Business Notes

Experts aiding with process of building all new school facilities

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far short of what is needed for safe facilities above the flood plain.

In April, Governor Kulongoski authorized an Oregon Solutions Project for Vernonia Schools, focusing on a site for new schools and a way to fund them. Everyone involved is fully aware that the people in this small school district cannot raise the $30-50 million that will be needed to complete such a large project.

Oregon Solutions has brought experts from around the state to help narrow a list of potential sites to two, developed a work plan that will soon provide a full-cost analysis of both sites, and has received $100,000 in planning services from the state.

At the same time, the District Facilities Committee is working on the kind of facilities that will be needed. Their task is to identify three levels of criteria for new buildings – minimum, adequate and ideal. After compiling that information, the committee will seek additional input from the community. The next step will be to take their recommendations to the School Board, the Oregon Solutions team and, eventually, an architectural firm.

While Dr. Cox emphasizes the district's need for legislative support at both the state and federal levels, but is also aware that the "community will inevitably share in the financial burden" through a bond measure but, with over 700 homes impacted by the flood, "we cannot expect them to do it alone.

"We will need to raise funds from every possible source, including local, state and federal sources, as well as philanthropists, grants and foundations.

"Our community has shown amazing resilience in the face of daunting challenges," he concluded. "But we cannot expect our children and their children to suffer with inadequate facilities because we could not raise the funding to relocate our schools."

Good design, good service are company's mission

360 Embroidery Design & Screen offers a full range of apparel, accessories, embroidery and screen-printing services. Cheryl Ritter and her partner, David Wade, bought the company, formerly known as KO Screening, on January 7, 2008. Ritter has her own line of screened designs and had been helping out at the company for a few months before deciding to buy it with Wade.

David Wade with company mascot Lucky, and Cheryl Ritter

Ritter said one thing that made the company attractive was that five of the six employees have worked for the company for a number of years and through a couple of owners. The only new employee is a graphic artist. The company also enjoys a very good repeat customer base, with customers as far away as Alaska, Colorado and Florida, and some customers going back 20 years. And, yes, they have all the client records and order information going back that far. "I feel we have a real good niche in the market, we have no minimum order, good turnaround time and great customer service," said Ritter.

The name, 360 Embroidery, refers to the process of starting with an idea and taking it full circle to a finished product. The company's largest order was for 5,800 lime green T-shirts for the recent Luis Palau festival. They also have a popular Give-back program with schools where they design special artwork and logo (for example, Ggear for Glencoe High School). Orders from that line provide a percentage of the sales to the school involved.

You can order only apparel, apparel with designs from one of the existing lines (including Ritter's own), or make your own design and have it added to apparel or accessories. You can even buy apparel elsewhere and have them add the finishing touches, by embroidery or screen-printing.

360 Embroidery Design & Screen's mission is to, "Under promise and over deliver." Find what you want to order online at www.360eds.net. You can also order by phone or get a catalog by calling 503-648-3217. Their office is located at 1900 NE 25th, Suite 8, Hillsboro. If you visit the office, be sure and say "Hi" to Lucky, Wade's miniature aussie, who is the company mascot.

Rep. Wu opposed "bailout"

House of Representatives Bill 3997, called the Bailout Bill but officially titled the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, failed last Monday by a vote of 205-228.

Congressman David Wu issued the following statement after voting against the financial package:

"We currently face a serious threat to our economy, and I do believe that we need to act to protect Americans' jobs, retirement, and financial security. Unfortunately, this hasty bill was not the right answer.

"I committed to the people of my district that I wouldn't vote for a bill that didn't have adequate protection for taxpayers, and this bill did not.

"Today's bill put up taxpayer money without a commitment from the government that they would be paid back. Instead, the American people were told that some future president would offer some future Congress a proposal to help taxpayers recoup any losses that they suffered—with no guarantee that they'd ever see their money again.

"…taxpayers deserve better than the bill we had today. They deserve a thoughtful solution with real investment protections…meaningful regulations to rein in the excesses of Wall Street. They deserve to have the people who caused this problem bear some responsibility for fixing it. They deserve a bill that doesn't just hope that a handout to Wall Street will trickle down to benefit Main Street."

Counterfeit bills passed

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is a male, 6'-6'2", slender, dark hair, wearing a black sweatshirt w/red writing, blue jeans.

Anyone with information or similar bills should contact the Vernonia Police Department at 503-429-7335 (office).