

Letters, continued

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derous people in our midst.

Being the redneck that I am, my first thought of how to deal with these people is to bring back an old tradition that would have coincided in the days of the KKK - tar and feathers! But, being the civil person I am, I will have to deal with this matter in a legal way. So, be warned. When I find out who you are, and I will, you will get a piece of my mind. I would ask all Vernonians to do the same, for these people have gone out of their way to attack the very soul

of our community without just cause.

I guess, now, the headline in the Daily Astorian is correct, because I am upset, not that a piece of history was listed in a kiosk, but because of the attack on my community and on good, upstanding citizens who work hard to make Vernonia a better place to live. Of course we will never see our attackers raise a single finger for the community good. It just isn't in them!

Proud to be a Vernonian.

**Dale E. Webb
Vernonia**

Crafts project set for Valentine's Day

"Heart Pockets" a special project to honor Valentine's Day will be presented by the Vernonia Society of Arts and Crafts. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 6, in the meeting room of the Vernonia Public Library, Kellie Murray will introduce participants to this delightful project and guide through the creative fun.

The public is invited to participate. There will be a small fee for materials.

Each Wednesday in 2002, except those set aside for special programs, the Society expects to hold a work afternoon at the Library. Members will

bring art or craft projects to be worked on throughout the afternoon. Everyone is invited to join and/or join in.

The Society tries to have many different materials and projects for all to experience. Among the types of work presently in progress are rug hooking; pastels, both chalk and oil; painting with water colors; and counted cross stitch.

The Society is looking for additional projects with leaders for presentation as special programs. If you know of anyone who works in such areas as "huck weaving," "Swedish weaving," china painting, flower

arranging, jewelry, or if you can suggest a possible leader in those and other crafts or arts, call Barb at 429-6696, or April at 429-3861. If you have a craft or art in which you are interested, call about that, too.

In addition to the Wednesday workshops, the business meeting of the Vernonia Society of Arts and Crafts is held on the second Thursday of each month, at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. This is usually preceded by a luncheon get-together at the New Hong Kong at 12:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend either or both of these.

Food for the soul and for thought at Kaleidoscope

"Think Globally, Act Locally," is the topic of former U.S. Rep. Elizabeth Furse, guest speaker at *Kaleidoscope: A Winter Gala*. The benefit gourmet dinner for Columbia County Citizens for Human Dignity, will be held Saturday, January 26, at Buccini Hall, St. Frederic Catholic Church in St. Helens.

The evening of fun and entertainment will feature a multi-

course dinner and entertainment by the Portland Gay Men's Chorus. Proceeds will go to human rights and human dignity programs in Columbia County, as well as support CC-CHD programs and services.

Tickets, \$25 per person, can be purchased at the St. Helens Bookshop in St. Helens, at All About Mail in Scappoose, and at the Rural Organizing Project

office, 33421 SW Maple Street in Scappoose.

This year's dinner will feature Italian food prepared by volunteers from Scappoose and St. Helens high schools and caterers Leslie Ramsdell, Pam Curnutt and Gary Heide. Catering students will serve.

For more information, call Marci Westerling, Rural Organizing Project at 503-543-8417

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Community Calendar

| JANUARY | | | | | | | FEBRUARY | | | | | | | MARCH | | | | | | | APRIL | | | | | | |
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VERNONIA

- Alcoholics Anonymous Mondays 6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Saturdays 7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
- American Legion Post #119 2nd Thursday 627 Adams Ave./ 503-429-4000
- Arts & Crafts Society 2nd Thursday 2:00 p.m., City Library
- 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., Leonetti's Grill
- Chamber of Commerce 2nd Wednesday Noon, Lew's Place
- Cub Scout Pack 201 Scout Cabin For Info Call 503-429-0188
- Doll Club 4th Tuesday 1:00 p.m., Senior Center
- Friends of the Library 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library
- Izaak Walton League 3rd Thursday For location call 503-429-7193
- Lions Club 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Lew's Place
- Nehalem Valley Car Club For Info Call 503-429-4074
- Preschool Story Hour Mondays 10:30 a.m., City Library
- T.O.P.S. Wednesdays 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church
- 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 7:00 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 Monday 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
- Vern. Volunteer Ambulance Assoc. 1st Thursday 7:00 p.m., Fire Station
- 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 Business Mtg. 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
- M-BRFPD Board Workshop 4th Tuesday 7:00 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
- T.O.P.S. Sundays 7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station

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 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.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
- T.O.P.S. Wednesdays 7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.
- 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 Monday 7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
- County Parks Commission 3rd Monday 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

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.