

Business Notes

CCCHD grants to further cause of social justice open until Sept. 30

The Columbia County Citizens for Human Dignity (CCCHD) is again offering grants to fund projects that further the cause of social justice. The grants, of up to \$500 each, are available to any public or non-profit group or individual in Columbia County.

Applicants can be non-profit or publicly-funded organizations such as educational institutions, social service agencies and human rights or charitable organizations. Also eligible are loosely constructed groups with no official legal status, but with a plan of action. For example, a group of concerned citizens who want to fund a local, short-term project, may apply. The organization and project must be within Columbia County, and have local decision-making capability.

Eligible projects include arts and cultural projects, health and social service projects, ed-

ucational and community-oriented outreach projects, seed money to begin new projects, collaborative projects between agencies, and short-term funding to address a current need.

The CCCHD Community Grant Program was developed for local projects that might not otherwise be possible due to lack of funding. It is designed to help programs or events that support, educate, or encourage people, in line with CCCHD's mission to promote basic civil rights and human dignity for all. Over \$4000 has been awarded to thirteen county groups since the program began in 2002.

Applications must be received by September 30, 2006. For more information, or to download an application form, see the CCCHD website at http://ccchd.colcenter.org/ccchd_grants.htm, or contact Craig Frasier at 503-543-3678, email ccchd@colcenter.org.

Mayor names Public Works committee

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said the Learning Center should be self-supporting in its operations and the preliminary project costs have been \$752,331.32 to build the Learning Center. Of this amount, CDBG grants were received for \$500,000, \$150,000 from Community Incentive Fund, and \$102,331.32 from the City budget.

3. Civic Committees and Communication. Kline said he has found nine committees or commissions; Airport, Budget, Learning Center, Library, Parks, Planning, Transportation, Trees, and Cemetery. Kline recommends a Public Works committee (there is an ad hoc one formed now). Kline also emphasized that all these committees are entirely advisory, having no authority to do anything other than make recommendations to the council.

4. and 5. Building and Planning Departments. The intention here has been for the city to have more control over areas vital to Vernonia's future, in building permits, inspections and by having a City Planner.

6. Code and Nuisance Enforcement. Kline said, "We are

severely challenged financially and staff-wise in this area. Try to work with your neighbors on issues first. We lack authority in many areas to do what residents think we should do." He went on to say that staff needs clear priorities in this area.

7. Management of City Personnel and Facilities. "There is an urgent need for regular staff in the City Administrator and Public Works Director positions," said Kline on this issue.

Mayor Harrison then announced the members of the Public Works committee, who have been asked to look at the Waste Water Project; Joel Glass, George Tice, Willow Burch, Casey Mitchell, Liz White, Maggie Peyton, Ken Bateman, Jim Tierney, Sandy Welch, Kate Laird, Carl Holsey, Ken Brown, Helen Johnston, Cindy Ball, Kevin Hudson, Janelle Cedargreen, Dale Webb, Tony Hyde, Heather Lewis and Dan Brown. Mayor Harrison asked the members of this ad hoc committee to come to the city first when they need information. Their last meeting was August 16, at City Hall.

In other business, council:

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Time to renew log brand registrations

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) reminds timber operators with currently registered state log brands that they must be renewed between October 2 and Dec. 31, 2006.

To ensure receipt of a re-

Worksource seeking employment recruits

Worksource Oregon Employment Department MTC Works has announced that they are recruiting for the following positions: Market Surveyor, Auto detailer, Bookkeeper, Tree trimmers, Landscapers, Dump truck drivers with/without pup, Truck drivers, Carpenters, Housekeepers, Electrical engineer, Asphalt laborer, Equipment operators.

Stop by their office at 500 N. Highway 30, Suite 320, St. Helens, to check out their listings. They can help find work, update resumes, help with cover letters and refer you to the 55+ program if you qualify.

newal form, timber operators whose addresses have changed since their last registration/renewal should send their current address to the Oregon Dept. of Forestry's Log Brands Unit before October 1.

Mail: 2600 State St., Salem, OR 97310; Fax: (503) 945-7314; or email: cwalker@odf.state.or.us

Log brands, the identifying symbols welded onto the face of a hammer and struck into the ends of logs for identification, discourage log theft and aid in the return of lost logs. When transported on public highways, waterways, or railroads west of the crest of Oregon's

Cascade mountain range, forest products and booming equipment must be impressed with a log brand, registered strictly through the Log Brand office in Salem.

Renewal forms will be mailed to registered log brand owners on October 2. These log brands will be good through Dec. 31, 2011. Log brands not renewed will be considered abandoned, and the registration number will expire.

Under Oregon law, a log brand must be renewed every five years. Operators who registered in 2006 still must renew their brands for a new five-year period.

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