

## First Business/Organization Expo a great success



With gourmet appetizers, cookies and punch by Simply Delicious caterers, flowers by Buds & Blooms, and musical accompaniment by Madeleine's Music School, the first Vernonia Business and Organization Expo, last Saturday, delighted the senses while introducing the community to many businesses they may not have been familiar with, reminding them of the services offered by other businesses and acquainting them with the opportunities for involvement with community organizations.

Organized by Vernonia Cares, the

first-time event was also a benefit, with registration fees going to help the local emergency food program.

Businesses and organizations represented at the Expo, in addition to the three already mentioned, included Wilcox & Flegel, Friends of the Library, Marie's Massage Therapy, DMZ Tax Consultants, Assembly of God Church, Hancock Timber Management, Grey Dawn Gallery, Girl Scouts, Double D Log Homes, Cyberian Links, Byte Technology, Vernonia Realty, Leonetti's Pizza & Grill, Precision Building Maintenance, First Christian Church, Providence Family Medicine, Hillsboro Pump Service, Specialized Engraving, Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce, Cottage Home Cleaners, Creatures, Gail's Upholstery, Gardner's Farm & Home Supply, Designs by Doreen, Country Glow, American Family Insurance, Ray Pelster 4-Hair, Creative Scrapbooking, Key Bank, A-Jax Machine, Mela Leuca, Herbalife, ADT Alarm Systems, Gookin Plumbing, Rubber Stamp Art, TNW, Western Auto and RRR.

Photos: Top, Patti Ogden and Katie Taylor; Far left, Matt Davis; Left, Clyde Tatman and Madeleine Gendron.



## Plan on joining the fun in Vernonia's annual Fourth of July festivities

The Vernonia 4th of July parade will be at 7:30 p.m. Fire-

works will be at dusk behind Washington Grade School and

Vernonia High School. The Boosters will be selling hot dogs, burgers and beverages from their concession booth at the high school. They will also have glow sticks for sale.

Donations are still needed for the fireworks display. Look for the fireworks donation jars/cans around town, or mail your donation to Vernonia Pride, 1139 Ruth Avenue, Vernonia OR 97064.

Vernonia Pride is always

looking for new members. The position of secretary is currently awaiting a volunteer. Involvement with this free-flowing organization is a very rewarding endeavor and provides an opportunity to meet new people, learn new things and get off the couch and do something constructive for the community.

For more information about Vernonia Pride and its many projects, call Donna Gehrke at 503-429-5201.

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## Community Calendar

JUNE							JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER						
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VERNONIA			MIST-BIRKENFELD			BANKS			COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)		
Al-Anon	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-BRFPD Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Main Fire Station	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church	Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-B Ambulance Assoc.	1st & 2nd Thurs.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall	Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-B Firefighters Assoc.	1st & 2nd Wed.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall	COLCO Transportation	2nd Friday	10:30 a.m., Courthouse
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	627 Adams Ave./ 503-429-4000	M-B Rescue	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library	County Council of Seniors	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Courthouse
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m., City Library	M-B Helping Circle	2nd Wednesday	10:00 am, 755-2346 for info.	Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.	County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
Boosters	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library	Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Grange Hall	Banks Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Brown Derby	County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	T.O.P.S.	Sundays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	7:15 p.m., City Hall	Emergency Comm. Dist. (9-1-1)	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Courthouse
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church				Citizen Participation Org.	3rd Monday, odd months	7:00 p.m., City Hall	Historical Society	4th Wednesday	Noon, location call 429-3713
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library				Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library			
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	Noon, Lew's Place				Lions Club	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church			
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center				Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club			
Girl Scouts	Thursdays	6:30-8 p.m., Christian Church				T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.			
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 503-429-7193				Tri-City RFPD Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13			
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Lew's Place									
Narcotics Anonymous	Fridays	6:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.									
Nehalem Valley Car Club		For Info Call 503-429-4074									
Preschool Story Hour	Mondays	10:30 a.m., City Library									
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	4th Thursday	For location call 429-2401									
Vernonia Airport Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library									
Vernonia Cares Directors		For location call 503-429-1414									
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	6:30 p.m., City Hall									
Vernonia Comm. Dev. Corp.	2nd Tuesday	Noon, City Hall									
Vernonia Grange	2nd Friday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall									
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.									
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Hall									
Vernonia Pride		For Info Call, 503-429-5201									
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library									
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station									
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	8:00 p.m., District Office									
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	1st Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center									
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station									
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC									

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.