

# See rally cars Sunday at Washington Grade School service area

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 enter the front straight for a final time it's a dash to be first across the finish line. The inclusion of the 7:00 p.m. start super special stage evening finale will be a first for the Oregon event and promises to be an exciting spectator attraction. Four shorter stages will kick off the rally action for spectators at PIR starting at 3:00 p.m.

The event continues on Saturday with the start of day two from Hillsboro stadium where a car display (Parc Expose) at 9:00 a.m. will provide the public an opportunity to see the cars and competitors up close and feel the excitement of rally competition. Saturday's special stages sees the event return to the Tillamook area and the gravel roads of the Tillamook State Forest around Trask Park. There will be two free forest spectator locations open to the public to view the competition on the day.

Sunday's competition stages, also free and open to the public, will again be hosted by the city of Vernonia in Columbia County, west of Hillsboro. "The people of Vernonia and Columbia County have been very supportive of our rally event for

a number of years. We are delighted to be able to show our appreciation for their great hospitality through the positive economic impact our event has and our support of the local food bank and grade school," Nagle said. Competitors will

run five challenging special stages around the area, servicing in Vernonia before the event finishes back in Hillsboro.

In between competitive stages the teams return to the service areas for refueling and necessary repairs. The service areas are open to the public and are similar to being in the pits at a circuit track race. Take a walk through the service area and you will see the technicians work on the cars under time restrictions. The top teams can change a transmission and get a car back on the road within 20 minutes.

Spectator guides with directions and maps are available before the event at *The INDEPENDENT* office, McMenamins Cornelius Pass Roadhouse or at the Red Lion Hotel in Hillsboro. Guides will also be available at PIR and at Hillsboro Stadium. A printable version is also available at <[www.OregonTrailRally.com](http://www.OregonTrailRally.com)>.

## What is Rally Racing?

The sport of Rally racing takes place on every continent around the world, attracting more fans than Formula 1, Indy Car or NASCAR. Rally is one of the world's most challenging extreme motorsports. Unlike circuit racing, a Rally takes place on gravel roads, and the course is unknown to competitors until they face the roads at speed.

The cars race against the clock on closed roads, and the team with the lowest total elapsed time at the end of the event is the winner in each class. Racing takes place only on "special stages," using demanding back roads closed by local authorities for the event. "Transits" connect the "special stage" sections together and are driven at normal highway speeds, with teams fully subject to all traffic laws.

Each vehicle carries a driver and a co-driver/navigator. Using a detailed route book or stage notes and a sophisticated rally computer, the co-driver keeps the team on-course and advises the driver of any hazards ahead. This role is as critical as the driver's skill, since the team is traveling at full racing speeds over roads they have never before seen, in any type of weather.

## SWCD workshops cover many topics

Landowner workshops by Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District will begin April 26, with others on May 3, 12 and 19. The first two will be held in the Clatskanie School District Office, 505 Bryant. The next two at Riverside Community Church, 304 3rd St., Rainier. All workshops will begin at 7:00 p.m. and participation is free.

The April 26 workshop will be about Backyard Wildlife, Birds and Bat Houses, Homestead Horticulture, Your Septic System, and Wells and Water Quality. Future workshops will include topics such as Organic Farming, NRCS Programs, Weeds and the Weed Board, Soil Health and Erosion, Water Rights and Water Law, Gutters and Recycling Rain Water, TMDLs, Sheep, Conservation Plans, Mud and Manure, and Vaccination and Parasites in Live stock.

# Community Calendar

APRIL 2005							MAY 2005							JUNE 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	For Info Call 503-429-6081
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	3rd Thursday	1:00 p.m., City Hall
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
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