

**Ike Says . . .**

**From page 3**  
Reservoir so we spent the next hour-and-a-half traveling up the road we had been on so many times before.

The weather had turned cold and windy and the fishing was disappointing. After a quick dinner from a can, we

decided to get warmed up at the hot springs. The owner at the hot springs was going to drain and clean the pool, but we got to swim for about an hour before he came to pull the plug. He said the pool drains in twenty minutes and

takes eleven hours to refill with water that comes in at about 113 degrees.

After spending the night at Anna Reservoir, Mike and I headed for home after a great, adventurous trip.

**Dukes slates town hall meetings**

State Sen. Joan Dukes (Dist. 1) has scheduled Town-

hall meetings April 24, in St. Helens and Clatskanie.

The agenda includes an update on what is happening in Salem at the Legislature, Legislation that has been heard, and a time for questions and the sharing of ideas.

In St. Helens, the meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. in the Columbia Technology Center, 375 S. 18th, and in Clatskanie at 10:00 a.m. in the Clatskanie City Hall, 95 N. Nehalem.

Any questions may be directed to Sen. Dukes' Salem Office, 503-986-1701.

**Dinner to benefit housing program**

A ham dinner to benefit Habitat for Humanity in Columbia County will be served May 15 at 1:00 p.m. in the Vernonia Senior Center dining room.

The cost is \$6.00 general, \$5.00 for children (12 and under) and seniors (55 and older).

Virtue is insufficient temptation.  
— George Bernard Shaw

**Changes in farm building permits**

**From page 4**

Development Services Department will be modifying its administrative review requirements for farm agricultural building permit exemption requests to assure that the proposed farm agricultural building meets the definition provided in State Law before an exemption is granted. The change in administrative processing of Farm Agricultural Building Exemption applications was prompted by an evaluation of current County procedures for granting the exemption based on a review of applicable State Statutes and the Oregon Structural Specialty Code. In its exemption application, the County had not previously requested information which would distinguish a "farm agricultural building" which must be located on a "farm" as defined by State Statute and a "non-farm agricultural building"

which is a structure "which by use or character of its occupancy is similar to a farm agricultural building, but which is not located on a farm." Under State law, the non-farm agricultural building is not exempt from the requirement to obtain a building permit.

Beginning June 1, Land Development Services will require submission of an exemption application which more accurately demonstrates that the farm agricultural building is located on a farm. The criteria for determining that the building is located on a farm will consist of either documentation of farm income of at least \$650 for the first five acres and \$100 for each acre over five acres, or documentation that the property on which the agricultural building is to be placed has been granted a farm deferral by the Tax Assessor.

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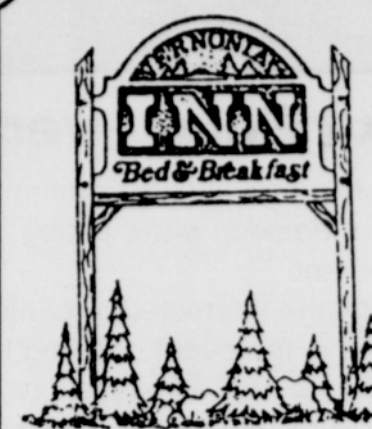
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Wednesday, May 5  
6:30 p.m.  
500 No. Hwy. 30  
(state offices & medical bldg.)  
St. Helens

For more information, please call SCF at 1-800-428-1546 or 397-3292

**Community Calendar**

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**VERNONIA**

Alcoholics Anonymous	Sundays	7:00 p.m., St. Mary's Church
Alcoholics Anonymous	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., 1st Christian Church
Boosters	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wed.	Noon, Lew's Place
Cub Scout Parents	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m. WGS Cafeteria
Doll Club	3rd Wednesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Elem. Schools Site Council	1st Tuesday	3:15 p.m., WGS Library
Friends of the Scout Cabin	4th Monday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Girl Scouts	Thursdays	6:30-8 p.m., Christian Church
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 429-7193
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Lew's Place
Nehalem Valley Car Club		For Info Call 429-4074
Parent-Teacher Assoc.	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m., WGS Library
Preschool Story Hour	Wednesdays	10:30 a.m., City Library
Senior Center Directors	1st Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
TOPS	Tuesdays	6:15 p.m., 1st Baptist Church
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	4th Thursday	For location call 429-2401
VHS Site Council	1st Monday	3:15 p.m., VHS Library
Vernonia Airport Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Cares Directors	1st Friday	10:00 a.m., U.S. Bank
Vernonia City Council	1st Monday	6:30 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Grange	2nd Friday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Wednesday	6:00 p.m., 854 Grant Ave.
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Pride		For Info Call, 429-1204
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., VHS, Rm. 6
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	8:00 p.m., District Office
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC

**MIST-BIRKENFELD**

M-BRFPD Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Ambulance Assoc.	1st & 2nd Thurs.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Firefighters Assoc.	1st & 2nd Wed.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Rescue	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Helping Circle	2nd Wednesday	10:00 am, 755-2346 for info.
Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Grange Hall

**BANKS**

Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Brown Derby
Citizen Participation Org.	3rd Monday, odd months	7:15 p.m., City Hall
Friends of the Library	1st Saturday	10:00 a.m., City Library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
TOPS	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Jr. High Library
Tri-City RFPD Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13

**COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)**

Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
COLCO Transportation	2nd Friday	10:30 a.m., Courthouse
County Council of Seniors	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Courthouse
County Fair Board	2nd & 4th Mondays	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
County Parks Commission	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Emergency Comm. Dist. (9-1-1)	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Courthouse
Historical Society	4th Wednesday	Noon, location call 429-3713
Traffic Safety Commission	1st Wednesday	7:00 a.m., Village Inn

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410 or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 725 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.