

Candidate interviews provided to help voters decide who to elect

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the final analysis, that will draw industries that will create new and better employment opportunities and a better quality of life for us all.
7. Anything else you'd like to tell our readers (plans, directions, etc.)?

Ball – I will continue to encourage citizens to come to city council meetings to see what council does and express opinions on issues facing Vernonia. Experiencing the processes the city must follow to make a decision may provide understanding of: Why decisions take so

long to make; what the reasons for a decision are, and that your opinion isn't the only one that must be taken into consideration.
Burch – I'd like to see people get education on the issues and the candidates and vote.
Helmer – I have had a wonder-

ful time serving on council, so far, and I've learned more than I thought I would. It's made me want to sit up there longer and learn more about our wonderful city and it's citizens.
Johnson, E. – We need positive change and positive attitudes. The public has the right to know what their council is doing and the council should work for the citizens. If elected, that's what I will do.

endeavors contained in Vernonia, maybe even make a few more bucks for the city. In a similar manner, I'd like to see some sort of venue where we can regularly get together, share ideas and have fun creating a new Vernonia.
From the Candidates:
Cindy Ball has lived in Vernonia since just after the flood in February 2006. She works at Intel Corporation as a Senior Administrative Assistant. She has been on council or served as mayor most of the time she's lived here. She has also been involved with the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council, the Vernonia Museum, the VCLC and is a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) member. She and her husband, Dan, have two grown daughters.

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Betsy Johnson

Betsy Johnson Responded!

We lost just about everything, including our home, in the 2007 Vernonia flood.

Although we were lucky enough to find another home to buy – well out of the flood plain – we had to live in a rental for a while, then friends and even lived in an RV while going through all of the Federal Emergency Management Agency procedures. Once everything was ready, we found out that there would be yet another delay.

I wrote a letter to State Senator Betsy Johnson asking her if she could help. Betsy called me on a Tuesday and we closed on our new home on that Friday.

Thank you Betsy for responding when we really needed a little help.

**Ernie, Robin, Sara, Paige
and Taylor Smith
Vernonia**



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Johnson, S. – I want to apologize for missing the forum. I was at the high school on a panel as a community resource person for people with disabilities.
Nicks – I'd like to see our city on the cutting edge, not always a day late and a dollar short. I'm a hard worker and I'm going to work real hard to make things better for the people of Vernonia. My plan is to work for them. I don't have an agenda. A platform, yes, but not an agenda.
Smith – I believe we are a long way from recovery right now and it's going to take everybody to bring it about. Everyone's got to run for office or volunteer or somehow take a part. My running for office is my part to try to make things better.
Tschache – We have a great deal of intelligent, creative, artistic people here in Vernonia. The promotion of our artistic side has brought many new people into town. We need a larger presence on the Internet, one that will open a whole new audience to the diverse, artistic

Willow Burch moved here from Rainier nine years ago with her partner, Jay. They own and operate Vernonia Hardware. Burch was a commercial fisher out of Clatskanie for 20 years, has worked as a Wastewater treatment plant operator, and as an OSHA Certified Safety Coordinator. She is currently a Chamber of Commerce member, is on the city Public Works Committee and is a member of the Downtown Association.
Catherine Helmer is an Administrative Secretary for the Beaverton School District. She was appointed to city council on July 17, 2010. She's been

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Willow Burch Vernonia City Council



**As a local business owner
I believe involving the community
keeps information and ideas flowing
both ways to make effective decisions
that benefit our community.**

**Bringing People together to get things done...
That's my commitment.**

Paid for by Willow Burch