

Business Notes

Extension offers classes on new options for taxes on forest land

The property tax options available for forest landowners are changing in 2004, notes OSU Extension forester, Chal Landgren. To assist forestland owners wishing additional information, local class sessions have been scheduled as follows:

- January 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the OSU Extension Conference Room, 505 N. Columbia River Hwy., St. Helens.

- January 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the basement of the Clatskanie Senior Center (Flippen House), 620 Tichenor Street.

- February 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Council Room at Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street.

Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of Columbia County Small Woodland Association.

Instructors for the classes will be OSU Extension forester, Chal Landgren, and Paul Nys, local forest landowner. The classes are co-sponsored by OSU Extension and the Columbia County Small Woodlands Association.

For further information, call the Columbia County OSU Extension office at 503-397-3462. Pre-registration for any of the classes is appreciated.

Food Handlers Class scheduled

A Food Handler's Class will be held Friday, January 16, at 3:15 p.m. in the Vernonia Head Start building, 500 California Avenue.

A test will be given, based on information in the Food Handler's booklet, which is available at the Vernonia Public Library. It may also be purchased

Vernonia Chamber of Commerce prepares for challenging year

Officers will be elected at the first meeting of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce for 2004, at noon on Wednesday, January 14, at the Buckhorn Cafe.

Also on the agenda will be selecting meeting dates to include evening and/or early morning meetings, in order to accommodate those members who cannot attend midday meetings.

Following up on the Economic Development Town Hall hosted by the City of Vernonia, members will discuss how the Chamber can be most effective in helping and promoting local businesses, especially during the scheduled Hwy. 47 work.

Decisions made at this meeting will have an impact on local business and all interested people are urged to attend.

Columbia County Commission meets

The first meeting in 2004 of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners will be Monday, January 5, at 10 a.m.

The meeting will be held in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Room 308, Columbia County Courthouse, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens.

Meeting Jan. 21 on illegal dumping

There will be a public meeting of the Columbia County Reduce Illegal Dumping (RID) Task Force on Wednesday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Roads-Parks conference room, 1054 Oregon Street in St. Helens.

County Parks panel schedules meeting

There will be a public meeting of the Columbia County Parks Advisory Commission on Thursday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Columbia County Parks Department office, 1054 Oregon Street in St. Helens.

This is a different week due to the New Year's Holiday. Regular meetings will resume in February.

Community Calendar

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH						
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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.
Home Extension Club	3rd Thursday	10:30 a.m., Christian Church
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
Pioneer Museum		For Info Call 503-429-8134
Preschool Story Hour	Mondays	10:30 a.m., City Library
Upper Nehalem C.P.A.C.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
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 Garden Group	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., Pioneer Museum
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	3rd 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 Drill	1st & 2nd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Fire Drill	1st & 2nd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Helping Circle	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B SAR Drill	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Volunteer Assoc.	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall
T.O.P.S.	Mondays	6:00 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 Fire District #13	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13
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.
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
Columbia Soil & Water District	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., NRCS , 2514 Sykes
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.
Mental Health Advisory Comm.	3rd Tuesday	10 a.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
Comm. on Children & Families	3rd Thursday	5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 550 N. Hwy. 30
Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm.	2nd Tuesday	3:00 p.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse

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.