

Results of November 6 election

Both Columbia and Clatsop Counties were in step with the rest of the state in the November 6 General Election, approving Measure 49 and turning thumbs down on Measure 50.

In Columbia County, 63.63 percent of registered voters cast their ballots, with 56.7 percent of those saying yes to Measure 49 and 43.3 percent voting against the proposal to modify Measure 37.

Measure 50 was defeated with nearly 70 percent of voters opposing the proposal to fund children's health care via a cigarette tax, while 30.2 percent approved the measure.

In Clatsop County, 64.45 percent of registered voters cast ballots. Of those, 62.78 percent approved Measure 49 with 37.22 percent in opposition.

Measure 50 went down, with

58.34 percent saying no, and 41.66 percent voting for the measure.

In a very close vote, Clatsop County voters also declined to supplement the salary of their District Attorney. Many counties have supplemented the salaries of their DAs because they felt that the amount paid by the state is too low.

The Clatsop County vote was 49.83 percent in favor and 50.17 against.

WGS Safety Patrol

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proaching schools during arrival and dismissal times that extra caution is needed to ensure the safety of the young people in our community who are crossing the street and the young people in our community who are helping them cross.

Area Holiday events getting underway

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All proceeds support the care and maintenance of the Banks Union Point Cemetery. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors (65 and up), \$6.00 for children (5-12); children 4 and under are free.

The dinner and bazaar will be held at the Banks Elementary School Cafeteria, 42350 NW Trellis Way, Banks. Don't miss this very popular annual event.

Vernonia Christmas Bazaar

The annual Vernonia Christmas Bazaar is always a treat, with a huge variety of handmade items for both gifts and every day use, plus Christmas wreaths, baked goods and more.

The bazaar will be held December 1 from 10 a.m. to 5:00

p.m., and December 2 from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m., at Vernonia Middle School on Bridge St. (Hwy. 47), Vernonia.

Organized by the Booster

Club, there also be food for sale. Profits from the bazaar benefit Booster programs in the schools.

Unemployment in Columbia County

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 5.9 percent in September from the previous month (5.7%) and from one year before (5.8%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (5.3%) and the national

rate (4.7%). Total employment rose by 98 to 22,960 and the number of unemployed people fell by 59 to 1,291. Total employment this September was 467 more than one year before but there were 64 more people unemployed this year.



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Community Calendar

NOVEMBER 2007							DECEMBER 2007							JANUARY 2008						
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VERNONIA			MIST-BIRKENFELD			BANKS			COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)		
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays & Thursdays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church	Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., 627 Adams Avenue	M-BRFPD Board Workshop	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Alcoholics Anonymous	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church	Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m., City Library	M-B Ambulance Drill	1st & 2nd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	American Legion Post #90	2nd Tuesdays	7:30 p.m., Main Street Post	Columbia Soil & Water District	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., NRCS, 2514 Sykes
Booster Club	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VHS Library	M-B Fire Drill	1st & 2nd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall	County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Scout Cabin	M-B Helping Circle	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks Fire District #13	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13	County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church	M-B SAR Drill	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks Library Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library	Mental Health Advisory Comm.	3rd Tuesday	10 a.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	6:30 p.m., City Hall	M-B Volunteer Assoc.	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks Planning Commission	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall	Comm. on Children & Families	3rd Thursday	5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 550 N. Hwy. 30
CERT	4th Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-3018	Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	6:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks School Board	Mondays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm.	2nd Tuesday	3:00 p.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-6081	Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call 429-2401	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays				
Community Coalition	2nd Monday	12:30 p.m. School District Ofc.				Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday				
Cub Scout Pack 201	Scout Cabin	For Info Call 503-429-4250				CPO 14	3rd Monday				
Friends of the Library	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library				Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday				
Girl Scouts, Neighborhood 4-2		For Info Call 503-819-0143				Lions Club	1st & 3rd Mondays				
Hands On Art Committee	1st & 3rd Thursdays	4:00 p.m., City Hall				Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday				
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 503-429-7193				T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays				
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	6:00 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									

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.