

## Election equipment certification test

The Public Certification Test of the counting equipment for the Special Election to be held January 28, 2003 will be held on Friday, January 17, 2003.

The testing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the County Elections Department. The public is welcome to attend.

Dropsites for the election will be as follows:

Rainier Library: Jan. 13-27 during Library hours; Jan. 28, 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Clatskanie Library: Jan. 13-27 during Library hours; Jan. 28, 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Scappoose Library: Jan. 13-27 during Library hours; Jan. 28, 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Vernonia Library: Jan. 13-27 during Library hours; Jan. 28, 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.

County Courthouse Elections Department: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday; Election Day, Jan. 28, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## CRPUD earns Fair Supporter award

In recognition of exceptional efforts, the Columbia River PUD received the "Local Fair Supporter Award," on Sunday, January 12, at the Oregon Fairs Association Annual Convention at the Doubletree Jantzen Beach. The Columbia County Fair Board and the Columbia River PUD will both attend the presentation.

Following are some of the contributions made by Columbia River PUD and their employees since 1998:

- Adopted the Pavilion, an

11,500 square foot building, which holds over 700 people at a sit down dinner.

- Shut down their business for an entire day and the employees worked on cleaning, repairing and repainting the Pavilion.

- Installed a \$40,000 stainless steel commercial kitchen.

- Replaced all the old bathroom fixtures with new fixtures.

- Donated labor and project supervision to install area lights down the fairground's main street.

- Provided funding assistance for a fairgrounds lighting retrofit project.

- PUD employees have served as Fair Board members almost continually since 1985.

- Each year, before the County Fair, PUD employees and the PUD's Community Involvement Team make repairs needed on the Pavilion, move heavy display cases out of storage into the Exhibit Hall, clean the display cases, repaint the outside vendor booths, scrub

the floors inside the Pavilion, clean the bathrooms, help with landscaping, print the updated daily Fair schedules, print forms for the "Meet-Me" Center which allow parents and children to identify themselves in case someone is lost during the Fair, financially sponsor the Junior Rodeo at the Fair, set poles for the logging show and exhibitions and hang signage around the county about the fair.

- During the Fair, PUD employees volunteer all week, picking up manure at the barns; staffing the information booth; and working behind the scenes at the Junior Rodeo.

- When the Fair ends, PUD volunteers help clean up and put things back into storage.

### Mental Health meeting

Columbia County Mental Health Advisory Committee will meet January 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the Columbia County Courthouse Extension Meeting Room.

## Creative Impulse Espresso Bar & Deli

HOT, ICED & BLENDED DRINKS & TEA  
PASTRIES • MUFFINS • COOKIES • BAGELS  
SOUPS • CHILI • CHILI DOGS

Tanning by Appt. or Walk-in  
Nails by Appointment

WINTER HOURS:

Mon 5a-1p • Tu-F 5a-3p • Sa 7a-4p • Su 8a-1p • Deli open 11a  
854 BRIDGE ST., VERNONIA • 503-429-9011

## Buds & Blooms Florist and Gifts

✿ Weddings  
✿ Everyday Arrangements  
✿ Wire Service  
✿ Gifts & Plants

503-429-9273  
859 Bridge St., Vernonia

# Community Calendar

JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

### 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
CPO 14	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., Schlegel Hall
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
Women's Aglow	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library

### 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.
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.