

Vintage cars visit Pioneer Museum

Time seemed to stand still as a group of Studebakers appeared in Vernonia on Saturday, July 10. Members of the NW Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club cruised to the Vernonia Pioneer Museum then lunched at Shay Park. Eleven of the 15 to 20

Studebaker owners, made the trip from Portland to visit Vernonia. Represented were Studebakers from the 1930s through the 1960s.

For more information about the club, visit their website at <www.sdc-nw.org>.



Carla Weber, right, drove her 1937 Studebaker to Vernonia, along with 10 other classic cars belonging to members of a Studebaker Drivers Club. Accompanying Weber was Bonnie Perry.

Dramatic increase in losses due to wildfires

The threat to life and communities, as well as structural losses, due to wildfires has increased dramatically over the last 10 years cautions Krista K. Fischer, executive director of the Insurance Information Service of Oregon & Idaho (IISOI). In Oregon, from 1996 to 2003 reported structure fire loss in areas not protected by fire departments exceeded \$8 million.

"Fire loss is responsible for 35% of all insured homeowner property claims," says Fischer. "That's why the IISOI encourages you to be active in your local community wildfire risk reduction efforts all year long to help you make sure YOUR home is wildfire ready."

With little, if any, cost a homeowner can:

- Keep needles and leaves from your home's roof and rain gutters. Needles and leaves in your gutter can ignite easily and quickly spread fire to your

home.

- Rake and remove flammable debris such as dead grass, pine or fir needles from around your home and out buildings.

- Keep flammable materials away from wooden decks or walkways, clean between the cracks of your walkway. Fire has been known to slowly burn the length of a deck or porch to ignite a home.

- Store firewood at least 30 feet away from your home. Woodpiles can cause a very intense fire.

- If you have a wooden fence attached to your house, consider replacing with non-combustible fencing material. A wooden fence can act as a wick and start your house on fire.

- Replace flammable deck furniture with non-combustible furniture.

- Cover vents (roof or foundation) with a fine mesh screen (1/8 inch or less) to prevent sparks or embers from being

blown in or under your home.

- Keep flammable materials away from any propane, oil or fuel tanks.

All in Oregon share in the responsibility to lessen the likelihood of damage from wildfire. A home that is wildfire ready has the greatest chance of surviving.

For a free brochure on how to "Protect Your Home from Wildfire" or other related materials, contact the IISOI at 503-241-1757 or toll free at 800-457-8713 or visit us on the web at <www.insuranceoregon.org>.

Sewer rate increase will be presented

The City of Vernonia will present information about the waste water treatment upgrade and sewer rate increase on Monday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the beginning of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at City Hall.

Community Calendar

JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER						
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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.