

Vernonia tree lighting, truck parade and more, set for Saturday, Dec. 4th

The Vernonia Community Christmas Tree lighting will be on Saturday, December 4, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. There will be hot chocolate and cookies, and Santa will be visiting.

At 6:00 p.m. a Lighted Truck Parade will begin at City Hall and finish by Washington Grade School. Trucks decorated with Christmas lights for the parade should assemble at 5:30 p.m. For more information

about the parade, call Heidi at 503-429-2787.

Many downtown business will hold open house following the Christmas Tree lighting and Truck Parade. Grey Dawn Gallery will be open until 9:00 p.m. with their winter show, and many other businesses will be open until at least 8:00 p.m.

It will be a good night to get into the holiday spirit and even get some early shopping done.



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Holiday Bucks offer chance at gift cards

Vernonia "Holiday Bucks", a program to encourage people to shop locally, will start on Friday, November 26, for this holiday season. Holiday Bucks cards will be available at all participating merchants between November 26 and December 22. Look for the snowflake design with "Holiday Bucks" on it, in the windows of participating businesses.

Merchants will stamp shoppers' Holiday Bucks card for each \$5.00 purchased (10 stamps to a card). When a card is filled up, the customer will put their name and phone number in the space provided, drop off the card at any participating business, and pick up a new Holiday Buck card.

The filled cards will be included in drawings, on December 4, 11 and 18, for \$25.00 gift cards redeemable at any participating business. The grand prize drawing on December 23 will be for gift cards worth \$100,

\$75 and \$50. Customers must be at least 18 years of age to be eligible to participate. Gift

cards won in the drawings must be redeemed by February 14, 2005.

Help needed for holiday food boxes

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to help in the collection and storage of hams and turkeys purchased at the check stand. Customers will also find Saver Shield receptacles at each check stand to help offset the purchase price.

Each Saturday until Christmas, volunteers will be at the Vernonia Providence parking lot to accept donations from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Other food and cash donations are also needed to round out the Christmas food boxes. Vernonia Cares is able to purchase food items at 14 cents per pound from Columbia Pacific Food Bank which is the direct supplier of the Oregon Food Bank. This allows Vernonia Cares to really stretch cash donations. One hundred

percent of food and cash donations stay in Vernonia for distribution to families in the immediate area. For cash donations, please designate in the memo section of your check if it is to be used for the Christmas boxes. Receipts are available and donations are tax deductible.

Jazzercise instructor Penny Costley has announced that she will match turkey donations of any Jazzercise member up to 20 turkeys.

Volunteers working on this project have expressed sincere thanks to all who have come forward with generous donations of turkeys, hams, cash and Saver Shields!

For pick up of any donations in the Vernonia area, call Pat or Bob Stacklie at (503) 429-7563.

Community Calendar

NOVEMBER							DECEMBER							JANUARY						
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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	3rd Thursday	6:30 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

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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.