

Local Watershed Council Sponsors Cleanup

SOLV is planning a Clean-up event along the stream banks of the upper Nehalem River – above and below Vernonia on Saturday March 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Upper Nehalem Watershed Council is sponsoring the event to clean-up flood debris. Local volunteers and team leaders are needed. Plan to meet at Vernonia High School parking lot at 9 a.m. For additional information, or if you have flood debris on your riverbanks that needs to be cleaned up, contact Watershed Council Director Maggie Peyton, at (503) 429-2401.

Columbia Chorale Presents... "The Ballad of Jesse James"

Step back in time, take a seat on the train, next to the window or at the back of the car, all seats are good in this show...Riding up beside the train on foaming horses you see two men on one side of the car and three on the other. They are riding hard and fast, grabbing hold of the back platform and boarding... their guns are in their hands, eyes like steel and they have a look that turns your blood cold.

Columbia Chorale of Oregon presents "The Ballad of Jesse James and Other American Songs." Dwight Newton has spent the past seventy-plus years writing this show and has kindly allowed Columbia Chorale of Oregon, under the direction of Maestro Ryan Heller, to be the first to perform his life-long work. The performance will be Sunday March 16, 2008 at 3 p.m. in the Olmscheid Auditorium at St. Helens High School.

You will be reminded of a simpler time; while getting to know the legend, Jesse James, and his lady love, Zee. They will warm your heart with their youth and love for one another, no matter what Jesse the legend became. You will meet the families who tried to support and love the couple with their strength and kindness. This is the tale of Jesse James and his brother Frank. There will be additional American pieces ranging from the late 1890s to early 2000s. Come join the adventure and excitement of this wonderful local composer telling his tale of the James boys.

Tickets are \$12 for adults (\$10 in advance), \$8 for students/seniors.

Vernonia's Voice has a pair of tickets for the show to give away to the first person who calls (503) 367-0098, and says "I'm Jesse James, give me all your tickets!"

The Witches Garden...

On March 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. the Vernonia Public Library will present an Oregon Chautauqua program made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities. The title of the program is "The Witch's Garden: The Hidden Meaning of Fairy Tales."

The program will be presented by Curt Yehmert, a professor of English at Western Oregon University. Dr. Yehmert's primary interest in folklore centers on those narratives that define a group. His research has focused on Native America myths and legends, Grimm's fairy tales, contemporary urban legends, stories of UFO abductions, angel sightings and near-death experiences. These stories not only define groups, but they can often help define the world for us. Such stories represent a universal human response to the mysteries of life.

The Oregon Chautauqua Programs are sponsored by the Oregon Council for the Humanities. The programs cover art, literature, music and topics of interest. Chautauqua was a word used by some Native Americans to denote a gathering of people for the purpose of disseminating information; they were used at a time when most history and knowledge was passed on orally.

Events Calendar

"Vernonia 2020" - March 3, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

"Vernonia 2020" is a series of community based information and planning meetings begins at the Community Church, on the corner of State and A Streets in Vernonia. Come share both your immediate concerns and your vision for the future of the city. Vernonia information and relief agencies will be on hand to provide residents access to recovery resources. Additional community meetings are planned for March 10th and 24th.

Open Forum - March 7, 10:15 a.m.

Open Forum on Apprenticeship Programs with Building Trades Where: Columbia Technology Center, 375 S. 185th Street, St. Helens

Movies at the Library - Every Saturday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Movies will be shown Saturday in March and April. Movies for youngsters shown at 3 p.m. and family movies shown at 7 p.m.

SOLV Saturday - March 8, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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AX MEN - March 9, 8 p.m.

"Ax Men" an American original series, premieres March 9 at 8 p.m. on The History Channel.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting - March 12, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Upstairs at Black Bear Coffee

School Board Meeting - March 13, 6 p.m.

Recovery for our Community - March 13, 6 p.m.

National Association of School Psychologist' National Emergency Assistance Team from Eugene discuss "Recovery for our Community: Recovery For Our Kids." Washington Grade School Library

"An Attitude of Gratitude" - March 14, 7 p.m.

Sue Kirby, "An Attitude of Gratitude," at the Scout Cabin. Trunk show and seating from 6-7 p.m. Sue Kirby starts at 7 p.m. Tickets on sale at Out on a Limb/Buckleberry Cottage (\$10 per person).

St. Patrick's Day Parade - March 17, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Downtown Vernonia

The Hidden Meaning of Fairy Tales - March 18, 7:00 p.m.

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First Friday is Back! - April 4, 5 p.m.

Join Vernonia in a community celebration featuring local arts, music, food and fun. Join us for "Vernonia Flood stories Night." Come share your positive experiences about the resiliency and community spirit that Vernonians showed in our time of crisis.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting - April 9, 12 p.m.

Where: New Hong Kong restaurant in Vernonia

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