

The Flamingos Are Coming!

Flocks of flamingos will be arriving in Vernonia soon. Boy Scout Troop 201 will be doing their annual summer camp fundraiser when the flamingos land, beginning Monday, May 4, 2009, and flying through Friday, May 29, 2009, in the dark of night. If you would like to choose a friend, neighbor or family member to be greeted by the pink flock upon waking up in the morning, you can call to make arrangements. Contact Jon Steward at 503-819-2656 or Tera Roberts at 503-429-6006. If you are one of the "lucky" ones to be chosen for the flamingos to visit, just simply call to make arrangements for them to fly away into another "lucky" yard by contacting either Jon or Tera. If you are paying by check, please make it payable to Boy Scout Troop 201. We ask that the deliveries be kept within the city limits. Looking forward to hearing from you to put a smile on someone's face.

Help Make Vernonia Shine on May 16

Vernonia Pride's annual clean-up day is scheduled for May 16th. This year is Oregon's 150th birthday and the state has designated May as "Take Care of Oregon Day." They are hoping for a record number of people to turn out and volunteer their time on community projects during the month of May.

Vernonia Pride is also hoping that many of you will turn out on May 16 to help clean up and make Vernonia Shine. If you are not inspired to come out and help with the community clean-up, you might take a look around your own home and see if there is something you could do to make your own property more attractive.

Please mark May 16th on your calendar and plan to come out and make this the largest volunteer day we have had.

Vernonia Open Air Market Season Starts

It's time for the Vernonia Open Air Market to kick off its summer season. Starting on June 5th, in conjunction with the Vernonia First Friday, The Open Air Market will be open every Friday from 5:00 until 7:30 PM (or until our vendors run out of stuff to sell!) The Market will be held in the courtyard next to the Vernonia Community Learning Center, 939 Bridge Street. The Open Air Market will run through the first weekend in October.

The Open Air Market features vendors with local produce, crafts, clothing, art, jewelry, and collectibles. There may even occasionally be some live music. Come on out and join your friends and neighbors for some summer evening fun in Vernonia.

Space is available and is very reasonably priced. If you are interested in being a vendor at the Vernonia Open Air Market, contact Scott Laird at 503-367-0098 or email mrsccotclaird@yahoo.com.

Firefighters Hold 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast, Open House

The Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters invite you to attend their Pancake Breakfast on May 17, from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the Vernonia Middle School Cafeteria. Come enjoy Pancakes, Biscuits and Gravy, Ham, Eggs, Fruit, and the satisfaction of supporting your local Firefighters! Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids under twelve. Money raised will be used to buy new equipment to better serve the community.

Last year's event was a huge success and the Firefighters were able to purchase a stair chair which is a big necessity in our community now that houses are being lifted. The chair has already been put to use and the volunteer firefighters were very impressed by how safely and easily it worked.

Your Local Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services personnel also invite you to join them for an Open House on May 16 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There will be a BBQ and tours of the facility. Stop by and say hello!

Bicycle Skills Park Work Parties Scheduled

It's trail building season, and time to get back to work on the Vernonia Bicycle Skills Park.

Are you a kid who thinks there's nothing to do in Vernonia? Are you a parent who is concerned your kids aren't getting enough physical activity? Are you looking for a way to spend time and bond with your family? Are you looking for a way to help improve Vernonia and make it a more interesting and exciting community? Then the Vernonia Bicycle Skills Park is for you!

Work parties at the Vernonia Bicycle Skills Park have been scheduled for May 16, and June 14, starting at 9:00 AM. Wear work clothes, boots and gloves. Bring shovels and battery-operated hand tools. Bring water and a lunch. And bring your Mountain or BMX bike to ride and try out what we've built so far. Just follow the signs from the Vernonia Lake Parking area to the Skills Park. Volunteers with heavy equipment for moving dirt are also needed.

This season, we will be working on the Dirt Jump Park area, finishing the Beginners line of Technical Trail Features (TTF's) and starting an Intermediate line in the skills area, and beginning to install TTF's out on the trails.

The Vernonia Bicycle Skills Park is located on the Old Mill Site next to Vernonia Lake. It is being developed through volunteer efforts to provide healthy and fun activities for residents of and visitors to Vernonia, both old and young, and funded through grant programs that have already been secured. The Vernonia Bicycle Skills Park is also looking for clean fill dirt from inside the city limits.

For questions or to volunteer with the Vernonia Bicycle Skills Park, contact Scott Laird at 503-367-0098.

