

The Columbia County Cultural Coalition (CCCC) has announced that grant applications are now available for projects that address priorities identified in the Columbia County Cultural Plan adopted in 2006.

The CCCC and its Grants Committee includes volunteers from Clatskanie, Rainier, Scappoose, St. Helens and Vernonia. CCCC's mission is to en-

courage projects and activities in the arts, local heritage and the humanities. Priorities in the Cultural Plan are the protection of existing cultural assets, helping young people experience a variety of cultural venues, and increasing access to and participation in cultural events.

The CCCC awarded a total of \$9,800 in grant funds to Columbia County cultural organi-

zations in 2005 and 2006 with funds allocated by the Oregon Cultural Trust (OCT). Established in 2001, the OCT is a public/private partnership that makes annual grants.

Grants will range from \$200 to \$1500; Columbia County's 2007 allocation from OCT will be determined in early July. Applicants must provide matching resources (in-kind or cash) and be either a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, or working with one. The Columbia County Cultural Plan and grant applications are available on the county website, [www.co.columbia.or.us](http://www.co.columbia.or.us); use the Links tab to reach the CCCC. Applications must be postmarked by July 16, 2007, for projects that will be completed between September 2007 and August 2008.

For more information, call Janet Wright at 503-397-1035 or email to [wrightj@co.columbia.or.us](mailto:wrightj@co.columbia.or.us).

## Applications being accepted for electrical apprentice programs

Applications are being accepted from July 9-14, and July 16-21 for the Inside Electrician Program and the Limited Energy Technician Program through the NECA-IBEW Electrical Training Center. The application hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday evening hours open at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday July 14 and 21 hours are from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The location is the Training Center at 16021 NE Airport Way, Portland.

Inside Electrician work includes wiring of residences, duplexes, and small apartment buildings, public buildings, industrial buildings, and sound, data transmission, telephone, fire alarm and other wiring jobs.

Limited Energy Technician work includes preparation, layout from prints, installation and repair of low energy systems,

such as communications, alarms and intercoms.

If accepted into the apprentice programs, apprentices are assigned to an electrical contractor for a minimum of 8,000 hours, plus 8-10 terms of school.

Check the website [www.nietc.org](http://www.nietc.org) for possible date or time changes. For more information, call 503-262-9991.

## VPD Chief, council, mayor reports

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Mathew Workman, Chief of Police, told council that Sergeant Mike Kay has now completed his supervisory training.

Councilor Shirlee Daughtry said she was happy with the way the KUPL concert went, that there were about 400 fishers and 37 boats. She went on to say it was a good event and everyone enjoyed it.

Councilor Brett Costley said

he wanted to thank everyone who worked on the KUPL event and reported that he caught his first 'keeper' sturgeon out of the Columbia River last week.

Harrison also complimented all the volunteers who worked on the KUPL event, specifically mentioning Kate Conley, Brett Costley and Mike Kay.

The next council meeting will be held July 2, starting at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

## Cycle Oregon info

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continues to Fisher Road (less than 1 mile from U.S. 26), then up to the Buxton Trailhead before heading back to Vernonia. There also will be a climbing option during the day's ride, which takes motorists off Highway 47 at McDonald Road, to Pebble Creek Road, Mist Drive and Bridge Street to Vernonia.

# Community Calendar

| JUNE 2007 |    |    |    |    |    |    | JULY 2007 |    |    |    |    |    |    | AUGUST 2007 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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### VERNONIA

|                                  |                                    |                                 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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

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|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Alcoholics Anonymous      | Fridays             | 7:30 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.