

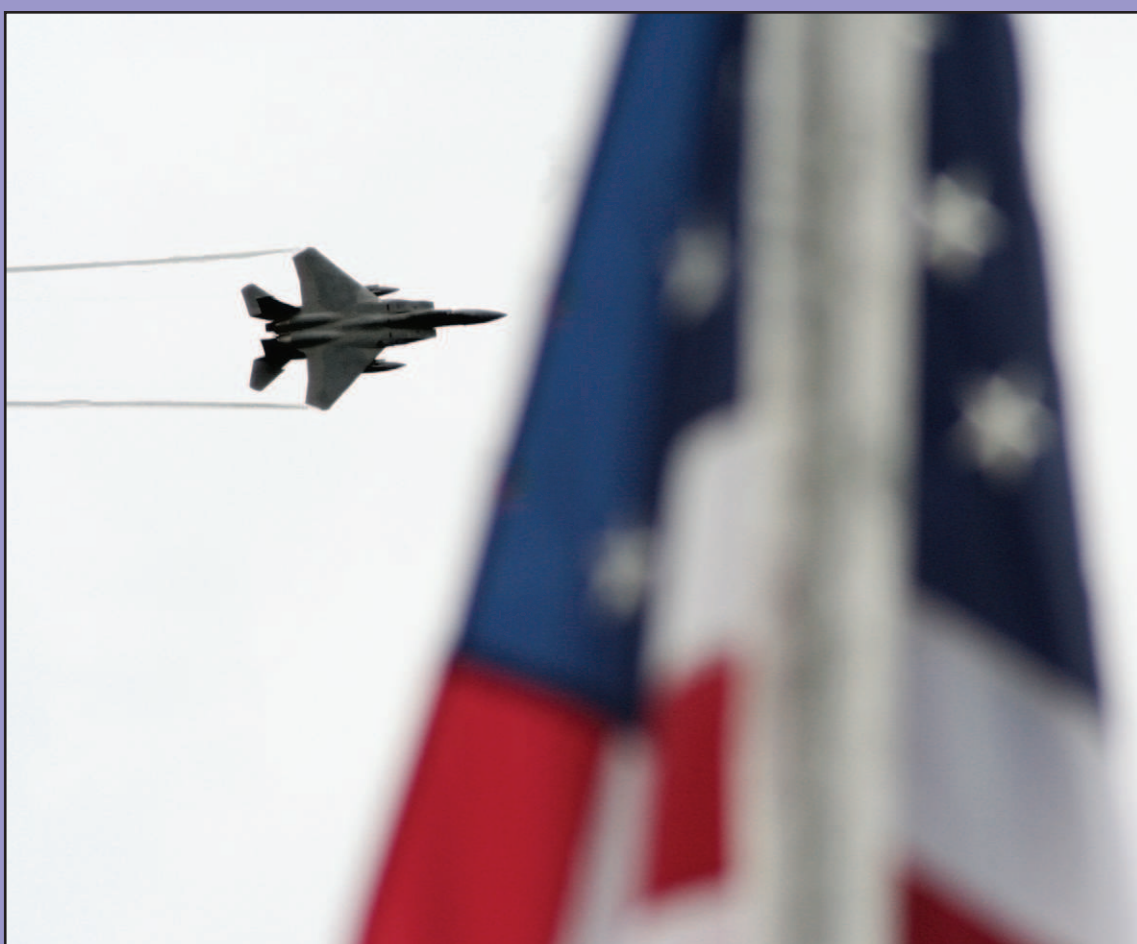
# The INDEPENDENT

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## Lest we forget...



Memorial Day, Vernonia, 2006

## Dorothy Howard chosen for My Fair Lady Court

The 2006 My Fair Lady Court has been announced, with Princess Dorothy Howard representing Vernonia. Howard was born and raised in California and moved to Columbia County 11 years ago. She is married and has nine children and 18 grandchildren. She has worked for the State of Alaska's Department of Military Affairs, for Boeing, for Burkett Photography in Vernonia, and as an aide in the Vernonia School District, helping an autistic child.

Howard volunteers at the Vernonia Senior Center, for the Vernonia Christian Church and formerly volunteered at the women's prison in Wilsonville. She enjoys quilting, knitting, crocheting, gardening, weeding and walking. Howard was nominated for the My Fair Lady court by the Vernonia Senior Center.

The other princesses this year are Betty Bowers of Scappoose, Del Dyer of Clatskanie,

Shirley Kennedy of St. Helens, and Shirley Samples of Rainier.

The My Fair Lady pageant is held during the Columbia County Fair each year to recognize senior women for their outstanding service to our community. The Columbia River PUD organizes the pageant each year in conjunction with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Columbia River Fire and Rescue.

A photo of the full court may be found on Page 9.

## Public can pick honorees for 50th Jamboree

The Vernonia Jamboree Committee is seeking public input on selecting the Golden Pioneer, Grand Marshall and Citizen of the Year for 2006.

Make your choice, write it down on paper and take it to Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge St., put it in the box provided by asking for Joann Glass at the front desk.

Vote for one for Golden Pioneer: Ellen Meyer, Ralph Sturdevant, or the Parker Family's 90 years and older group.

Vote for one for Grand Marshall: Gordon Smith, or Officer Mike Kay.

Vote for one for Citizen of the Year: Bill Yeo, Randy Parrow, George Tice, Mat Workman, or Larry Snethen.

## Trail Day activities at Buxton Trailhead

Trail Day/State Parks Day will be celebrated June 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Buxton Trailhead of the Banks/Vernonia Linear Trail.

The event will include a climbing wall provided by Mazamas Mountaineering

group, free bike safety inspections by Olson's Bicycles, Hands on Displays by Oregon Equestrian Trails, hot dogs, children's events, prizes and nature hikes.

## Still time to apply for 47J board vacancy

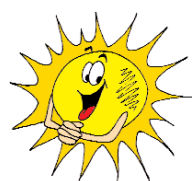
Vernonia School District 47J is still taking applications to fill a vacancy on the school board, caused by Dick Brunsmann's resignation.

Applicants must reside in the district for at least one year before being appointed and must be at least 18 years of age.

Applications are available at the District office at 475 Bridge St., Vernonia.



The Vernonia Cares 3M Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, May 20, didn't draw a huge crowd, but was enjoyed by those who did participate. Pictured above is the start of the three mile run around Vernonia Lake. Look for the Vernonia Cares 10K Bear Creek Run on August 19, 2006.



## June 13 is last school day for Vernonia kids

The last day of school in Vernonia will be June 13.

For a schedule of Lunch and release times for each school please see page 4.

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