

Incumbents are only filers for the Vernonia city council positions

No new names appeared on the list of candidates on August 23, the deadline for filing nomination papers for positions on the Vernonia city council.

Mayor Josette Mitchell filed

for reelection, as did Councilors Kim Tierney and Randy Parrow.

The election will take place on November 6, 2012.

Columbia County jobless rate up a bit in July, but lower than 2011

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.5 percent in July, up slightly from the previous month (9.2%), but lower than the year before (10.3%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (8.7%) and the national rate (8.3%). Total employment fell by 29 to 22,510 and the number of unemployed

people rose by 197 to 2,486. Total employment this July was 254 more than one year before and there were 68 fewer people unemployed this year.

For comparison, the Portland metro area's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.1 percent in July, the same as in June. The year-ago rate was 9.2 percent.

Ike Says . . .

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pickup and made another set on the other side of the road. This time we managed to call in a buck deer, I told Jim that he was using the wrong call. We made camp that night and slept out under the stars on cots. The night sky is never a disappointment.

Day two we moved to a different location and, on our first setup, the Foxpro called in another song dog, but this one hung up and Jim had to resort to a hurried off-hand shot that did not connect. That's how coyotes become educated. The weather was really hot and we hid under the shade of a dense juniper tree for the rest of the day. As darkness started to fall, we observed a couple of buck deer and a herd of wild horses come in to a water hole a few hundred yards from camp.

Day three we were up bright and early, and made our way down from camp into a broad open draw. Of course we ran right into two antelope bucks and then a herd of horses. We quietly set up where the junipers gave way to the grassy draw below us. Once again the rabbit screamed across the open expanse and once again a coyote could not resist an easy meal. This dog though came in barking the whole way.

The coyote seemed a little leery at times, but as soon as the rabbit sounds started he would start trotting up toward us. I had my cross-hairs on the coyote when the report of Jim's rifle sounded. The coyote had eaten his last rabbit.

Day four found us in the same area, but we struck out for a ridge that divided the draw where we had shot the coyote the day before, from the next draw over. The first set with Jim hand calling, another mule deer showed up, this time it was a Doe. I told Jim, that is still the wrong call! Three sets later I was sitting in a little brushier area and heard something right behind me. Turning around, I found myself face to face with a bobcat. I was hoping that the bobcat wasn't real hungry, as I went for my camera instead of my rifle. After a couple of pictures, the bobcat decided he wasn't up to tackling that big leafy bush with glasses, and slowly trotted up a trail in the bushes. The bush was glad.

Izaak Walton League, Nehalem Valley Chapter

meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Call 503-429-7193 for location.

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., WGS 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
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	1t Wednesday	6:30 p.m., City Hall
Pioneer Museum		For Info Call 503-429-3713
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call 429-0869	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Grange
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 Comm. Learning Center	1st Wednesday	5:00 p.m., VCLC
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 Library Board	1st Wednesday	9:00 a.m., Sept-June, Library
Vernonia Parks Committee	3rd Wednesday	6:30 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st & 3rd Thursdays	6:00 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

MIST-BIRKENFELD

M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	3rd 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	7:00 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 9-1-1 Board	3rd Thursday	9:00 a.m., 9-1-1 meeting room
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	2nd Thursday	4:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
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