

Amateur radio examination scheduled in Vernonia, February 10th

An Amateur Radio Examination, including the 5-words-per-minute Morse Code, is scheduled for Thursday, February 10

at 6:30 p.m., in the Vernonia Fire Hall.

There is a non-refundable fee of \$14.00 per examination

effective January 1, an increase of \$2.00 over last year.

To take the exam, bring cash or a check on a local bank, and two forms of identification. This would be a valid drivers license, and a bill or some document with a current address.

Please be prompt because the doors will be locked at 7:00 p.m. and no one will be admitted after that time. The exam should take not more than 2 hours. Results will be provided immediately. A calculator that is non-programmable will be al-

lowed, but will be checked.

The Morse code exam can be administered for those who wish to upgrade.

On your FCC application, a social security number will be required although a FCC FRN number can be used instead, but must be obtained in advance of the examination. The FRN may be applied for on the Universal Licensing System (ULS) website at <wireless.fcc.gov/uls/> and click on CORES/Call Sign Registration.

A free practice examination

will be administered February 3, Thursday, at the Vernonia Fire Hall at 6:30 p.m. The practice exam will use the same types of tests and protocols.

For additional information or questions, call Norm Roberts, KB7CD, at 503-429-2405.

Boating fatalities down

The number of recreational boating fatalities in 2004 was one of the lowest ever, with eight fatalities on the state's waterways. This is despite an average year of boating activity and strong ocean fisheries.

Of the eight fatalities, five victims were not wearing life jackets. "This again demonstrates how effective life jackets are at saving lives," said Paul Donheffner of the Oregon State Marine Board.

For more information about safe boating visit the Marine Board's website at <www.boatoregon.com>.

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DINNER SPECIALS

Served after 4:00 p.m.

Dinners include soup or salad, and garlic bread.

MONDAY - Home style meat loaf with yummy garlic mashed potatoes & gravy - \$7.75

TWO-FER TUESDAY - Two 10 oz. prime rib dinners with baked potato or garlic parmesan fries - \$22.00

WEDNESDAY - All you can eat spaghetti and Italian meatballs with a side salad & garlic toast - \$7.75

THURSDAY - Chicken fried steak, garlic mashed potatoes & creamy gravy - \$8.00

FRIDAY - Pan fried pacific oysters lightly breaded and cooked to perfection with baked potato or fries - \$10.75

SATURDAY - Baked cod fillet stuffed with bay shrimp and cream cheese, covered with garlic cream sauce & dill weed, baked potato or fries - \$10.00

SUNDAY - Super Sunday - 2 top sirloin steak dinners with all the fixings for \$20.00, or - 1/2 chicken smoked with apple chips, served with Cleats special BBQ sauce and baked potato or fries - \$7.75



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Community Calendar

FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL 2005						
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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	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	1st & 3rd Thursdays	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 503-429-3713
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
American Legion Post #90	2nd Tuesdays	7:30 p.m., Main Street Post
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.