

Events Calendar

First Friday in Vernonia

Labor Day week-end's First Friday will feature another PET PARTY as a fund raiser for Vernonia Cares Pet Food division. Again featuring more dogs bobbin' for (hot) dogs, more making pet scarves and a PET PARADE. Please bring your well-socialized cats, dogs, rats, fish and hogs to the parking lot behind the Learning Center (939 Bridge Street) to get in on the fun. Remember to bring donations of pet food to get in on the action. For more info contact Carl Davis: 503-367-2378.

The popular SCAPE GOAT BURNING will be featured as part of the OPEN AIR MARKET. You'll buy your own goat for a donation to Hands-On Art. Make a secret wish, write it on your goat and burn it up. See what happens! More fun than a chain letter, and the donations will help underwrite more children's art classes and local cultural programs.

The ARTS and HAND-MADE GIFTS display will be in the Learning Center.

The OSU MASTER GARDENERS starring CHIP BUBL will be once again available to answer home and commercial agricultural questions. What the heck is this insect in my pantry? Should I worry? Bring him a specimen to identify—he loves that! Make him happy!

The new BRING A BOOK/TAKE A BOOK tables will also be out. It's simple: Done with that novel? Bring it in and trade it out for another book. Strictly barter only. It's all about reading! Donations welcome.

The goats banner painted at last First Friday's event will be hung in the VCLC Courtyard. If your child was painting, come see his or her work displayed as a famous artist!

5:00 to 7:30PM at the Learning Center. If you have ideas of events you'd like to see or would like to help out, contact Erika at: epaleck@gmail.com

Birkenfeld Blues Revue and Festival

The Birkenfeld Blues Revue and Festival will be held on Saturday September 5 from 1-11:00 PM. Organized in cooperation with the Cascade Blues Association, the event will feature music by headliners the Terry Robb Band, as well as Big Monti, Alan Hager, Bill Rhodes, Frank "Paris Slim" Goldwasser, and about sixteen other performers. Proceeds will benefit the Clatsop County Timber Safety Council Scholarship Fund and the Columbia County Food Bank. The festival will be held four miles north of Birkenfeld on highway 202.

Tickets for the festival are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate and are available through www.ticketsoregon.com.

Free Concert Set for Labor Day in Clatskanie

Come join in the fun as the Clatskanie Arts Commission (CAC) celebrates the opening of its 21st Performing Arts Season with a free concert on Monday, September 7th, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, with a fundraiser BBQ starting at 1:00 PM. The concert features The North Coast Big Band with a repertoire including traditional music of the big band era. As a fundraiser, the CAC will also be offering "family-friendly" picnic items starting just prior to the show featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, polish dogs, corn on the cob, coleslaw, ice cream cones, pop, ice tea, water, coffee at bargain prices. Two CAC season tickets will be raffled off (a \$45 value each) during the show and all funds raised will be used to enrich CAC programs. For more information about this and other CAC offerings throughout the year call: (503) 728-3403 or visit them on the web at www.clatskaniearts.org.

Columbia Chorale Seeks Singers

Columbia Chorale of Oregon is open to interested adults and high school students Tuesday Rupp is the new director this year. New singers welcome September 10 and 17. No audition required. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings, 7-9:00 PM in the Choir room at St. Helens High School. For further information: call 503-649-7883 or email jannees50@gmail.com.

First Time Homebuyers Class Offered in Hillsboro

Open Door Counseling Center of Hillsboro will be offering a HUD certified first-time homebuyer group class, HOMEBUYING A to Z, on Saturday, September 12th, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The class will be held at the Beaverton Resource Center, 12500 SW Allen Blvd., Beaverton. Any one who has not owned a home in the last three years is considered a first-time homebuyer. The \$8,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers will be explained, as well as the no down payment USDA rural housing development program, which has recently expanded it's qualified areas.

There is no cost for attendees for this program. The cost of tuition is funded by government grants, sponsor support and private donations.

Topics to be covered include qualifying for down payment/closing cost assistance programs understanding credit scores, the no down payment USDA rural housing development program, financial preparation, understanding mortgages, shopping for a home, home inspections, home insurance, the closing process, foreclosure prevention, energy efficient housing and post purchase guidance.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Contact Joan Perry at 503-748-0412, email jperry@opendoorcc.net, or register on-line at www.opendoorcc.net.

