

Business Notes

Third generation continues family custom pole building business

Econ-O-Fab Buildings, Inc. was started by Tom Woods Sr. in 1973 in Beaverton. In 1985, Tom Woods Jr. took over the family business and moved it to his home in Aloha. In 2005, the business moved to Gaston and is now being run by the third generation, J.T. Woods, though Tom Jr. still helps out.

Tom Sr. started out building houses, then began constructing custom-built pole buildings, and Econ-O-Fab was born. They still specialize in custom built pole buildings. The smallest is usually 24'x24'. The largest they have built was 120'x168'. The big ones are usually equestrian buildings.

Econ-O-Fab has built about 3,000 buildings since 1973,

and about 150 of those have been built in the Vernonia area since 1990. Most of their buildings are in Washington or Columbia County, though they make bids state-wide.

According to J.T., most of their work is custom designed to meet the individual customer's needs. They can work within a specific footprint or base plans on the size of door needed, or...well, what do you need? And, they don't sub-contract the work out. Three family members and a crew of six employees, one of whom has been with them ten years, do the work and know the business. Another plus is they have been building ongoing relationships with suppliers since

1973, helping them maintain the quality of the supplies they use.

A member of the National Frame Builders Association, they offer affordable pricing, custom design, free on-site consulting, free estimates,

quality workmanship, and quick and economical construction. Construction on most of their wood framed, steel sided buildings is completed within three days.

"Come see us at the Washington County Fair. We'll be there

on July 23-27, with Parr Lumber, and will have a small sample building on site," said J.T.

If you can't wait until the fair, you can reach Econ-O-Fab Buildings, Inc. at 503-985-1808 or check out their web site at www.EconofabBuildings.com.



From left: Tom Woods Jr. and T.J. Woods.

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mits golf carts to be driven on city streets if the driver has surrendered his driver's license and had mobility issues.

In other business, council:

- heard that Sergeant Mike Kay and K-9 officer Krueger have been invited to national competition in Dallas, Texas.

- approved August 9 street closure for a block party on Second Ave.

- approved Friday street closure for part of Madison Ave. from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. through October 3, for open air market.

- approved an extension, until the end of August, for D.A.D.S. Recycling to work with DEQ to find a place to relocate, and maybe grant money to help.

- heard that a new agreement will be drafted for city attorney services to be rendered

on a retainer basis.

- told Johnson to continue working with the Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce on business license handling and revenue sharing.

The next regular city council meeting will be July 7 starting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

— CORRECTION —

On page 5 of *The Independent* issue of June 5, the headline "DEQ requires D.A.D.S. relocation" was out of context. The Vernonia City Council did not renew D.A.D.S. Recycling contract, but mentioned DEQ only in connection with the Vernonia Transfer Station, not DEQ's written notice that D.A.D.S. must relocate. *The Independent* regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

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