

Transfer station remains open...for now

The Vernonia City Council chamber was packed, September 7, because of a proposal by Waste Management that the Vernonia Transfer Station be closed on October 31.

Dan Wilson, of Waste Management, presented the company's decision to close the transfer station as a financial one and said that Waste Management was losing \$1,000 every day the transfer station is open. (The transfer station is open two days per month.)

audience questioned the accounting because the transfer station does not count vehicles or give receipts, it was explained that the figure came from the amount Waste Management pays (tonnage fees) to dispose of the refuse.

The numbers indicated that transfer station rates would have to increase between \$10 and \$19 in order for Waste Management to make money. Curbside garbage service will not be affected and recycling service will still be provided re-

gardless of what happens with the transfer stations.

After discussion, Waste Management agreed to keep running the transfer station until November 30, while discussions continue with the City to determine who will run the transfer station starting December 1.

In other business:

- A public hearing on vacation of part of Oklahoma was rescheduled for October 4 at 7:00 p.m.

- A Town Hall meeting was scheduled for September 20 at 7:00 p.m. (the beginning of the next Council meeting) to discuss the Learning Center curriculum.

United Way starts 2004-05 Campaign

The 2004-04 Columbia County United Way Campaign will get underway with the annual Kick-Off Lunch on September 24. Lunch will be at the St. Helens Elks Club, 350 Belton Road, noon until 1:00 p.m.

Participants will enjoy a buffet lunch, speakers and a silent auction consisting of several fun packages. The most unusual package will be "ride a barge" at its launch in the Willamette River and then to be treated to a helicopter ride to Portland and limousine ride to the launch reception.

RSVP to Chris Kaleta at 503-397-3707 or <uwcc@mpcu.net>.

Armstrong World Industries, Boise Paper Solutions, Dyno-

Nobel, and Georgia Pacific are hosting the kick-off lunch.

Delegate to talk of electoral college

Jeff Grossman, of the Washington County Republican Party, will speak on the history and mechanics of the Electoral College and various presidential elections, September 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Loo Witt Room at St. Helens High School.

Grossman, a delegate to the 2000 and 2004 Republican National Conventions, is co-chair of the Oregon Republican Party Second Amendment Committee and chair of the state Bylaws Committee. He is also one of the seven Republican Electors for the 2004 Presidential election.

The lecture is sponsored by the Columbia County Republican Party. For more information, contact Janice Yauney at 503-543-6271.



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Recruitment committee meeting scheduled

A special meeting of the committee working on recruitment of a new city administrator for Vernonia, will be held

Monday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street. This is a public meeting.

Community Calendar

SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER						
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VERNONIA				MIST-BIRKENFELD				
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m.,	Head Start Bldg.	M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.,	Main Fire Station	
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m.,	Head Start Bldg.	M-BRFPD Board Workshop	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m.,	Main Fire Station	
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	627 Adams Ave./	503-429-4000	M-B Ambulance Drill	1st & 2nd Thursdays	7:00 p.m.,	Main Fire Station	
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m.,	City Library	M-B Fire Drill	1st & 2nd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.,	Main Fire Station	
Booster Club	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.,	VHS Library	M-B Helping Circle	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.,	Main Fire Station	
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.,	Scout Cabin	M-B SAR Drill	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.,	Main Fire Station	
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.,	LDS Church	M-B Volunteer Assoc.	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m.,	Main Fire Station	
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m.,	Leonetti's Grill	Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m.,	Natal Grange Hall	
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	Noon,	Lew's Place	T.O.P.S.	Mondays	6:00 p.m.,	Main Fire Station	
Cub Scout Pack 201	Scout Cabin	For Info Call	503-429-0188	Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call	429-2401	7:00 p.m.,	Main Fire Station
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 Hall					
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					

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