



HUNGER STRIKES— The crowd lines up for lunch last Sunday as Valley old-timers and youngsters gathered for the 57th Annual Pioneer Picnic at the Natal Grange. An all day affair afforded everyone a chance to visit and remember old friends and to make new friends as well.

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Fourth of July fireworks show

It's time to begin making plans for your Fourth of July celebrations and the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to the annual fireworks display, at the Vernonia High School football field.

This year's display, even bigger and better than last year's, will also include a food concession manned by the Vernonia Fire Department. Donations will be collected after the show to help defray the almost \$1000 cost of the display.

Bring your families early and spend the day fishing, shopping or picnicing and remember; make your plans now to be there.

Soil studies may save some city money

In an effort to save money on sewer system renovations later this summer the City Council gave the go-ahead last Monday for a 1300 series of soil samples and lab reports to be performed on soil near the city. It is hoped that the tests will reveal whether or not there is enough clay in the soil to use it as a packing material for Sewage Pond No. 1. If it proves to be adequate by

itself or if it can be mixed with a variety of chemicals to produce an acceptable sealant for the pond the city could save thousands of dollars by not having to buy specially prepared commercial mixtures.

The council also gave the green light to the police department to go ahead and put in their order for a brand new police car. The vehicle, already included in the

next fiscal year's budget, is expected to arrive sometime near the middle of August.

The fire department also received an OK for the expenditure of \$95 for the

the Cemetery Committee that a selection had been made for the new Sexton at the cemetery. Nominated by the committee and voted into office as Sexton is David Wold. He is expected to

Band for parade needed

Unless someone comes up with a bright idea to save the day there may not be a band to go with this year's Jamboree Parade. Due to prior commitments the bands that have provided music for the annual parade in the past, such as the Shriner's and various military bands, are unable to appear this year. According to

Chamber of Commerce president Bill Hansen, "We may be looking at a parade with no bands." It is hoped, Hansen says, that a group of talented local musicians can be found in time that are willing to provide their services. Anyone having an idea on the matter that they'd like to share is urged to contact Bill Hansen at 429-2355.

Nehalem Folk Art Festival set

Two days of free continuous live stage entertainment heads the attractions planned for the Fourth Annual Nehalem Valley Folk Art Festival to be held at the Jewell School on June 27 and 28.

A wide variety of stage acts, including blue grass, gospel and

Twenties bands, as well as folk skill demonstrations, home-made craft and food sales and a quilt fair are also scheduled.

The festival will be highlighted by a huge square dance from 6 pm until dark Saturday night.

A complete schedule of events is provided on page five.

Country road run this Saturday

The first 300 runners to register for this year's Mist-Birkenfeld Fire Persons Association's "Where-to-Where?" Country Road Run will receive a T-shirt commemorating the event.

Registration for the event will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 am on Saturday June 20 in Mist. The two-mile run will get underway at 10 am with a 6.2 mile race

following at 10:30 am.

Runners registering before June 20 will be charged \$7 while those waiting until the day of the race will be charged \$7.50. All proceeds from the run will be utilized by the Firepersons Association to further their training and to provide equipment for the department. For further information, call B. Mueller at 755-2469 or M. Busch at 755-2737.



NEW OFFICERS— The election of new officers for the coming year was among the items on last week's Pioneer Picnic agenda. From left to right, Myrtle Slanger, Sec/Treas., Walter Mathews, President and Shalmon Libel

necessary pressure checking on fourteen air bottles. These checks must be performed at least every five years or the tanks will no longer be considered safe to use.

In other business, the council was informed that the police department has hired someone to act as a parking control officer. Among the duties assigned to this officer will be writing citations for those individuals who insist on parking in the new bike lane on Bridge Street from Washington Grade School up to the Nehalem River Bridge. Pedestrians are reminded that although they can legally use the bike path, bicyclists do have the right of way.

The council was informed by

assume his new duties this week.

The city council also decided to look into the prices of different types of temporary shelters that could be used to hold impounded dogs until the county can pick them up. As the county says it won't patrol this area looking for stray, loose or dangerous dogs, the council feels it may be incumbent upon them to provide Vernonia with an adequate facility in which to hold these animals until county officers can get here to pick them up.

The council also agreed to meet with the Rural Fire Protection Board at 7 pm on July 6 during the regular city council meeting for the purpose of discussing the possibility of a bond issue to finance a new fire truck.

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