

A few hours became a few months for many Lincoln volunteers

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and “X” size coats and linens.
Any furniture or household item not in good enough repair to give to flood victims was put aside and hauled to the transfer station by Jeff Young. Young once left with eight couches and two chairs on one small pickup, Allen said, and she didn’t know how he managed that, but he came back time and again to haul away the items that couldn’t be given away.
Donna Skeels came to volunteer the Saturday after the

flood and has helped with clothes, linens or wherever needed since then. Over and over the volunteers said something similar to what Skeels said, “I felt I had to do something to help.”
Lee Seibert saw the center needed tables and went out to Hillsboro and other areas rounding up tables and brought them back. Then he stayed to help more.
Mary Aldrich, “I came up and saw the need was there and thought, I can fold sheets for

two hours. Well, maybe I can fold sheets for four hours.” And, on Friday, March 28, she was still folding sheets.
In addition to the many thousands of items of clothing and more that the volunteers helped with, they offered an invaluable ear for those who were flood survivors. Many who were flooded came up to the center week-
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ic, Flammable or Corrosive are considered hazardous.
Some examples of Household Hazardous Wastes that will be collected include:

ly just to ‘check in’ and the volunteers listened, hugged, and sometimes cried with those who came in with needs. “The psychological paychecks were worth millions,” said Peyton, “We’ve had a lot of regulars who came for help and talks and we’ve had a lot of fun.”
Dow put it well when he said, “I think everybody’s just been
30 gallons
• Solvents
• Used Oil and Oil Filters
Other potentially hazardous flood-related materials such as drums, tanks or items needing special care should be reported to DEQ at 503-229-6361 and contractors will come and remove those items.
DEQ and EPA greatly appreciate the assistance of many local agencies including the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council, City of Vernonia Public Works, Columbia County Road

shoulder to shoulder helping.” These volunteers, like so many others who have helped in Vernonia and all of Columbia County after the flood, saw the need and filled it.
We, at The INDEPENDENT, join others in thanking them for all they’ve done to help the community.
Department, Jim Presley and Dick Titus who are donating the collection location.

Another chance to get rid of hazardous flood waste

Job Fair in St. Helens

There will be a Job Fair on April 16, sponsored by MTC Works in cooperation with Worksource Oregon Employment Department.
The fair offers an opportunity for job seekers to meet employers seeking workers.
The fair is being held at Bucini Hall, 165 S 14th Street, St. Helens, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Community Calendar

VERNONIA			MIST-BIRKENFELD		
Alcoholics Anonymous	Monday	6:30 p.m., 410 North Street	M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
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
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
Booster Club	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VHS Library	M-B Fire Drill	1st & 2nd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Scout Cabin	M-B Helping Circle	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church	M-B SAR Drill	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	6:30 p.m., City Hall	M-B Volunteer Assoc.	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
CERT	4th Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-3018	Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-6081	T.O.P.S.	Mondays	6:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Community Coalition	2nd Monday	12:30 p.m. School District Ofc.	Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call 429-2401	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
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., 410 North Street			
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			
BANKS			COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)		
Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church	Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Alcoholics Anonymous	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church	Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
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
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall	County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
Banks Fire District #13	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13	County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Banks Library Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library	Mental Health Advisory Comm.	3rd Tuesday	10 a.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall	Comm. on Children & Families	3rd Thursday	5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 550 N. Hwy. 30
Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library	Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm.	2nd Tuesday	3:00 p.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
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.			