Next First Friday is June 5th

First Friday for June, held at the Vernonia Community Learning Center—939 Bridge Street, features the opening of the Open Air Market season, and a variety of events and information. Check out our new website: www.vernoniafirstfriday.org

Hands-On Art's Floating Gallery will showcase local artist Dave Anderson's holocaust series: **To Break A Butterfly: Reflections of the Art and Writings of the Terezin Children**. It's a poignant tribute to the art, poetry and words from the young prisoners of the Terezin Concentration Camp. Children, while living in this horrible ghetto, received a form of art therapy. In the works in this collection, one can see the range of emotions from fear to hope to despair as experienced through the eyes of the innocents, almost all of whom perished during the Holocaust. This exhibit will be open early so children from Vernonia's schools may visit. Dave has an extensive personal and professional background in the graphic arts, and this exhibit was last shown in its entirety at Pacific University's Kathrin Cawein Gallery of Art last year.

The Floating Gallery will be featuring more great art and hand made gifts, including lavender works from Mosquito Lodge's Kathy & Barb Larsen, ceramics and custom basketry by Beth D'Aubigne who has taught at the VCLC in the past, professional photographers; local painters such as Walter Neuman and Diane Coughlin; local crafters like Gail Snethen; and so many more.

Strings On Fire, the Hands-On Art sponsored community orchestra, will be performing for the event. Representatives from Stub Stewart State Park will be there with information and to answer questions.

The new First Friday feature of Bring A Book/Take A Book will continue. Bring a book with you and trade it for another. Cornerstone Naturals is offering a 10% off coupon for their new Book Nook to every family that participates.

Local merchants will be offering specials to keep you downtown on Friday night.

If you are interested in participating, please call Erika at 503-429-0898, or e-mail: epaleck@gmail.com.

Events Calendar

Out On A Limb & Buckleberry Cottage Summer Event - May 8-17

Kicks off on Friday night May 8th at 6:00 PM and runs thru Sunday May 17th

Vernonia Community Preschool Open House - May 11, 11AM-12PM

Come in and get registered for fall and take a look around the classrooms. 957 State Avenue. Call amy Cieloha for morre info 503-429-0745.

Jamboree May Meeting - May 13, 7PM

Vernonia City Hall

Make Vernonia Shine Day - May 16, 9AM-1PM

Register at Providence Medical Group. Lunch at Anderson Park at 1:00PM.

Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters and EMS Open House - May 16, 10AM- 2PM

Stop by for BBQ, tours of the facility and to say hello.

Vernonia Firefighters Pancake Breakfast - May 17, 7AM-2PM

At the VMS Cafeteria. \$6 adults, \$4 children under 12. Pancakes, Biscuits and Gravy, Ham, Sausage, and Eggs.

Vernonia First Friday and Open Air Market - June 5, 5PM-7:30 PM

Celebrate the Arts and all things Vernonia. Local artist Dave Anderson's holocaust series: To Break A Butterfly: Reflections of the Art and Writings of the Terezin Children; Floating Gallery. Open Air Market, Strings On Fire community orchestra. Tillamook Forestry Center display.

Vernonia School Events:

- May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 14: School Board Meeting
- May 25: No School
- June 6: VHS Graduation
- June 10: 8th Grade Promotion
- June 11: School Board Meeting
- June 12: Last Day of School

Events at Stub Stewart State Park:

- The Silent Invasion, May 22, 9PM How efforts of volunteers are bringing our natural areas back to life. At Dairy Creek Amphitheater.
- Mountain Bike Trail Build Day, May 23, 9AM- At the Clayhill Staging Area. Public is welcome.
- Discovery Depot Grand Opening Celebration, May 23, 10 AM- Join us for cake and check out the new store at Stub Stewart.
- Where Does JR Beaver Live? May 24, 10AM-Take a short hike to find out. Meet at Dairy Creek Amphitheater.
- The Forest is Alive!, May 25, 10AM-Meet some of the animals that live in the park.
- Hike to Unfit Settlement View, May 30, 10AM-A guided hike through the history of Stub Stewart. Meet at Clay Hill Staging Area

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

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLPARK"

**JUNE 13th 11AM - 3PM @ SPENCER PARK
PLAYER AND COACH APPRECIATION CEREMONY**

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Vernonia Slugfest '09

10 PITCHES FROM A PITCHING MACHINE FOR A \$1.00

THROWIN' HEAT

TEST YOUR THROWING SPEED THREE BALLS FOR A \$1.00

ALL EVENTS FREE FOR KIDS UNDER 16

BASEBALL BBQ

DONATION CAR WASH & POP CAN DRIVE

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**MONEY RAISED FROM POP CANS WILL BE USED TO TAKE PLAYERS TO
A PORTLAND BEAVERS BASEBALL GAME**

MONEY RAISED FROM CAR WASH AND BARBEQUE WILL BE USED TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN OUR FIELDS