

Events Calendar

First Friday

VERNONIA's August 7 FIRST FRIDAY event from 5:00 to 8:00 PM is the kick-off to Vernonia's Annual Friendship Jamboree. Centered around the Vernonia Community Learning Center at 939 Bridge Street, regularly featured events include the Open Air market in the Courtyard, the OSU Master Gardeners' table starring Chip Bubl and local Master Gardeners to answer all your questions, and the Floating Gallery of Art and Hand-Made Gifts which will be open all week-end long (10:00 to 5:00 Saturday, 10:00 to 4:00 Sunday).

Special to this First Friday is the Free For All Goat Banner Painting for kids of all ages. Acrylic paints and smocks will be supplied, but final clean up of painters will be parents' responsibility so have children wear old clothes. This will hang on every First Friday venue until the end of the season so come and be a famous artist!

New Event: The Pet Party will be held on the grass next to Vernonia Realty from 5:00 to 6:30. Bring your well-behaved, socialized pets (no fish, please!) to party together as a fund-raiser for Vernonia Cares food bank (and Vernonia Cares Pets' Food division). Make a scarf for your dog or let your dog bob for hot dogs for \$1.00 or a donation of food for pets or their people.

Music will be provided by Clint Colbert from Portland.

For more info or to participate visit www.vernoniafirstfriday.org or call Erika Paleck: 503-429-0898.

Live Marimba Music at the Blue House by Muvhuro

In Shona, Muvhuro means Monday--which is the night of the week this group has met to practice weekly for the last eleven years. Muvhuro's repertoire consists of traditional and modern compositions of Zimbabwean and southern African music. They were featured briefly on OPB's May 2008 *Oregon Art Beat*. They will be performing at the Blue House Cafe and Brewery on Saturday August 15th from 6-8 PM.

WOEC Annual Meeting Is August 22

The 65th Anniversary West Oregon Electric Annual meeting will be held at the Vernonia Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park on Saturday, August 22nd. Registration begins at 10:00 AM and the meeting is called to order at 11:00 AM.

All members are welcome to attend, but please RSVP so that we know how many people will be there for lunch. You may call the office at 503-429-3021 or email sarahr@westorego.org to RSVP.

You should receive your official annual meeting notice and ballot in the mail the first week of August. Please take the time to read the candidate information and fill out the ballot, so that you can cast your vote for the Directors in Districts 1, 4, & 6.

District #1 will have incumbent Director Bernard Bird running along with Brian Baker. District #4 has Joe Riley running unopposed. District #6 has incumbent Director Dixie London running along with Jonelle Stroup. Board members are voted on by all of the membership, not just by district so it is very important for all members to take the time to cast their vote for those Board candidates they wish to represent them for the next three years.

Detailed information on the candidates and instructions for the mail in ballot will be included in the official annual meeting packet.

As a member-owned electric utility, this is your chance to be an active part of the Co-op through your vote for representation on the Board of Directors and by attending the meeting to hear reports on the financial status, operations, and management of your cooperative. We look forward to seeing you, and welcome the opportunity to interact with our members and make sure your questions and input are heard. Please join us to celebrate our 65th anniversary.

Dramatic Differences To Perform Twice

The Vernonia Ministerial Association has invited *Dramatic Differences Ministries* to share during Jamboree Weekend. They will be performing their live production of "He Makes Me Laugh" twice, once on Saturday night August 8th at 7:00 PM, the second on Sunday, August 9th at 10:30 AM, both at the Vernonia Community Church, 957 State Avenue. Everyone is invited to this funny and uplifting play. A love offering will be taken at both performances.

Get Ready for the Bear Creek Run

Get out your running or walking shoes and get ready to help out a good cause. Come and join in either a 5K Run/Walk, beginning and ending at Anderson Park and encompassing a lap of Vernonia Lake or a 10K Run that heads south along the Banks/Vernonia Linear Trail. Both routes are flat and go through some tree-lined sections of the trail providing welcome shade and making them suitable for first time runners.

This event is a fundraiser for the Vernonia Cares Food Bank – an organization that has supported local families for the past 24 years. Local businesses that have already submitted sponsorship are Tuality Community Hospital, Providence Medical group, Wauna Federal Credit Union, US Bank, Jazzercise, Vernonia Dental, West Oregon Electric and Bridge Street Mini Mart. We thank you!

How can you help? Volunteer at this event, become a sponsor, enter the race as an individual or group, bring a friend, bring your dog, or come cheer on those who run or walk. Be there at the finish line!