Free Flu Shots Available

The Columbia County Health Nurse will be at the Vernonia Senior Center on September 11, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM to administer free flu shots to anyone over the age of 6 months. This is for the seasonal flu ONLY. Those that want to take advantage of this opportunity may call the Senior Center to sign up at 503-429-3912. It is not on an appointment basis, but will help the nurse know the approximate number of shots needed.

Vernonia Hands-on Art 5th Annual Variety Show

Vernonia's got talent!!! All musicians, singers, solo dancers, comedians, magicians, and others who want a chance to be on stage: let us know where you are. Vernonia Hands-on Art will hold its fifth annual benefit variety show on Saturday, November 7, at 7:00 PM. This year's show will again be held at the Vernonia Grange, 375 North Street. If you would like to participate in this year's show, please email VernoniaArt@aol.com or call Tobie Finzel, 503.705.2173 or Carol Pelster, 503.429.0437. We have several talented performers, both young people and adults, already signed up; don't miss your chance to join them.

This year's show proceeds will stay in the community to benefit the Vernonia Cares holiday food drive, the Vernonia Grange and Hands-on Art. This family-friendly event provides a good time for all. Mark your calendars now to save the date.

Need to Get a Fresh Grip on Your Finances?

Vernonia Christian Church will be offering Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University classes beginning in September. FPU is a thirteen week biblically based class that teaches the principles of spending your money more wisely, saving money, and getting out of debt so you can live a life of financial peace. A free preview class will be offered on September 13, 2009 at 4:00 PM in the YFC building of Vernonia Christian Church. The 13 week class series will start on September 20, 2009 at 4:00 PM and will continue every Sunday thereafter. The class is open to ALL members of the community and all will be welcomed.

If you have questions you may contact Susan Mullikin, the class facilitator, at 503-429-0181 or 503-369-3245.

Vernonia First Friday Arts Celebration, September 4, 5-7:30 PM-Art Show, Scapegoat Burning, Open Air Market, Pet Parade & Party is a fund-raiser for Vernonia Cares - Pet Food Division.

Birkenfeld Blues Revue and Festival, September 5, 1-11 PM Four miles north of Birkenfeld. Tickets- \$25 advance/\$30 day off show. Terry Robb Band and much, much more!

Hazardous Waste Collection, September 12, Time TBA- At the Vernonia Fire Station.

Fall Event, September 12th-20th, Sat. and Sun. 10-4, Mon.-Fri. 10-7-Buckleberry Cottage and Out on a Limb offer treasures for your home, with marvelous furniture and fall decor. Opening Night Celebration Friday September 11, 6-8:30 PM. 58605 Nehalem Hwy S (next to Storage Too).

Benefit for Darrold Mushatt, September 12, noon-5:00 PM- Spaghetti and Steak at Cafe 47-\$15/Plate. Benefit to help Darrold and his family raise money for a needed kidney transplant.

Ridge Riders Team Penning, September 12-Sign-ups at 10 AM, competition starts at 11 AM. At Anderson Park Arena. Concession available. Contact Delores Bellingham at 503-429-9523 or Kendell Nelson at 503-739-0300.

Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Picnic, September 12, 12:30 PM

39th Annual St Mary's Quilt Fair, September 17-20, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Unique Craft Bazaar Lunch Served Daily at 11:00 AM. Admission still only \$1.

Vernonia Community Garage Sale, September 19, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM-The 11th annual community wide sale. For more info or to sign up call Helen Bateman at 503-429-6203.

Columbia County Business Forum, September 18, Networking starts at 5:30; Forum begins at 6:30 PM at the Best Western in St. Helens. Networking, Great Speaker, More Networking! Register to attend. Fee only \$10.00/\$15.00 at the door. Robert Sherk, Business Trainer, currently teaching at Mt. Hood Community College--Presents: "Secrets of Business Survival- "Don't Let A Serious Crisis Go To Waste!"

Vernonia Salmon Festival, October 3, All Day- Salmon Viewing, Hayrides, Pumpkin Carving, Scarecrow Building, Art and food Vendors, Kids Trout Pond, Claudia the Chinook, Live Music, "Knee Deep In Salmon" Auction at 2:00 PM, Original Melodrama-"The Sweet Violette of Vernonia" at 4:00 PM.

Hands on Art Variety Show, November 7, 7:00 PM- At the Vernonia Grange, 375 North Street. If you would like to participate in this year's show, please email VernoniaArt@aol.com or call Tobie Finzel, 503-705-2173 or Carol Pelster, 503-429-0437.

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