

Kerry supporter talks with veterans



Jim Rassmann

Florence veteran Jim Rassmann, who was an Army Special Forces officer and credits former Navy Lieut. John Kerry with saving his life in 1969 by turning a boat around and pulling him out of a river in Vietnam, took a break from his new life in the national spotlight to visit with veterans in five Oregon towns last week.

According to Rassmann, until recently a registered Repub-

lican who supports Kerry's presidential bid, our nation needs a new commander-in-chief who will be honest with the American people and provide strong, effective leadership at home and around the world.

"George Bush had an opportunity after 9/11 to bring not only the American people together, but the rest of the world as well," said Rassmann. "He didn't just squander it, he trashed it. We've got the wrong man at the top and we've got to get him out of there."

Prominently featured during Rassmann's conversation with local veterans was the war in Iraq. Rassmann contends that the situation in Iraq would have been different with a more competent and effective leader at the helm.

Veterans interested in becoming active in Veterans for Kerry can e-mail <veterans@carryoregon.com> or call 503-239-6001.

Honda products for all purposes

Forest Grove Honda has Hondas, Hondas, and more Hondas. They have motorcycles for street or dirt, ATVs, generators – including the new extremely lightweight, portable, fuel-efficient and super quiet inverter generators, lawn mowers, tillers, trimmers, and all related accessories...all by Honda.

Started by Ron Quay and his brother in 1972, the business is now operated by Ron's son, Ken, who has been working at the store since graduating from high school. He and his staff of six have about 60 years of combined experience at Forest Grove Honda. One employee, Mike Olmstead, has been there for 22 years. They "plan to continue providing good service to the community and to keep the prices down as much as possible," said Quay.

"We want to make buying fun, we are in a recreational



The competent and friendly staff at Forest Grove Honda include, from left to right, Jon Mulla, Ken Quay, Craig Christensen, Chris Barackman, and Mike Olmstead.

market and it should be fun," he said. They seem to be accomplishing that goal with an atmosphere that is friendly and relaxed.

Because Quay's hobby is meteorology, the store also has a full line of weather instruments by Davis and Maximum.

Forest Grove Honda is located at 3619 Pacific Avenue in Forest Grove. They can be called at 503-357-7300 or 877-500-7300. Their web site is <www.fghonda.com>. A small store offering a large inventory, Forest Grove Honda is worth a visit.

Community Calendar

OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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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 Avenue
 Arts & Crafts Society 2nd Thursday 2:00 p.m., City Library
 Booster Club 2nd Wednesday 7:00 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, Buckhorn Restaurant
 Community Coalition 2nd Monday 12:30 p.m. School District Ofc.
 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., Buckhorn Restaurant
 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 & 3rd Thursdays 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
 M-BRFPD Board Workshop 4th Tuesday
 M-B Ambulance Drill 1st & 2nd Thursdays
 M-B Fire Drill 1st & 2nd Wednesdays
 M-B Helping Circle 2nd Monday
 M-B SAR Drill 3rd Wednesday
 M-B Volunteer Assoc. 1st Tuesday
 Natal Grange 2nd Wednesday
 T.O.P.S. Mondays
 Upr Nehalem Watershed Council For date call 429-2401

7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
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BANKS

Alcoholics Anonymous Fridays
 Banks City Council 2nd Tuesday
 Banks Fire District #13 2nd Wednesday
 Banks Planning Commission Last Tuesday
 Banks School Board 2nd Monday
 Banks Youth Group Sundays, Wednesdays
 Chamber of Commerce 1st Thursday
 CPO 14 3rd Monday
 Friends of the Library 2nd Tuesday
 Lions Club 1st & 3rd Mondays
 Sunset Park Assoc. 3rd Wednesday
 T.O.P.S. Wednesdays
 Women's Aglow 2nd Thursday

8:00 p.m., Methodist Church
 7:30 p.m., City Hall
 7:00 p.m., Station 13
 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
 7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
 12:30 p.m., Fire District Office
 7:00 p.m., City Library
 7:00 p.m., City Library
 7:00 p.m., Schlegel Hall
 8:00 p.m., Gun Club
 7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.
 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.