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These fur coats are warm!



Cattle, in the field behind Hawkins Park, did not seem to mind the snow that fell on Tuesday morning, February 28. Area residents also saw snow fall on February 27.

Vernonia Council sets schedules, hears possible speed limit change

The Vernonia City Council meeting of February 20 was short, just under an hour long, and mostly concerned with calendars:

- The supplemental budget calendar was amended to include a March 19 public hearing, which was made necessary by additional changes.
- The council's goal setting calendar was adopted, including workshops to be held on March 19 and April 16.
- The budget calendar was sent back for re-work after a

Change of meeting date for WOEC

West Oregon Electric Cooperative's March board meeting has been changed from March 20 to March 27.

committee member requested a change and that other committee members be contacted with a proposed calendar.

There was no report from City Administrator Dick Kline, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Chief of Police Mat Workman reported on the possibility of changing the speed limit from 25 to 20 mph in the downtown corridor. Council gave consensus to schedule a town hall-style workshop in April for citizen input on the idea.

The next Vernonia City Council meeting will be March 5, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Meetings set for public review of new linear trail

A Crown-Zellerbach Trail (C-Z Trail) meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park, Vernonia. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the general public to see and discuss the draft plan for the trail. When the trail is completed, it will go from the Columbia slough in Scappoose, to Vernonia Lake.

A Monday, March 12, meeting will also be held in Scappoose, same time and same purpose, at the City of Scappoose Council Chambers.

**Vernonia St. Patrick's Day Parade
Saturday, March 17, 2007, 2 PM**

Time to file for school, fire district openings

Filing is now open for positions on the boards of directors of school and fire districts. The election will be on May 15, 2007. All terms are for a period of four years unless otherwise specified.

Vernonia School District

Position 1, currently held by Angie Rhodes, who was appointed to fill a seat vacated by Angie Taylor. (2 year term). No filing yet.

Position 2, currently held by Randy Hansen, who has indicated that he may not seek another term. No filing yet.

Position 3, currently held by Tim Titus, who has indicated that he may not seek another term. No filing yet.

Position 4, currently held by Ernie Smith, who was appointed to fill a seat vacated by Dick Brunsman. (2 year term). No filing yet.

Position 7, currently held by Tammy Jennings, who was appointed to fill a seat vacated by Debbie Brown. No filing yet.

Banks School District

Position 3, currently held by Duane Lundsten. No filing yet.

Position 5, currently held by Gene Kelly. No filing yet.

Jewell School District

Position 1, currently held by Oly Schockelt. No filing yet

Position 3, currently held by Carrie Thompson. No filing yet

Position 5, currently held by Karl Meier.

Carolyn Eady has filed nomination papers for Position 5.

Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District

Position 1, currently held by Stephen Butsko, who has filed

for another term.

Position 2, currently held by Donna Adams. Adams was appointed to replace Lauren Jacobson, who resigned.

Banks Fire District

Position 3, currently held by Mitch Vandehey, who has indicated he will file for another term.

Position 4, currently held by Mark Schmidlin, who has indicated he will file for another term.

Position 5, recently held by Dick Buchanan, who no longer lives in the district. No filing yet.

Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District

Position 2, currently held by Don Skinner, who will not seek another term. No filing yet.

Position 3, currently held by Don Schulte, who has indicated he will file for another term.

Position 4, currently held by Jeremy Woodall, who has indicated he will file for another term.

How to File

Anyone interested in serving in one of these volunteer positions must file nomination papers with their County Elections office no later than March 15, 2007.

Potential candidates may file in two different ways. Either way, they must complete a *Filing of Candidacy for Special District Nomination* form. They may then choose to pay a \$10.00 fee or, in lieu of a fee, gather at least 25 signatures of registered voters within the boundaries of their School or Fire District, on a *Petition for Special District Nomination* signature form.