

Vernonia Dance Center Presents “The Nutcracker”

The Vernonia Dance Center, under the Direction of Jessica Davis will once again present their version of “The Nutcracker” this Holiday season. On December 4th at 7:00 Pm at the Vernonia Community Church, Sarah Wagner will portray the Nutcracker, Macayla Adams will take the role of Marie and Nicole Glass will dance as the Sugarplum Fairy. Admission is by donations--all proceeds will go to defray the cost of costumes.

Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting-Parade Route Changed

Vernonia Pride’s annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Lighted Parade will be held on Saturday December 5th starting at 6:00 PM. The Parade has had a change in its planned route and will form on State Avenue, proceed through town on Bridge Street, ending on Weed Avenue. Vernonia Pride asks that all participants refrain from throwing anything to the spectators, such as candy, toys, etc. Because of the parade being at night, they feel it is too dangerous for the kids to be darting out in the street. Santa will be giving out candy at City Hall after the parade.

There will be no ATV’s allowed in this year’s parade. One trophy for the best entry will be awarded.

So dig out your Christmas lights and make this the best Christmas Parade ever!

204th Army Band to Perform in Vernonia

The 204th Army Band, of the Washington State Army Reserves, will be performing a concert at the Vernonia High School Auditorium at 7:00 PM, after the Lighted Parade and Community Tree Lighting. Music will include holiday songs, marches, and classical band literature. You must have a ticket to get in, but the tickets are FREE, and can be picked up at the District Office, Sentry Market, Creatures Pet and Flowers, and Black Bear Cafe. Vernonia Band instructor Rob Izzet is a member of the 204th Washington State Army Reserves serves both as trombonist and rehearsal conductor.

Girl Scout Fundraiser

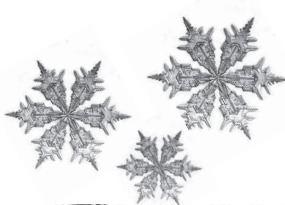
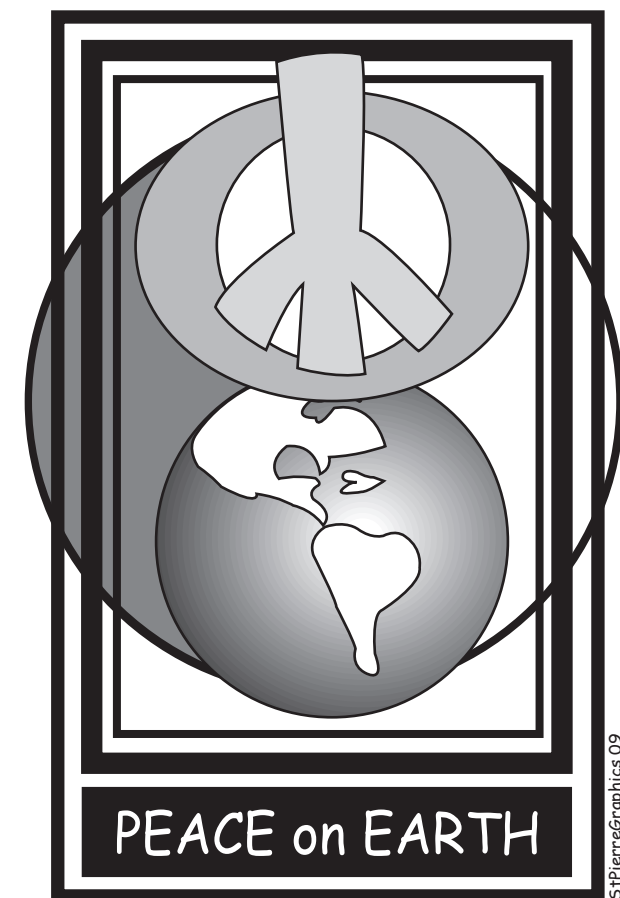
The Vernonia Girl Scouts will once again be pre-selling flowering, potted tulips and hyacinths from VanderZanden Farms as a fundraiser for their spring camping trip. All Girl Scouts will be selling them from December 1st 2009 through January 8, 2010 for pick-up from the school near Valentine’s Day. This is a great way to support scouts while getting fresh flowers for a loved one. Remember, the bulbs can be planted in your yard and enjoyed for many years to come. The cost will be \$6 per pot. Orders can be placed with any girl scout as well as at the Vernonia Christmas Bazaar. For further information on Girl Scouts or to place an order please call Katie Poetter at 503-429-0700 or Susan Ely 503-840-8136.

