

## No tax return? Check mailing address on your form

Thousands of tax year 2001 refunds have been returned to the Oregon Department of Revenue because of incorrect mailing addresses.

"Most of the refunds that come back to us are for taxpayers who moved after filing their returns," explained Joan Linn, manager of the department's Tax Services Unit. "If they didn't give us a new address or leave a forwarding address with the postal service, it's likely that they did not get their refund."

The department encourages

taxpayers to update their addresses with the department when they move. "Address updates are important year around, not just during tax season," Linn said. "We send refunds, notices and other information throughout the year."

If a new address is not available, the department adds the taxpayer's name to the list of unclaimed refunds on its Web site ([www.dor.state.or.us](http://www.dor.state.or.us)).

To make an address change, taxpayers may use a change-of-address form, available on

the department's Web site, or may call 503-378-4988 or 1-800-356-4222. Spanish speakers may call 503-945-8618. For TTY (hearing or speech impaired only), the toll-free number within Oregon is 1-800-886-7204. The TTY number is answered by machine only; a representative will return the call.

## Meetings will discuss Sheriff's budget

A citizens advisory group has been meeting to discuss the budget problems facing the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. The committee, composed of citizens from throughout Columbia County, has scheduled meetings throughout county to allow citizen input from each area. The purpose of the meetings is to share information and ideas with citizens. When the committee completes its work, it will make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on what action to take.

## City seeking applicants for council

The City of Vernonia is taking applications for a vacancy on the City Council. This is a volunteer position with a minimum of two night meetings each month, usually more. The term of the vacancy will expire at the end of 2002.

Qualified applicants must be registered voters who have lived inside the city limits for at

least one year. Council will interview all candidates during the July 8 council meeting.

Additional information may be obtained at City Hall during regular office hours, or by calling Janelle at 503-429-9410. Applications will be accepted through July 5.

All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the following locations and dates:

- June 13, Claskanie City Hall
  - June 18, Scappoose Council Chambers
  - June 27, Rainier City Hall, 3rd Floor
  - July 10, Vernonia City Hall
  - July 16, Columbia City Community Hall
  - July 18, Mist/Birkenfeld Fire Station
  - July 25, St. Helens, CCSO Training Room
- Anyone interested should attend.

## Little Cheerleader Clinic

VHS Gym 10 AM-Noon  
June 25, 27, July 2, 4



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# Community Calendar

JUNE							JULY							AUGUST								
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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	1st 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	4th Saturday	10:30 a.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.