

Business Notes

This "Klutter" has a purpose, whether decorative or whimsical

Wondering what to get for (fill in name here) for Christmas? Look no further than Kustom Yard Klutter, W.A.I. Inc. Mark Hamm, owner of Kustom Yard Klutter says it's not too late to turn your ideas into cus-

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Mark and Rhonda Hamm at Kustom Yard Klutter

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Hamm switched from framing houses to building decks and fences in 2002, after mov-

ing from Hillsboro to Banks in 1999 with his wife, Rhonda. In 2005, he started Kustom Yard Klutter, W.A.I. Inc., after realizing he could use the scraps from his deck and fence jobs to build other items. "The first thing I built was a wishing well, I put it out on the street and someone stopped and bought it. I thought, I'm onto something here and now it's progressed to the point where landscapers are incorporating my work into their designs," Hamm said. Working with scraps also helps keep the cost down on Hamm's

Curl's High Tech is award winner

Curl's High Tech Service Corporation, Inc., Hillsboro, an agent of United Van Lines, has been honored by the worldwide household good transportation company for exceptional professional achievement.

Announcement of the recognition, conferred as part of the van line's annual awards program, was made by United President Richard H. McClure, during their 2008 Convention in Palm Desert, Calif. More than 500 United representatives were in attendance.

Curl's High Tech Service Corporation, Inc., received the following United recognition: President's Club Award, \$1 million level – honoring agents who have generated at least \$1 million in sales for the United system during the past year.

United Van Lines, with headquarters in suburban St. Louis,

is the nation's largest household goods mover and maintains a network of 1,000 affiliated agencies in 135 countries around the world.

Sharp rise in County jobless numbers

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 7.7 percent in October, a significant increase from the previous month (6.7%) and higher than the year before (5.9%). The rate was essentially the same as the statewide rate (7.3%) but higher than the national rate (6.5%). Total employment dropped by 62 to 23,115, and the number of unemployed people rose by 299 to 1,800. Total employment this October was 10 fewer than one year ago, and there are 457 more people unemployed this year.

creations.

"If you can dream it up, bring it in, and I can make it happen," Hamm stated. He emphasizes the "custom" in his work, making sure that no two items are identical and always striving to add new elements to his de-

signs.

The Kustom Yard Klutter shop is in Hamm's garage and it is just fine to drive up, stop and come to the door. If you're not sure what to order, samples of many items are on-site at Kustom Yard Klutter, 330A S.

Main St., Banks, or call and talk to Hamm at 503-324-7317. He will also show you pictures of previous projects to help get your creative juices flowing. But, if you need it by Christmas, you'd better hurry over to Kustom Yard Klutter, W.A.I. Inc.

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