

Vernonia Holiday Bucks 2008

The Holiday Bucks program, sponsored by the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce, will kickoff at participating local businesses on Friday November 21st and continue through Saturday December 20th.

The program will be very similar to last year's program: Each time a shopper fills a card with \$50 in purchases or transactions, they have a chance to win a "Cash Gift Certificate" that can be redeemed at any one of the participating businesses.

On the following three Saturday's: November 29th, December 6th, December 13th, there will be drawings from all the filled cards for \$25 Cash Gift Certificates. The Grande Finale Drawing(s) (amounts to be announced) will be held on Saturday, December 20th.

Please check the December ad in Vernonia's Voice for a complete list of participating businesses and rules. Then, watch for the stores with the "Buck" poster in the window and have fun shopping and getting your card stamped in Vernonia.

The program is in its fifth year and is already generating quite a buzz among Vernonia businesses; just wait and see what they have in store for you this holiday season. Not sure if your favorite business is participating this year, let them know how much you like the program and encourage them to take part and reward their customers for their patronage.

Next Vernonia Town Hall - Don't Miss This One!

On December 3, 2008, the community of Vernonia will gather to discuss the successes and what still needs to be accomplished. This "Town Hall" for lack of a better name, will be held at 5:30pm at Vernonia Middle School.

The format for the evening's events will be a tour of the community around 4:30pm with staff and elected county, state and national officials. They will convene at the Middle School following their tour, including a visit to the newly renovated high school gymnasium. There will then be a spaghetti feed, and the Town Hall discussion will be held during the meal. This meeting offers community members the opportunity to hear presentations from various groups, such as the School District, Columbia County Flood Relief, Oregon Solutions, West Oregon Electric and others as to the progress and future prospects of local projects.

Those attending are then invited to celebrate the first home game for both the junior varsity and varsity basketball teams in the newly rehabilitated high school gym.

Ambulance Association Bake Sale

The Vernonia Volunteer Ambulance Association is having a Thanksgiving Bake Sale. All pies and loaves will be baked by your Vernonia Ambulance Volunteers. Pies will be \$5.00, and include Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie, Cherry Pie, and Chocolate Cream Pie. Bread Loaves will be \$3.50, and include Banana Loaf, Zucchini Loaf, and Pumpkin Loaf.

Please order by November 20, by 5:00 PM, by calling 503-429-4600 (M-F 8AM - 5PM). Pick up your order on Tuesday, November 25, between 5PM and 9PM in the ambulance bay at the Fire Station.

Money raised will go towards the 2008 Awards Banquet Dinner and plaques. Please help support your local Ambulance Association.

Turkeys Needed for Vernonia Cares

It is time once again to begin herding turkeys for the Vernonia Cares Christmas food boxes. Cares will provide groceries for an entire Christmas dinner, including a turkey, for low income households. This is the sixth year for the Christmas Turkey Drive.

Currently, more than 450 clients (up from 300 this time last year) representing 160 households are helped each month according to Director Sandy Welch. The goal this year is to provide 300 + Christmas food boxes to clients as well as other households who need a helping hand during the holidays.

Between now and Thanksgiving, most grocery stores advertise their turkey promotions. The turkeys that are donated now are distributed only at Christmas, but now is the time to gather and store them frozen for the Christmas food boxes.

Vernonia Sentry makes it easy to donate. Simply purchase a turkey and donate it at the check stand. Sentry will store it frozen until the Christmas boxes are distributed.

An entire Food Box (which includes a turkey) may be donated at a cost of \$30.00. A \$10.00 donation will allow Vernonia Cares to purchase a turkey. This may be done at any Sentry check stand or mailed directly to Vernonia Cares at P.O. Box 126, Vernonia. Simply specify on the check that it is for the Christmas food boxes.

Call Pat or Bob Stacklie at (503) 429-7563 with questions, or for turkey 'taxi' service. Suggested turkey weight for donation is 10-12 pounds. One hundred percent of donations stay in the community and all donations are tax deductible.

Prevention Coalition Holds Event

The Vernonia Drug Prevention Coalition will host an event that discusses current Drug and Alcohol issues in our schools. The event will be held on Wednesday, November 5, at 7:00 PM at the Vernonia Middle School Cafeteria. There will be free Subway sandwiches for the first sixty people who attend.

