

## 7th Annual Columbia County 2003 Job & Career Fair

March 19 • 1-4 p.m.

500 N. Columbia River Hwy., Suites 300 & 320, St. Helens

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Management & Training Corporation  
and the  
Oregon Employment Department

### Job Seekers should...

- Bring Resumés
- Be "Interview Ready" in dress and appearance
- Enter for chance to win a fantastic door prize
- Come network with a variety of employers

*"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act but a habit."...Aristotle*

### Free Workshops

"Get going and get hired," 1:30 PM, by Dr. Leonard Mees  
"How to survive in hard times," 3 PM, by Cecilia Hack

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## Special event to initiate bridge project

A special event celebrating the start of the Lewis and Clark Bridge deck replacement project is scheduled for 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 10, at the Port of Longview.

In addition to speakers from both sides of the Columbia River, the event will feature interactive displays and light refreshments. Attendees will have time to socialize and view the displays until 3:30, at which time the program will begin.

Speakers will include Washington State Department of Transportation Secretary Doug MacDonald and Southwest Region Administrator Don Wagner, Oregon Department of Transportation Regional Director Kay Van Sickle and Rainier business owner and Port of Longview Commission President Larry Larson.

The cooperative nature of the project involving Washington and Oregon, Longview, Kelso and Rainier, will be highlighted. Other topics will include the emergency medical heli-

copter transport service, the project's closure schedule, the communications plan, the economic benefits of the project to the Longview, Kelso and Rainier areas and a request from Rainier business owners to their Longview customers to keep visiting their side of the bridge during construction. The

project's contractor, Max J. Kune Company of Spokane, will also be introduced.

For more information, call 1-360-442-1341. Regular updates on the status of the deck replacement project will be available by calling 1-866-427-4630, or at <www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/lewisclarkbridge>

## Charter schools are Chamber topic; B-V trail cleanup day set for March 22

If you want to know more about how Charter schools work in Oregon, you are invited to attend the Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce meeting Wednesday, March 12 at noon, at Lew's Place. A guest speaker will discuss Oregon's regulations and how they differ from other states.

The chamber has planned a cleanup day on the Banks-Vernonia Linear Trail for Saturday, March 22. The Chamber is adopting four miles of trail, from Anderson Park south. At this time, equipment needed in-

cludes gloves, shovels, leaf blowers, trash bags, rakes, brooms and picker-uppers. Wheelbarrows and wheeled trash cans will be very helpful, too.

Assignments will be handed out at Anderson Park, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The public is welcome to attend Chamber meetings and events. The no-host luncheon meetings are held in the banquet room at Lew's. Meetings start at 12 Noon and are usually over by 1:15 p.m. so members can return to work.

# Community Calendar

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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., Scout Cabin
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
Hands On Art Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
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
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
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call 429-2401	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.