

“Communication” wanted for 47J head *Put a lid on cooking fires*

47J School Board held a workshop, October 26, for additional public input on the superintendent search criteria.

The meeting agenda also included two items of business. One, “Personnel Action Item – Food Service” was unanimously tabled until the November 10 meeting.

The second item, revising policy to move responsibility for food service to middle school administrators, was approved. Board members Randy Hansen, Cari Levenseller, Angie Taylor, Kim Wallace and Dick Brunsman voted yes; Debbie Brown opposed the change. Board member Tim Titus was not present at this meeting.

The consensus of the public present was that they are glad the board is seeking input. Joanie Jones said she’d like to see the new superintendent have more presence in Mist and the other schools, and that she’s sure the teachers here

would like to see the superintendent walking the halls.

Nate Underwood and Aaron Miller, principals at Middle School and Washington Grade School, respectively, handed out responses to a Staff Superintendent Search Survey. On top of each list was “ability to communicate effectively” and “a leader who asks staff for ideas.”

All board members present stated they would like to see a superintendent who was honest, communicates with everyone and will show respect to others.

Board Chairman Randy Hansen ended the workshop by saying that now that they have had two public workshops, received input from administration and staff, it is time for board members to review everything, think it over, and put it up on a board at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be No-

vember 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the School District office.

Cable cut again

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Warning signs for the cable are on the east side of the trail and the state’s contractor hit the cable while working 1.5-2.5 feet deep on the west side of the trail.

Verizon sent a crew to patch the line shortly after being notified of the break, about 5:00 p.m., Oct. 24. On the morning of Oct. 25, a subcontractor’s crew was sent to make repairs. While working with a fiberoptic “fusion splicer,” the cable broke again, according to Verizon spokesman Kevin Laverty.

Asked about the “redundant” system, Laverty told *The INDEPENDENT* that it is not a separate line. It is, instead, diversity within the fiber cable, with an electronic system that allows switching to another part of the fiberoptic.

Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires. Minimize the risk by following the safety tips below:

Avoid a Cooking Fire

- Always supervise your cooking.
- Keep an eye on oil.
- Keep cooking area clean to avoid grease build-up.
- Keep potholders and towels away from stovetop.
- Turn pot handles toward center of stove.
- Teach children to cook safely.

Extinguishing a Cooking Fire

If the fire is large or appears to be growing, do not attempt to extinguish it! Quickly leave your home and call 9-1-1 from a cell phone or neighbor’s home.

- **Put a Lid on It.** The easiest way to extinguish a small pan

fire is with a lid. Carefully slide a lid from the side of the pan *over* the pan and turn off the burner. The lid will “smother” the fire, while turning off the burner removes the heat. Do not move the pan until the fire is completely extinguished and the pan has cooled.

• **Grease and Water Do No Mix!** Never pour water on a grease fire! The flames will “splash”, resulting in burns to your body and/or catching nearby cabinets and countertops on fire.

• **Baking Soda.** Sprinkle a generous amount of baking soda in the palm of your hand and “toss” it upon the fire. If the fire is not extinguished after several attempts, use a fire extinguisher or leave your home and call 9-1-1. *Never use flour as an extinguisher, as it actually feeds a fire!*

For more safety tips, visit <www.tvfr.com>.

Community Calendar

NOVEMBER 2005							DECEMBER 2005							JANUARY 2006						
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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
CERT	4th Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-6033
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 503-429-8133
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	4:00 p.m., City Hall
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
Venturing Crew 201	1st & 3rd Thursdays	5:30 p.m., Buckhorn Restaurant
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., Brown Derby
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.