

SOLV seeking nominations for the annual Citizenship Awards

Nominations for the 2001 SOLV Citizenship Awards are now being sought. Volunteers who provide personal or professional resources that contribute to the livability of their communities; assist distressed Oregon communities toward

environmental and economic health; or educate and involve Oregon youth in volunteerism are eligible. Service is not limited to anti-litter and vandalism efforts.

Four citizenship awards will be presented — Individual, School/Educator, Business and Community/Group. Shirlee Daughtry, of Vernonia, previously won the Individual award.

Nomination deadline is August 10, 2001. Award winners are invited to the SOLV Citizen-

ship Awards Banquet scheduled this year on October 26, at the new Tiger Woods Conference Center at the Nike World Campus in Beaverton. Winners receive a beautiful glass award, as well as overnight lodging compliments of Shilo Inns.

The Tom McCall Leadership Award is presented to an outstanding Oregon leader whose significant achievements strengthen Oregon communities. This year's award winner

will be announced in July. Past recipients are Ken Harrison, Arlene Schnitzer, U. S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield, Brian and Gwyneth Gamble Booth, David B. Frohnmayer, U. S. Senators Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith and Marty Brantley. The Tom McCall Leadership Award was created in 1994.

For more information, call SOLV at 503-844-9571 or 800-322-3326. The nomination form is available on the world wide web at www.solv.org

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Conservation funds available for approved projects

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Oregon State will receive approximately \$513,300 in cost-share funds for a new program called Soil and Water Conservation Assistance (SWCA).

This program is a result of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000.

SWCA is a voluntary opportunity for farmers that provides cost-share and incentive payments to address threats to soil, water and related natural resources, including grazing land, wetland and wildlife habitat. Funds can only be used for conservation projects outside of the fiscal year 2001 Geographical Priority Areas for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

SWCA contracts range from five to ten years. The total payment per participant shall not exceed \$50,000, with cost-share for land management practices limited to \$10,000 per contract. The federal cost-share will be 75 percent of eligible practices.

Landowners who want to participate in SWCA this year need to sign up for SWCA prior to the close of business on July 13, 2001. A ranking cut-off date

of July 31, 2001 was established to ensure the obligation of funds by October 1, 2001.

For additional information and to sign up for SWCA, con-

tact your local NRCS or conservation district office. In Columbia County, contact the St. Helens Field Office at 503-397-4555, ext. 105.

Vernonia seminar for homebuyers

Vernonia Realty & Insurance Center, Mortgage People and First American Title will sponsor a First Time Homebuyers Seminar on Tuesday, July 10, 2001 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Topics of interest include lending procedures, what escrow is, what a title company does, buyers and sellers agency and what it means, and what to do first.

The seminar is open to the public but reservations are required. There will be a drawing for a free appraisal (credited at the closing of your home) and all who attend will receive a free credit report.

The location of the seminar will be confirmed with your reservation.

For more information, call Vernonia Realty at 503-429-6203.

Jamboree Committee meet tonite

The next meeting of the Jamboree Committee will be held at Lew's Place, Thursday, July 5 at 7:00 p.m.

The public is invited and your input is welcome. Any group or individual who plans to be involved in Jamboree activities is advised to attend committee meetings.

Jamboree Committee has selected "Friendships Forever" as the theme for the 45th annual festivities. The winning entry was by Zelma Wall of Beaverton. Mrs. Wall emphasized that six generations of her family have called Vernonia home!

For more information, call Randy Parrow at 503-429-1093 or 503 429-3811.

The Vernonia Friendship

Community Calendar

| JULY | | | | | | | AUGUST | | | | | | | SEPTEMBER | | | | | | | OCTOBER | | | | | | |
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| VERNONIA | | | MIST-BIRKENFELD | | | BANKS | | | COLUMBIA COUNTY | | |
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| Alcoholics Anonymous | 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 | Saturdays | 7:00 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 |
| American Legion Post #119 | 2nd Thursday | 627 Adams Ave./ 503-429-4000 | 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 |
| Arts & Crafts Society | 2nd Thursday | 2:00 p.m., City Library | 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 |
| Boosters | 2nd Wednesday | 7:30 p.m., VHS 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. |
| Boy Scout Troop 201 | Tuesdays | 7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg. | Natal Grange | 2nd Wednesday | 7:30 p.m., Grange Hall | 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 860 | Wednesdays | 7:00 p.m., LDS Church | T.O.P.S. | Sundays | 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station | Citizen Participation Org. | 3rd Monday, odd months | 7:15 p.m., City Hall | Emergency Comm. Dist. (9-1-1) | 3rd Tuesday | 7:00 p.m., Courthouse |
| Cemetery Beautification Comm. | 2nd Thursday | 7:00 p.m., Leonetti's Grill | | | | Friends of the Library | 2nd Tuesday | 7:00 p.m., City Library | Historical Society | 4th Wednesday | Noon, location call 429-3713 |
| 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.