

Business Notes

Event for L&C Bridge project completion

Major construction on the Lewis and Clark Bridge (Longview/Rainier Bridge) deck replacement project will be completed this month, announced the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

To help celebrate, WSDOT and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will host a special event at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15 at Riverfront Park in Rainier. The event is open to the public and will feature speakers from both states including WSDOT Secretary Doug MacDonald, ODOT Region 1 Area Manager Charlie Sciscione, Rainier Mayor Jerry Cole and Port of Rainier businessman Larry Larson.

The brief speeches will highlight both the challenges faced

and the innovative techniques used to design and build the project. A short video showing an actual deck panel replacement on the bridge will be available for viewing throughout the event, and information about various aspects of the project will be on display.

Commemorative boxes containing concrete from the original bridge deck, first built in 1930, will be given out to the first 100 event attendees. State highway maps from Oregon and Washington, balloons for the kids and other goodies also will be available.

Construction on the project began in January 2003, and will be functionally complete in June – six months ahead of schedule. The last night of single lane closures won't be known for certain until about a week ahead of time, but is esti-

mated to be in mid-June.

The project replaced the bridge's 103 concrete deck panels, replaced the existing 3-foot wide sidewalks with 5-foot wide shoulders, smoothed out the dip on the Oregon side of the bridge, widened the Washington approach, improved lighting and guardrails and improved the bridge's ability to withstand an earthquake. This project will extend the life of the 74-year-old bridge by another 25 years.

For more information, visit the Web page: <<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/lewisclarkbridge>>.

Bridge, culvert repairs will close Glencoe and Gales Creek roads

Glencoe Road will be closed between Evergreen and Scotch Church roads from June 14 through June 18 for bridge repairs, which will include grinding down the existing pavement surface and repaving.

The Washington County Department of Land Use and Transportation advises motorists to use alternate routes, such as Jackson School Road for cars and Shute Road for trucks.

Gales Creek Road will also be closed, between David Hill and Roderick roads, from June

14 through June 24 for culvert replacement.

Motorists are advised to use alternate routes, such as Highways 6 and 47.

Several bridges and culverts are scheduled for repairs or replacement this year, with each one requiring a road closure. Roads that will be affected include Conzelman, Meacham, Mountindale, Minter Bridge, Pongratz, South, Courtney, Lodge, Norwood, Strassel, Woolen, and Zion Church roads.

Check the county's web site for updated road closure information: <www.co.washington.or.us/roadwork>.

For more information about these projects, call (503) 846-ROAD (503-846-7623) or e-mail <lutops@co.washington.or.us>.

More hands are needed to put on a great 2004 Vernonia Friendship Jamboree

Please attend June 10, 6:30 p.m. at Leonetti's Pizza and June 24, 6:30 p.m. at the Buckhorn Restaurant

Community Calendar

JUNE							JULY							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.