Registration/packet pick up will begin at 7 am on August 15 at Anderson Park, with the events starting at 8:00 AM and 8:05 AM. Online registration is encouraged at <http://www.signmeup.com/61797> or contact Maria Lemay, Race Director at (503) 429 1069.

Hospice Training Available

You can make a difference in the lives of patients and families facing the final stages of life-limiting illness. Washington County will be holding their fall volunteer training session the first 2 weeks of September, from September 1 thru 12. Trainings will be 5 sessions taught by their hospice staff and 6 hours of DVD training to watch at home. Volunteers can help with direct care of patients, bereavement work with grieving families, clerical work in the office, or public relations in the community. There is no fee, but pre-registration is requested. For more information or to pre-register stop by or call the hospice office at: 900 SE Oak St. Suite 202 Hillsboro, OR, 503-648-9565 or email robin@hospicewc.org.

Echoing Evergreen Booster Day Camp, Monday August 3 - Thursday August 6
At Airport Park. Location has been changed to due to road closures on Apiary Rd. If anyone has any questions contact Katie Poetter at 503-429-0700. Also it is not too late to register be there Monday morning at 9:00 AM and enjoy a fun filled week of camp.

Band Car Wash, August 15, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, At the VMS parking lot. By donation.

Bear Creek Run, August 15, 8:00 AM Registration starts at 7:00 AM at the Anderson Park Pavilion. Races start at 8:00 AM 10K and 5K Run or Walk. Proceeds benefit Vernonia Cares Food Bank. For more info contact Maria Lemay at 503-429-1069.

Old Grads Picnic, August 16, Registration starts at 10:00 AM The Vernonia Society of VHS Old grads and the Oregon-American Mill Alumni invite you to join them at Anderson Park for the Old Grads Picnic. Bring a picnic lunch or buy lunch from Vernonia Pride. Coffee provided. Goes until everyone get tired and goes home! Always the third Sunday in August. For more info call Mary Cota at 503-429-3839.

Community Garage Sale, September 19, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM- 11th Annual Community Wide Garage Sale. For more info or to sign up contact Helen Bateman at 503-429-6203.

Events at Stub Stewart State Park

Junior Ranger programs 7 days/week at 10:00 AM -at the Dairy Creek Amphitheater unless otherwise noted.

Family Campground Programs Tuesday - Saturday- at the Dairy Creek Amphitheater, times to be determined.

Saturdays at Stub -Guided Hike Series-10:00 AM

Check the Stub Stewart page on the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department website for a monthly calendar and more information and a park map. All events are free with \$3 day-use fee or overnight campsite payment.

Vernonia Library Events

Friends of the Library Book Sale--Friday, August 7 from 4-6 & Saturday, August 8 from 9-6 @ the library

Family Movie Night--Thursday, August 20 at 7:00 PM--Troop Beverly Hills

Book Discussion--Monday, August 31

School Dates and Events

2009-10 School Supply Lists available on line at www.vernonia.k12.or.us or stop by the District Office for your copy.

August 11 – Sports Physicals for those without insurance or well child coverage. Call District Office 503 429-5891 to sign up.

August 24 – High School Fall Sports Practice begins (Cross Country / Volleyball / Football)

August 26-Elementary Teacher Lists posted at WGS

August 27 – VHS Registration for new and returning students at the following times:
9-10:00 AM- Seniors / 10-11:00AM - Juniors /11:00 AM - 12:00PM- Sophomores / 1 – 2:00 PM, Freshman / 2 – 3:30 p.m. New students and schedule changes.



There's nothing better than spending these warm, clear days of summer in your yard. Here in Oregon, we can enjoy eating, playing and relaxing outside well into the fall. All this nice dry weather creates perfect conditions for wildfires too, especially when there are high winds and lightning storms.

Protect yourself and your property from the threat of wildfires by creating a defensible space around your home. Imagine a 30 to 200-foot buffer around your house that you keep clear of any dead plant material. Try to plant only fire-resistant, low-growing plants and shrubs in this zone.

Here are a few tips for maintaining your defensible space:

- Prune dead plants and clean out your gutters throughout the summer and fall.
- Keep the low-growing plants and shrubs around your house well watered until the rainy season begins.

- Consider pruning back any tree branches that are close to the house or ground.
- Stack the wood pile well away from the house.

For more ideas or to request the publication *Living with Fire*, contact your local Oregon Department of Forestry or Rural Fire District office.

Columbia 9-1-1 wants to make sure everyone can enjoy the nice weather and stay safe during wildfire season. Please help protect yourself and your community by maintaining your yard. If you do see a fire start, don't wait. Call 9-1-1 right away. When it comes to fires, every second counts.



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