Lions Club Flower Sale

The Vernonia Lions Club will be holding a Poinsettia sale, starting the week of November 18. The Poinsettias will be available in two sizes and three colors. They will be available at the Buckhorn Restaurant and Pub, the Vernonia Senior Center, or from any Lions Club member. There will also be Christmas Cactus available for purchase. Prices for the 4-inch Poinsettias are \$8, the 6-inch Poinsettias are \$14, and the Christmas Cactus will be \$8.

For more information, contact George Tice at 503-429-3751 or Pat Styles at 503-429-0750.

Events Calendar

Drug Prevention Coalition Event - November 5, 7PM

Join coalition members and the community for a discussion about drug and alcohol issues in our schools today. At the Middle School Cafeteria. Free Subway sandwiches for the first sixty people who arrive.

VHS Blood Drive, November 6, 10AM to 4:30PM

At the School District Office.

Library Events:

- Thursday, Nov. 6, 1PM Chautauqua presentation -- Pat Gold - Innovators & Traders
- Saturday, Nov. 22, 2PM author, Don Alanen -- "The Logging Encyclopedia"
- Thursday, Nov. 20, 7PM--Movie Night -- *The Sting* with Paul Newman & Robert Redford
- Monday, Nov. 24, 5:30PM Book Discussion -- "The Professor and the Madman" by Willia Winchester

Community Variety Show - November 7, 7PM

At the Vernonia Grange. A local talent show, with song, dance, drama, and who knows what else. Benefits Vernonia Hands on Art and the Vernonia Cares Food Bank. \$5 Adults, 2 cans of food for kids.

VHS Midnight Madness - November 8, 11:30PM - 1:30AM

The Vernonia High School Gym will celebrate it's grand reopening with Midnight Madness--fun games, activities, and more.

Winter Weather Preparedness Workshop - November 18, 1PM - 4PM

Don't let this winter catch you off guard. Learn how to understand weather and river conditions and work through a Nehalem River flood scenario. Presented by Columbia County Emergency Management, Columbia 9-1-1, National Weather Service, and US Army Corp of Engineers. At eh Vernonia Scout Cabin.

Vernonia Town Hall - December 3, 6PM

Join your friends and neighbors to hear about progress of flood recovery and for a Spaghetti Feed. Expected in attendance are and state and national level dignitaries and elected officials.

Grey Dawn Gallery Winter Show - December 5-6 Please join Grey Dawn for the opening of their new Winter exhibit. Displaying work from Christopher Burkett, Cavin Richie, Jacques & Mary Regat, Jeff Patterson, J.E. Tosoni, Ian Christopher and Dave Johnson. Show opens with the annual Christmas party on Friday, December 5th, 6 - 9PM and continues with refreshments on Saturday, December 6th, 10AM - 5PM

Visit www.vernoniasvoice.com/events for more info and pictures.

P.E.O. Wreath Sale

The Vernonia Chapter of P.E.O., a philanthropic organization that provides scholarships for women, will once again be selling wreaths. There will be a limited number of wreaths for sale this year, so to assure availability, please call and order your wreath from Mary Tolonen at 503 429 6364, or stop by True Value Hardware and see Mary. Please pay when ordering. Wreaths will be available at the Holiday Bazaar, December 6th and 7th, at Vernonia Middle School. Wreaths will also be available at Claudine East's home, 226 B Street, on December 2nd and 3rd.

The Vernonia Chapter of P.E.O. Supports two local scholarships, as well as a county scholarship, The Ida Lloyd Walrod Memorial Scholarship, state scholarships, and an international scholarship. Many Vernonia women have benefited from these scholarships. Our local scholarships this year were awarded to Kelsey King, attending the University of Montana, and Megan Perry attending BYU, Idaho.

Please remember to stop by the P.E.O. Table at the bazaar, and also remember to order your wreath early.

Vernonia Volunteer Ambulance Association

Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Pies \$5 **Bread Loaves \$3⁵⁰**
 Pumpkin, Apple, Cherry, Chocolate Cream Banana, Zucchini, Pumpkin

Please place you order by November 20th, 5pm
 Call-in your order: 503-429-4600 M-F 8am-5pm
 -or-
 Mail: P.O. Box 406 Vernonia, OR 97064

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Pick up Pies Tuesday November 25th between 5pm-9pm in the ambulance bay at the Fire Station

