

# Special District ballots ready for mailing

Ballots will arrive soon, if they're not already in your mailbox for the May 15, 2007, Special Districts Election. Voters will decide who they want to have on school boards, fire district boards and other special districts.

Most positions have only one candidate, but some, particularly in the Jewell School District, will present choices. A few vacancies may be filled by write-in votes, otherwise the position will be filled by appointment. Here is a round-up of candidates in *The Independent* circulation area.

## Banks School District

Position 3, Duane Ludsten  
Position 5, Gene Kelly and Kathleen Edison

## Vernonia School District

Position 1, Angie Rhodes  
Position 2, NO CANDIDATE  
Position 3, Tim Bamburg

Position 4, Ernest (Ernie) W. Smith  
Position 7, Tammy Jennings

## Jewell School District

Position 1, Gerald L. Coy and Allen Foster  
Position 3, Cathy Rozinek and Tania Skinner  
Position 5, Carolyn Eady and Karl E. Meier

## Portland Community College District

Zone 7, Marilyn McGlasson

## Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District

Position 2, Joel R. Glass and Tim Buchanan  
Position 3, Don Schulte  
Position 4, Jeremy Woodall

## Banks Fire District #13

Position 2, Mitch Vandehey  
Position 4, Mark Schmidlin  
Position 5, Michael W Durham

## Elsie-Vine Maple Rural

## Fire Protection District

Position 1, Rick L. Luttrell  
Position 2, Lisa Clapp  
Position 4, Jobina Lacock

## Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District

Position 1, Stephen Butsko  
Position 2, Donna Adams

## Columbia 9-1-1

**Emergency Communications District**  
Zone 1, Dee Wooley, Clatskanie  
Zone 2, Edmund L Clark, St. Helens;  
Wes McMahan, Rainier;  
Joshua Marks, Columbia City  
Zone 4, Katharine Denckla, Vernonia

## Clatsop County Rural Law Enforcement Dist.

Zone 3, Burr Allegaert, Warrenton  
Zone 4, Dave A. Samuelson, Jewell

# VPD officers honored by peers

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perts in Police Canine, for what is now known as the ACCJT National Canine Standards and Grant Program.

Sgt. Kay also assisted in the development of the ACCJT "Active Shooter Instructor Development Program" which teaches small law enforcement agencies how to effectively respond and stop the threat in an active shooter situation.

Sgt. Kay was also recognized for his work in development and mentoring of departmental instructors from around the Northwest as a Survival Skills instructor, Defensive Tactics instructor and continued development of the National CARES program, which includes a Women's Self-Defense Program.

Sgt. Kay was promoted to Assistant Director of the ACCJT after a vote of the National Council. Sgt. Kay is responsi-

ble for the direct supervision of all ACCJT activities in Washington and Oregon. Director Webb described Sgt. Kay as one of the top law enforcement trainers he has worked with.

Director Webb is a 22-year law enforcement trainer, former director of the Montana Public Safety Academy and is now captain at the Oregon Department of Public Safety Training Academy. Webb is considered a national expert in Law Enforcement Practices, Use of Force and Training.

The American Council on Criminal Justice Training is a national non-profit organization with over 3300 members. They currently provide training and program development for nearly all Oregon law enforcement organizations, plus organizations in Washington, California, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho and Montana.

# Community Calendar

APRIL 2007							MAY 2007							JUNE 2007						
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## VERNONIA

Al-Anon	Fridays	7:00 p.m. Grange Hall
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays & Thursdays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., 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	6:30 p.m., City Hall
CERT	4th Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-3018
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 503-429-4250
Friends of the Library	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library
Girl Scouts, Neighborhood 4-2		For Info Call 503-819-0143
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
Municipal Airport Committee	4th Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Narcotics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Pioneer Museum		For Info Call 503-429-3713
Public Works Committee	4th Tuesday	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 Learning Center	1st Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VLC
Vernonia Parks Committee	3rd Wednesday	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

## 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