

Merkley holds Town Hall in Scappoose, continued

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 ment organization, a questioner asked if Merkley will support "Ron Paul's bill" to eliminate the Federal Reserve? "I just backed a bill to regulate the SEC (Securities & Exchange Commission)," the senator said, "because we must have transparency and accountability" in our financial systems, but he was not yet familiar with the bill referred to.

Noting that he is "in a merciless battle to change regulations on credit cards," Merkley asked if anyone in the group had negative experiences with credit card companies. One man told of being offered a credit card with no interest for one year, then was charged interest the first time he used it. When he complained, his card was canceled. This "bait and switch" is nearly universal, Merkley said, adding that the Finance Committee had just passed out the first credit card reform in 20 years.

Another man related an erroneous \$5,000 charge on his card, but said "this credit card and discussed the reasons for adding to it, primarily the need for jobs. He also mentioned that some of the stimulus money will go to Scappoose. Scappoose Mayor Scott Burge agreed, saying that the city will get stimulus money for road work. "My grandkids will be paying for this deficit," the questioner said. "Yes," Merkley agreed, "they will." Having a job, Merkley said, is necessary for a family's successful future.

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From the Sheriff's Desk . . .

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 happens in front of you, will you have the presence of mind to identify the person committing the crime and report accurate information to the authorities?

Practice your observation skills in everyday life. See how difficult it is to remember someone's hair and eye color, height and weight, mannerisms and speech patterns, and the clothing and means of transportation they have, even when the situation is normal? Try it when the chips are down, and the tension is at its highest.

Prepare yourself to be a good witness by imagining intense situations going down in your presence. Train yourself to pay attention. In your mind, be prepared to tell law enforcement exactly what you saw, and to note – not only descriptors of the perpetrator, but also information that could lead us to other witnesses as well (license plates on cars of other drivers in the vicinity, or the phone numbers of others who stopped to help).

You may not always have a cop when you need one. But you can prepare yourself for the time when you need to protect yourself or help us keep the community safe.

It is this kind of partnership with the Sheriff that every citizen can enjoy and create a safer community for us all.

Ike Says . . .

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 of them is the incidental hooking mortality on fall Chinook salmon; the second is the very fact of opening a consumptive fishery on an ESA listed salmon stock.

I have never felt good about the coastal Coho plan because it has never indicated what level of population is needed for the Coho to rebound, before a fishery would be considered. The Nehalem has seen a significant increase in Coho salmon starting in 2000, but with an average of around 18,000 fish a year, are we ready to start killing some of them?

What ODF&W has told me is that the Nehalem River system is habitat-limited and they estimate that the available fish-rearing habitat can be fully seeded with 17,500 returning adults. The forecast for the re-

turning adult run is expected to be 22,000 and the fishery is proposed at 1,000 fish. Since 4,500 fish are assumed to be in excess of what is needed, the department feels there will be no harm. I would think that large private timber companies and the local Watershed Council, who have spent huge sums of money trying to restore these threatened fish, might have something to say about this proposal. The meetings on the coast to give input are already completed (14 day notice) and the decision by the commissioners will be made in June. If you want to comment, time is short.

Izaak Walton League, Nehalem Valley Chapter
 meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Call 503-428-7193 for location.

Practice non-toxic lawn care now

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 contaminates an important food supply for Oregon's native populations and others who eat wild, fresh-caught fish.

Pesticides and herbicides top the DEQ draft list of priority persistent pollutants that are toxic and either persist in the environment or accumulate in the tissues of humans, fish, wildlife or plants. The draft list is available for public review at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/SB737/>

Eugene resident Sharyn Lee says, "I had a dog that I totally

loved and he was old at the time, and I just didn't want to use chemicals because it concerned me thinking about him walking around out here and laying on the lawn."

For a related website go to www.cleandriversandstreams.org.

Vernonia Justice Court

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 civil responsibilities class; no contact order; \$345 FF&A.

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Obituary

DONALD DEAN FAST

Donald Dean Fast, 67, Beaverton, died April 4, 2009. A ceremony honoring him was held April 4 at the Forest Grove Elks Club.

Mr. Fast was born March 2, 1942, at the family home in Buxton, to Loyd B. and Doris White-side Fast. He was raised in Buxton and attended Banks High School. He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked at Peerless Truck & Trailer in Tualatin as a welder, and was a millwright for Forest Fibers until being disabled after an industrial accident.

Survivors include two sons, Ron and Dean; four daughters, Sue King, Joanna Atcheson, Tommie Ralls and Angie Maier; two brothers, Bud and Cleo; a sister, Berniece Cop; one uncle; 16 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

RITA COLLETT SPIERING

Rita Collette Spiering, 96, Forest Grove, died April 13, 2009. A funeral mass was held April 17 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Roy, followed by vault interment at St. Francis Cemetery.

Mrs Spiering was born August 21, 1912, in Verboort, to Theodore

and Dinah (Smits) Vandehey. She was raised on the family farm in Verboort and attended Visitation Grade School through the eighth grade.

In 1932, she married Lawrence Spiering. They made their home near Banks for one winter, then moved to their farm in Roy. In 1993, she moved to Forest Grove. She was a homemaker and helped on the farm.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Joann Peters; and 12 siblings.

Survivors include three sons, Duane, Ronald, and Allen Spiering, all of Banks; one daughter, Sharon Wood-Rackemann of Coto De Caza, California; 18 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to the St. Francis Church, 39135 NW Harrington Rd., Banks, OR 97106.

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Vernonia Police Dept.

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 on Knott St.; under investigation.

Apr. 10 – Burglary on C St; under investigation.

– Report of threats on Alabama; under investigation.

– Welfare check on Cherry St.

– Assisted CCSO with possible Fraud on Nehalem Hwy N; report unfounded.

Apr. 11 – Golf cart collided with parked car on Madison Ave due to golf cart driver having medical emergency; transported by ambulance.

Apr. 14 – Derek Warwick, 41, Vernonia, arrested for Improper Use of 911 and Disorderly Conduct II; taken to CCSO jail.

Apr. 15 – DHS report taken on F St.; under investigation.

Apr. 17 – Nathan Riley, 24, Vernonia, arrested for Violation of Conditional Release Agreement on Bridge St.; taken to CCSO jail.

Apr. 26 – Nuisance Abatement started on A St.

Apr. 30 – Completed investigation of possible threats at VHS; complaint unfounded.

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