

Business Notes

Wauna FCU buys building, plans move to new location in 2007

Wauna Federal Credit Union has purchased the building at 1010 Bridge Street (formerly Mike Pihl Logging) in June of 2006. The new facility will provide an updated environment for financial services with added teller stations and a drive through window. Completion of the new facility is expected early in 2007. A grand opening will commemorate the

event with invitation to everyone in the city of Vernonia.

"It is a pleasure serving the community of Vernonia. We are pleased to upgrade our facilities to meet your financial service needs," Bruce Mallory, President and CEO.

"We are hard at work with the remodeling designs and are looking forward to the move. Our great membership is what

has made this move possible," Pam Weller, Vernonia Branch Manager.

Wauna Federal Credit Union is headquartered in Clatskanie,

Oregon and has branches in Astoria, Clatskanie, St Helens, Vernonia and Warrenton. If you live, work, attend school or worship in Clatsop or Columbia

counties you are eligible for membership. For more information, call your local branch or our toll free number 800-773-3236.

Council updated on many projects

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in the community. Harrison added that the community could do better in areas of mentoring youth, providing summer jobs for youth, providing activities for youth and in supporting the VCLC.

Mayor Harrison asked for, and received, approval from council to accept the Mayor's Ball as a sanctioned city activity to raise money (this time) for VCLC, Hands-on Art, and the proposed skateboard park.

Chief of Police Mathew Workman told council that there will be police training on October 27, at the Scout Cabin, on outlaw motorcycle gangs and violent prison gangs.

Kline told council that the city continues to be on the second level of water curtailment efforts. The recent rain did

bring the river up but the forecast does not include more rain so the flow level will quickly drop back down.

Work will start soon on pump station III at the foot of Lakeview Drive, Kline told council. He asked all citizens to be sure kids stay out of the construction areas, they can be very attractive to children, but are very dangerous. Kline asked for council consensus to spend \$6,000 to put rock on the California Avenue right-of-way. This will make work much easier once the rains start, Kline told council. Council agreed.

The Public Works Committee has recommended raising sewer fees by \$12.00 per month to pay off an existing \$500,000 five-year loan, Kline said. This would pay off the

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Candidates: Jeff VanNatta (cont.)

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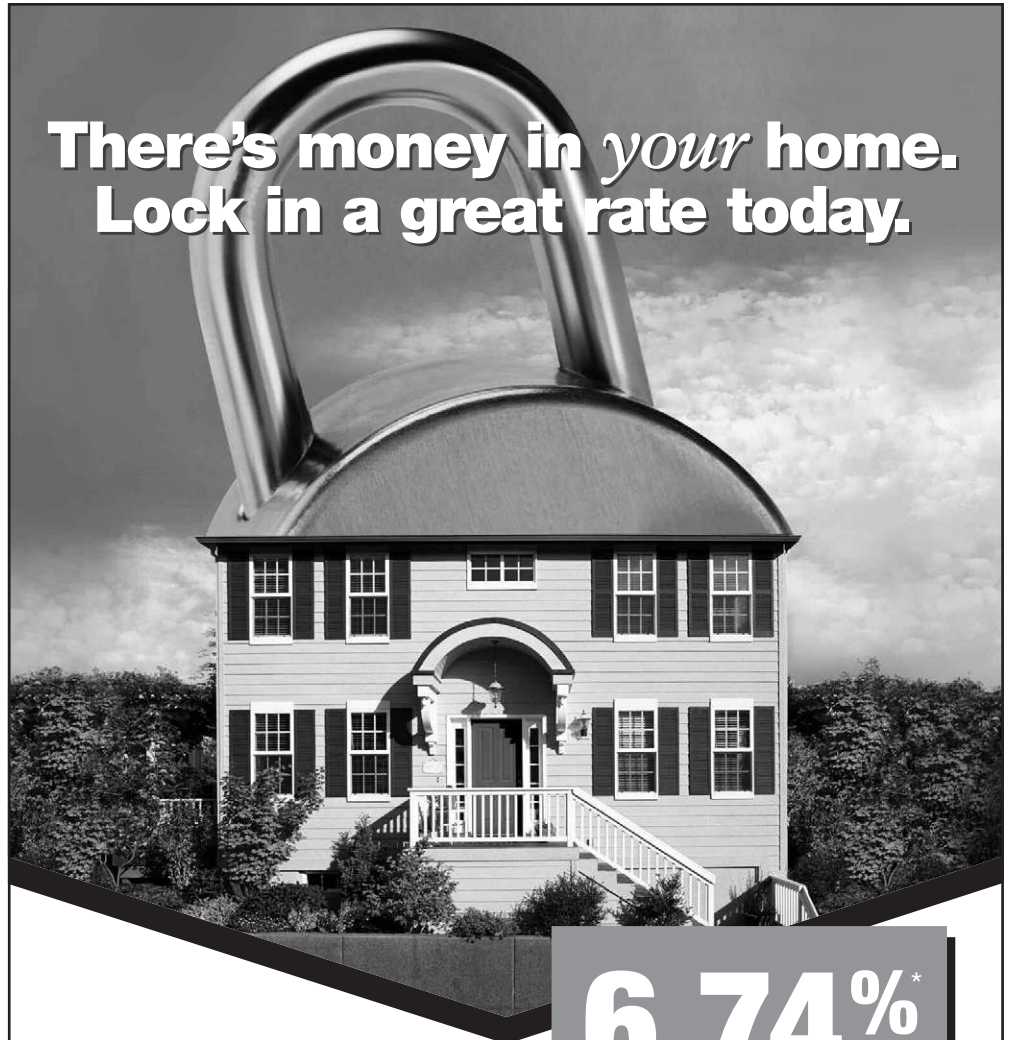
VanNatta's volunteer service includes 18 years on the county planning commission, 14 years with the Northwest Oregon Economic Alliance (NOEA), Oregon Forest Research Institute (OFRI) for 13 years, as legislative chair for the state Grange, and much more.

He is seeking election to the BoC because he thinks government must be more efficient. "We need to live within the budget that is available," he said, specifically noting the decline in federal O&C funds. (Briefly, O&C funds derive from logging on federally owned forestlands in Oregon and California. A percentage of timber sales was paid to the counties where the lands are located, in lieu of taxes that would have been paid by private ownership. The decline in federal log-

ging has resulted in a decline in timber payments. This is not, by any means, a complete explanation of O&C funds.)

The county's greatest assets, VanNatta says, are its renewable natural resources, geographic location, natural beauty and the under-utilized talents of its residents. The greatest challenges are budget issues, deteriorating roads, the methamphetamine epidemic, and a resistance to change.

VanNatta, an advocate of the "slow food" movement, wants to see better utilization of agricultural lands in the future, including job creation and ways to make natural foods available to senior centers. Other jobs could be developed by using locally grown hardwoods in furniture manufacturing, he said, although industrial development will still be needed.



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