

Nehalem Valley C-PAC elections set for April 11-12

Columbia County will be holding Citizen Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) elections, for expiring terms.

CPACs provide advice and recommendations to the County Land Use Planning entities, including the Planning Department, the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners. CPAC members serve for two-year terms.

Each CPAC is divided into neighborhoods. Members represent neighborhoods in which

they reside or own property. Residents and/or property owners within the neighborhoods elect their CPAC members. There must be at least five voters from each neighborhood to hold an election for the neighborhood. In order to be eligible to vote you must show either picture identification proving that you live in the CPAC neighborhood where you will cast your ballot; or a tax statement proving that you own property within the neighborhood where

you are voting. You may only vote once in your CPAC area.

CPAC elections will be held at Vernonia City Hall on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. for the Upper Nehalem CPAC, and at the Hemeon residence, 14090 Wallace Road, Mist on Wednesday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. for Mist-Birkenfeld CPAC.

For further information, call Glen Higgins, Chief Planner, or Kevin Provance, Land Use Planner, County Courthouse at 503-397-1501.

Oregon conservation strategy is approved by federal agency

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) officials announced the Oregon Conservation Strategy has been approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The strategy charts a course for the long-term conservation of Oregon's wildlife and enables the state to receive new federal funding for wildlife management and habitat restoration projects. It also identifies

how all Oregonians can become involved through a non-regulatory, statewide approach.

"The Conservation Strategy is critical to preserving our state's native fish and wildlife and their habitats," said Ron Anglin, ODFW Wildlife Division administrator. "This plan takes a proactive approach to conservation...we hope it inspires Oregonians to become involved so we can benefit from localized knowledge and expertise."

The strategy was developed by a coalition of scientists, conservation groups, landowners, extension services, anglers, hunters, and representatives from agriculture, forestry and rangelands.

To learn more about Oregon's Conservation Strategy, visit the ODFW Web site at www.dfw.state.or.us.

Peyton's broad experience is an important factor in appointment

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key ingredients in teaching youth work ethics, interpersonal skills and a feeling of self-worth, according to Adams. He goes on to explain that, "Many youth simply don't excel in the traditional classroom setting. Often, the hands-on, tactile learner can progress rapidly in

an environment of hard work coupled with tangible results and outcomes. The actual conservation projects are almost a bonus compared to the growth we see in the youth," he concluded.

OYCC has sponsored projects in the Vernonia/St. Helens area through the Columbia Riv-

er Youth Corps, St. Helens School District, the Management and Training Corporation, the Port of St. Helens and the City of Vernonia for the past several years. Numerous partnerships with natural resource agencies, groups working on the Lewis and Clark Trail, and others, have enabled OYCC to

serve many more youth than the few state dollars could accommodate. "Maggie's appointment will strengthen an already thriving program in Columbia County and Oregon, an excellent choice," summarized Adams.

Community Calendar

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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 3rd Thursday 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 7:00 p.m., WGS Library
- Vernonia Grange 3rd Monday 7:00 p.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
- Vernonia Transfer Station 2nd & 4th Saturdays 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Behind VHS
- 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 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
- Alcoholics Anonymous Wednesdays 7:30 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.

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.