

Candidate Greenfield for District 1 weighs in on forum questions

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jobs is to revitalize our free market system. I favor lowering or eliminating corporate taxes and capital gains taxes. This will create incentives for businesses to invest in new plants and equipment in the United States, instead of sending jobs overseas. I also want to reduce the burden of onerous regulations on business, balance the budget, and reduce government bureaucracy.

2. We have no urgent care in Columbia County, one in five have no health insurance. What are your thoughts on health care and steps Congress can take to get health care to rural communities?

Greenfield – The solution to our health care problems is to reverse course 180 degrees and get the government out of the healthcare business. Government intervention in health care has created shortages

and high prices and created these problems. The “Obamacare” government takeover of our health care system will make the problems much worse.

3. How will you protect your vulnerable constituents and help them get through government bureaucracy?

Greenfield – By seeking to eliminate government bureaucracy and allow the private sector to create jobs so my constituents will have paychecks instead of welfare checks.

4. Do you agree it's wrong to scapegoat illegals? What do you propose on immigration?

Greenfield – Yes, I agree it's wrong to scapegoat illegals. I would seal the border to stop further illegal immigration, drug smuggling, human trafficking, and terrorist infiltration. But for otherwise law abiding illegals who have been here more than three years, have jobs, and pay

taxes, I would open a path to legal residency, but not citizenship.

5. We have been neglecting our infrastructure. What can we do to avoid further loss of infrastructure?

Greenfield – It is inevitable that if our government continues to waste trillions of dollars on dysfunctional programs, pursue anti-business policies, and run up a never-ending national debt, that our economy will continue to suffer. And as these anti-growth government policies progressively impoverish our nation, it is inevitable that infrastructure will further deteriorate. If the federal government can be forced to balance the budget, our states and local communities will begin to prosper again and will then be able to fund necessary infrastructure improvements. But this should not be done at the federal level because fed-

eral spending produces pork, waste, fraud, and corruption.

6. Do you support Oregon becoming a Right to Work state? (*Editor's Note: A Right to Work law prohibits any agreement between an employer and a labor union to make union membership a condition of employment.*)

Greenfield – Yes.

7. What do you believe is the effect on jobs of trade deals and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)?

Greenfield – As a Pacific rim state, with ports that import and export throughout Asia and other nations of the Pacific ocean, cutting off trade with foreign nations would be devastating to the Oregon economy. Free trade makes all nations wealthier.

8. How will you look at FEMA and solve the problem of yearly financial crises?

Greenfield – There is no authorization in the Constitution for the federal government to deal with disasters, which is a function which could be better performed by state governments. Since Oregon is far less prone to natural disasters than states like Florida, Louisiana, and Texas, Oregonians pay far more in taxes for disaster relief than we receive back in benefits. So abolishing FEMA would be a net plus for Oregonians.

9. a. Do you support Occupy Wall Street protesters?

Greenfield – I understand why they're unhappy and think we can expect more of this type of social unrest if we don't start getting policies out of Washington which revitalize our economy.

b. Will you vote for more banking regulations?

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Community Calendar

VERNONIA

Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., 410 North Street
Alcoholics Anonymous	Thursdays (Big Book Study)	7:00 p.m., 410 North Street
American Legion Post #119	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., 627 Adams Avenue
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., Library
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
Emerg. Preparedness Comm.	4th Wednesday	6:30 p.m., WOEC
Friends of the Library	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library
Girl Scouts, Neighborhood 4-2		For Info Call 503-819-0143
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 503-429-7193
Kiwanis Club	2nd & 4th Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., New Hong Kong
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., New Hong Kong
Municipal Airport Committee	1st Wednesday	6:30 p.m., City Hall
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	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., WGS Library
Vernonia Garden Club	2nd Tuesday	1:30 p.m., Vernonia Library
Vernonia Grange	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Health Center	3rd Thursday	6:30 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 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	10:00 a.m., Senior Center
Vernonia Transfer Station	2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Behind VHS
Vern. Volunteer Ambulance Assoc.	1st Tuesday	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

Upr Nehalem Watershed Council For date call 429-0869 7:00 p.m., Vernonia Grange

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	9:00 a.m., Main Fire Station
BANKS		
Alcoholics Anonymous	Friday	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church
Alcoholics Anonymous	Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church
American Legion Post #90	2nd Tuesday	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 Library Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
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	Sunday, Wednesday	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
Everybody's Hometown Band	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., BHS Music Room
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.	Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.

COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

Board of Commissioners	Wednesday	10:00 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
Columbia Comm Mental Health	1st Tuesday	5:30 p.m., 58646 McNulty Way
Columbia Soil & Water District	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., NRCS , 2514 Sykes
County Fair Board	2nd Monday	6:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
County Parks Commission	3rd Tuesday	Times vary, 1054 Oregon St.
Mental Health Advisory Comm.	Quarterly	For Info call 503-397-7211
Comm. on Children & Families	3rd Thursday	5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 505 N. Hwy. 30
Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm.	Quarterly	For Info call 503-397-7211