

SWCD offering workshops for small landowners

Have you had the good fortune to buy a place on a creek and are wondering how to care for your stream and improve it for livestock and fish? Are you raising horses and wondering why you have to buy more feed each year as your land's productivity declines? Do you know if the beautiful plant you just received from a nursery across the country might be on the state's noxious weed list?

The "Living on the Land" series of workshops answers these and many other ques-

tions facing today's small landowners. Upcoming workshops sponsored by the Columbia County Soil & Water Conservation District (CSWCD), include the following:

Water workshop on May 6, 7-9:00 p.m., covers Water Quality, SB1010, Water Rights & Law, and Conservation Planning.

Land workshop on May 13, 7-9:00 p.m., will cover Pasture & Grazing, Weeds, Soil Erosion, Organic Farming and NRCS Programs.

Animal workshop on May 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., will include Equine, Livestock, Mud/Manure Management, Animal Health and Pasture Management. This workshop includes a tour (1-3:00 p.m.) of a successful equine ranch using Best Practices for raising healthy horses.

All workshops will be held at the OSU Extension office. Space is limited, please call the Columbia SWCD at 503-397-4555, ext. 100 to participate.

Ballot drop sites

Ballot drop sites for the May 18 election for voters who do not mail their ballots will be as follows:

- Vernonia Library during regular hours, and noon to 8:00 p.m. on May 18.
- Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Dist. Main Station during regular office hours, and noon to 8:00 p.m. on May 18.

Get acquainted meeting slated by supporters of Sen. John Kerry

The public is invited to learn more about presidential candidate John F. Kerry at meetings scheduled May 11 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in Scappoose and Vernonia. There will be a brief video of Sen. Kerry's background, as well as the opportunity to ask questions about his proposed policies and issues.

The meeting in Vernonia will be held in the Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park (901 Park Drive). The Scappoose meeting will be in the Scappoose School District board room at 33589 SE High School Way. These meetings are sponsored by Columbia County for Kerry Crew, a non-partisan organization.

Classes offered on how to build your own website

Two website-building classes will be offered by the City of Vernonia in May. The first, an HTML class on May 8 will be held in the Washington Grade School (WGS) library from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The second class offered will be Frontpage 2002, on May 15 in the WGS library from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Vernonia is able to offer these classes for \$37.50 each as part of its marketing grant program. The classes will be taught by instructors from the Columbia Learning Center in St. Helens. Textbooks can be purchased at class for \$30 each or can be rented for \$5 for both classes.

Contact Kate Conley at 503-429-5291 or Donna Webb at 503-429-5201 for more information or to sign up.



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Community Calendar

MAY							JUNE							JULY						
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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 Info call 503-429-1414
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Community PTA	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., WGS Library
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., Senior Center
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	6:00 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., Fire District Office
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.