire season regulations for both public and industrial users, call

the Oregon Department of Forestry number in your area — Columbia City, 503-397-2636; Forest Grove, 503-357-2191, Astoria, 503-325-5451.

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