

Committee will look at potential for future of Vernonia Airport

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 Mayor Harrison set up a fact-finding committee to look at Vernonia Airport. She appointed Steve Whiteman as chair with members Mike Seager, Randall Henderson, Randy Parrow, and Keith Crimmins. She said, "If there is anyone else who would like to come forward, I will be happy to speak with them." An Airport Partnership Proposal by Tim Bero at the July 3 meeting was referred by Mayor Harrison to the fact-finding committee for review.

Council unanimously agreed to have Harrison and Randy Parrow work towards a memorandum of understanding with RARE to allow Ben Shumaker to come back to work for the City on the codification process.

Council agreed to hold inter-

im city administrator interviews July 5, with three applicants; M.R. "Dick" Kline, Aldie Howard and Jessica Jones. Mr. Kline is the only candidate with prior experience as a city administrator, having held that position in both Cornelius and Ontario.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be July 17, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Council picks Kline for interim leader

Following interviews yesterday with three applicants for the temporary position of interim city administrator, Vernonia City Council agreed to offer a contract to M.R. "Dick" Kline, a retired administrator. The contract offer will be contingent upon the necessary background checks.

Learning Center nearly ready for use

The Vernonia Community Learning Center (VCLC) has been a work in progress in this community for 10+ years. Recognizing each community member who has been a part of this history is important. Michele Kunkel is looking for all and any names of people who have contributed to the process.

The building is in the final days of construction. There will be a celebratory Mayor's Ball with an Open House the following day, dates to be announced soon.

Michele Kunkel is also the contact for development of the organizational governance. As the organizational coach, Michele intends to bring together an effective team with skill sets to streamline the organization and to take pleasure in the flourishing operations and events within this building. Or-

ganizational team recruitment is happening now. Try out and get on the team. An informational meeting will be held this Sunday, July 9, at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

This is an opportunity to bring your forte into a vital and satisfying exchange with others interested in this process. Contact Michele Kunkel (Coach K) with your questions and interest.

Those who team up will partner with the Development of Operations Director to later oversee the Executive Director for the Board. Incorporating as a non-profit organization will be in the initial phase, with application for 501(c)(3) status to follow. The team will be in partnership with Jesse Jones and Michele Kunkel regarding organizational dynamics, program operations, and event coordination, and with the VCLC Building Committee regarding

the building, leading to comprehensive governance in the second phase.

Inquiries for teaching or class/program offerings should be directed to Jesse Jones.

A publication for the learning center, "The CUE" is now available. Contact Jesse Jones or Michele Kunkel at City Hall 1001 Bridge St., Vernonia.

Area homes may be without gas service for two or three days

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 pipelines will be safer and invisible to passersby once they are underground.

There will be brief traffic interruptions in the area and increased truck traffic. Some customers in the area may be without service for two or three days during the project. Those customers are being contacted directly by NW Natural.

Community Calendar

JULY 2006							AUGUST 2006							SEPTEMBER 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
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 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 Learning Center	1st & Last Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Parks Committee	3rd Tuesday	6:30 p.m., City Hall
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	2nd 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

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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.