All Invited to Christmas Dinner

For the third year, Bill James & family will be holding their Annual Christmas Dinner. Vernonia Senior Center is hosting the event for 2008. The dinner will be held on Dec 25th 2008 from 1:00 PM-4:00PM. They will be serving turkey and ham with all the trimmings, as well as dessert and beverage. In the spirit of Christmas they hope that those in need as well as anyone wishing to share a Christmas meal with others will attend. There is no charge and gratuities are discouraged. They hope to see many of Their friends and families again this year. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Sponsored by Friends of Vernonia. Contact Bill James at 503-429-2072 for more information.

Christmas in the Country Bazaar

It's time once again for the "Christmas in the Country" Booster Bazaar. This will be the 30th year!! It will be held on Saturday December 6th from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and Sunday December 7th from 12:00 – 5:00 PM. It will once again be held in the Vernonia Middle School cafeteria. There will be many new vendors, as well as old favorites, food in the cafeteria, and pictures with Santa. If you have any questions call 503-429-1052.

Cub Scouts Annual Scouting for Food

Cub Scout Pack 201 will once again be scouting for food. They will be out and about on December 6, putting a bag on your front porch for non-perishable items. There is a great need in our community and anything that you can give will be appreciated.

The following is a list of some of the items that can be donated:

Canned: meats, fruits, vegetables, milk, soups and broths.
Dry: noodles, rice, mac & cheese, flour, sugar and other such items.
Hygiene Items: toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo & conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine products.
Baby items: baby food, formula, diapers and wipes.

The scouts will be back on December 13 to pick up the bags and take all items to Vernonia Cares. If you have questions or donations you can call Lisa Brewer at 503-429-4250, or 503-475-1803.

Girl Scout Fundraiser

Local Vernonia Girl Scouts will be selling potted tulips and hyacinths in the month of December as a fundraiser for our annual winter camp retreat to Camp Mountaindale. These potted tulips not only benefit our local girls but a regional grower as well, VanderZanden Farms, LLC. People may know them from their farm stand where you can buy fresh cut flowers through the spring season. Our Girl Scouts will be selling these decoratively wrapped, high quality pots for a very reasonable price of $6.00 each. The delivery date will be near or on Valentines day, 2009. You will be able to place your orders at the upcoming bazaar and through any local Girl Scout. Questions? Call Susan Ely at (503)429-5709

Home School Cooperative Meets

Vernonia has a local home school cooperative that wants to invite new families to join in the fun. This co-op meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Vernonia Christian Church from 1 to 3 PM. This is a safe and fun environment for parents and kids to make connections with peers and experience such fun programs such as art literacy, hands-on science and large group play not to mention crafts and creative writing exercises. Parents are strongly encouraged to join in and volunteer. The biggest focus of this cooperative is fun and enrichment for the kids! Drop in or contact Katie Poetter (503)429-0700 or Susan Ely (503)429-5709.

Vernonia Christian Church Food Collection

Vernonia Christian Church home group will be going door to door to collect non-perishable food, paper products and dog and cat food for Vernonia. We will be doing this in the month of December and January. If you would like make sure we come to your home to deliver items to Vernonia Cares for you please give us a call. Contact Marcia 503-324-6753 or Sue at 503-429-4901.

Events Calendar

Vernonia Town Hall Meeting and Spaghetti Feed - December 3, 5PM-7:15PM
Come hear about flood recovery in Vernonia, and enjoy dinner with your neighbors-at the Vernonia Middle School. Afterwards celebrate the reopening of the VHS Gymnasium as the boys basketball team starts the season. Free tickets to the game for those who attend the Town Hall.

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

The Lighted Christmas Parade - December 6, 6PM
Starts from Washington St. onto Bridge and ending at City Hall where Santa will help light our tree and will then be available to hand out candy canes and meet with children.

Vernonia Boosters Holiday Bazaar - December 6-7
Saturday 10AM–5PM, Sunday 12PM–5PM
In the Vernonia Middle School cafeteria. There will be many new vendors, as well as old favorites, food in the cafeteria, and pictures with Santa.

Out On A Limb and Buckleberry Cottage Winter Event - Now Thru Sunday December 7
Come shop for Christmas. Next to Storage Too.

"Guts-N-Butts" Fundraiser Class - December 13, 8:30AM & 9:45AM
Vernonia Jazzercise to benefit Vernonia Cares Food Bank & Toy-n-Joy. $15/participant at the Vernonia Grange Hall -375 North Street. Ask about the "Park your Butt" option. Contact Penny at (503)429-0196 or pcostley@agalis.net to reserve your space.

Washington Grade School Holiday Program - December 17
At the WGS Gym

Mist Grade School Holiday Program, Friday December 19
At the MGS Gym

Winter Break – December 22-January 2
No School

Library Events:
A Christmas Story to be shown Thursday Dec. 18, 7PM
The Polar Express to be shown Tuesday Dec. 23, 7PM
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever to be shown Saturday Dec. 20, 4PM

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

In Vernonia – Did You Know...?

- Creatures, Cornerstone Naturals and Annabelle's has layaway for Christmas shopping.
- Holiday Bucks started November 21st and runs until December 20th. Get those cards turned in. Drawings every Saturday with the last on December 20th.
- Grants Contracting does new construction , remodel work and repairs of all sorts at 503-701-3276.
- Buckleberry Cottage and Out On A Limb will be open November 21st thru December 7th (located at Storage Too) for their Christmas Celebration.
- Did you know that John L. Scott has moved their office to 859 Bridge Street, drop by and say, "Hi!"

The chamber has a community calendar; just go to: www.vernoniachamber.org. If you would like any events added to this just email the chamber at info@vernoniachamber.org.

Have a very Merry Christmas from the Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce.

Pictures With Santa
Saturday, December 6th, 2008
10:00am – 5:00pm
Vernonia Head Start Center

Come tell Santa just what you want this holiday season!!
Quality Photo 4x6 Print w/decorative photo frame card!
$5.00 each or 4-for-$15.00

Holiday Sweets, Hot Cocoa, & Apple Cider
Available for purchase!