

Columbia Co. Parks meeting date changed

The Columbia County Parks Advisory Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on May 6, has been changed to Thursday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public. It will be held at the Columbia County Parks Department office, 1054 Oregon St., St. Helens.

Food Drive May 8

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employment rates in the state, and oftentimes food budgets shrink as money is needed for other essential items," said Tracie Smith, Executive Director of the Columbia Pacific Food Bank. Most needed foods include canned tuna, peanut butter, soups, stews, chili, canned fruits and vegetables, boxed rice and pasta meals, beans, rice and pasta.

For further information, call 503-397-9708.

Measure 34-77

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to place Measure 34-77 on the May 18th ballot for voter consideration. Funds from this 5 year property tax levy could only be used for library operations such as staff, books, materials, and utilities.

If Measure 34-77 does not pass, or if it passes, but the May 18th election does not have at least 50 percent voter turnout, further reductions in li-

brary services would begin in July 2004. These would likely include reductions in library operating hours, staffing levels, purchase of books and other materials, and elimination of some existing library programs and services.

Without additional resources, countywide funding would be about equal to what it was four years. The levy is a property tax rate of 26¢ per \$1000 of assessed valuation, which would add \$43 to a typi-

cal homeowner's tax bill in 2004. This assumes an average home assessment (not market value) of \$165,000.

Additional information on Measure 34-77 is available at local libraries, or visit www.WILInet.wccls.lib.or.us.

Vernonia Justice Court

Due to a change in computer systems at the court, no court report is available for this issue. The court report should be available by the next issue.

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