

Some types of "pharming" and "phishing" may be very expensive

"Pharming" and "phishing" are terms used to describe the act of cyberspace criminals coaxing secured information from individuals using the Internet by portraying themselves as a well known company. The cyber criminals send email messages to thousands of people hoping to connect with just a few. you

may, for example, receive an email from what appears to be a well known company that reads something like this:

"As the Internet and information technology enable us to expand our services, we are committed to maintaining the trust customers have placed in us for protecting the privacy

and security of information we have about you. In order to protect your information against unauthorized access, identity theft and account fraud we earnestly ask you to update our profile (update your account and credit card information). To get started, please click the link below: (link would be provided here).

"ABC Company (or any well known company) is committed to assist law enforcement with any inquiries related to attempts to misappropriate personal information with the intent to commit fraud or theft. Information will be provided at the request of law enforcement agencies to ensure that perpetrators are prosecuted and the fraudulent site is shut down."

The problem is the link does not take you to the actual company, but a very well disguised replica that is run by a cyber criminal. From the information

you provide on that webpage, cyber criminals can steal your identity or use your credit/debit card. A company with a computer network security breach will not inform their clients over that same network via email or the Internet.

Unless you plan to purchase something on the Internet, your credit card information doesn't really need to be stored. If you want to keep an account current, use phone numbers and sales representatives that you have used in the past. Take the time to call and confirm the issue with the company. It will save you a lot of time and trouble in the future.

"Our members may have received a similar email message from our VISA card company, a company that does not contact our members directly. At Wauna Federal Credit Union, member account security is our number one priority. If you have

concerns about your accounts call us a 800-773-3236 or stop by any of our five branch locations," said Aimee McFadden, Marketing Specialist for Wauna Federal Credit Union.

FTLAC meet in Salem

The Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee (FTLAC) will meet Friday, Jan. 6, to discuss performance measures for Oregon's state-managed forestlands.

The seven member committee represents the 15 counties (including Columbia, Clatsop and Washington) that have state forest land within their boundaries and receive revenue from activities on these lands.

The meeting will be at the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) operations building, 2600 State St., room 101, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. FTLAC meetings are open to the public.



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Community Calendar

JANUARY 2006							FEBRUARY 2006							MARCH 2006						
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VERNONIA			MIST-BIRKENFELD			BANKS			COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)		
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church	Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-BRFPD Board Workshop	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Alcoholics Anonymous	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church	Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	627 Adams Avenue	M-B Ambulance Drill	1st & 2nd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	American Legion Post #90	2nd Tuesdays	7:30 p.m., Main Street Post	Columbia Soil & Water District	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., NRCS, 2514 Sykes
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m., City Library	M-B Fire Drill	1st & 2nd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall	County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
Booster Club	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VHS Library	M-B Helping Circle	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks Fire District #13	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13	County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Scout Cabin	M-B SAR Drill	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall	Mental Health Advisory Comm.	3rd Tuesday	10 a.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church	M-B Volunteer Assoc.	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library	Comm. on Children & Families	3rd Thursday	5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 550 N. Hwy. 30
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., Leonetti's Grill	Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall	Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.	Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm.	2nd Tuesday	3:00 p.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
CERT	4th Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-6033	T.O.P.S.	Mondays	6:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Fire District Office			
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-6081	Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call 429-2401	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	CPO 14	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., City Library			
Community Coalition	2nd Monday	12:30 p.m. School District Ofc.				Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library			
Cub Scout Pack 201	Scout Cabin	For Info Call 503-429-8133				Lions Club	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., Brown Derby			
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center				Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club			
Friends of the Library	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library				T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.			
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									

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.