VHS Seniors Hold Rummage Sale

Vernonia High School seniors are having a rummage sale to raise their own funds for their Senior Graduation Trip. Mark **December 12 - 13, 2009** on your calendars. Each student will have their own table. Some kids do not have much to sell so they could use your help with donations. Donated items will be distributed evenly at the sale. Maybe you can do your spring cleaning early this year--start getting rid of the “extra” stuff from last year to make room for Christmas. Please pack up your extra household items or clothes. An adult in charge will be **happy** to come pick up your donation of any size!! To make a donation Call Kari at Washington Grade School weekdays before 12:00 noon --503-429-7941 or her cell 503-866-1771. And don’t forget to stop by the sale and help the students raise money for their trip!

“Bach to Bop! ... Sousa to Swing!”

The Evergreen Brass Quintet will be performing Friday, December 11, 7:30 PM at the Donavon Wooley Performing Arts Center, Clatskanie Middle-High School, 471 SW BelAir Drive, Clatskanie, Founded in 1981 The Evergreen Brass Quintet is an award winning ensemble, performing concerts throughout the Northwest. The quintet is well known for its’ educational and entertaining school programs and performs week long educational and community oriented programs (Rural Residency) through Arts Network of Washington State. Tickets are priced at: \$10/Adult, \$8/Senior Citizen & Student and \$5 for Children 12 and under -- please call **(503) 728-3403** or visit them on the web at www.clatskaniearts.org.



The new Twilight Movie-New Moon was released in November, spurring a host of fans to visit Columbia County, home of numerous film sites from the first film in the series. Here fans visit the “Forks, Washington Police Station,” aka the Wauna Federal Credit Union, Vernonia branch.

Events Calendar

Vernonia Old Time Christmas, December 5-6

Christmas in the Country Bazaar at Vernonia Middle School, starts at 10:00 AM. Contact Corrie Smith for details--503-429-1052. Lighted parade, starts on State Avenue at 6:00 PM. For more info contact Dede Webb at 503-429-7193. Christmas Tree Lighting at City Hall following the Parade.

Holiday Concert, December 5, 7:00 PM- Join the 204th Army Reserve Band for Holiday music and marches. In the VHS Gym. Tickets are FREE, and can be picked up at the District Office, Sentry Market, Creatures Pet and Flowers, and Black Bear Cafe.

Welcome Winter Dinner, December 5, 4:00-9:00 PM- At the Blue House Cafe. A Dinner Special and Celebration. Music by Lowell Mitchell and Jennifer Faust. \$15.75. Call 503-429-4350 for Reservations.

Grey Dawn Gallery 10th Annual Christmas Show, December 4-5th- (879 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064, 503-429-2787). Please join us for the opening of our Christmas Show. We will be displaying work from Christopher Burkett, Jacques & Mary Regat, Murray Carter, Cavin Richie, Jeff Patterson, J.E. Tosoni, Ian Christopher and Dave Johnson. Show opens with our annual Christmas party on Friday, December 4th, 6:00-9:00 PM and extends to Saturday, December 5th, 10:00AM-5:00PM Christopher will be present on Saturday from 2:00-5:00PM followed by Vernonia’s Lighted Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting. Please call the gallery for regular hours. Exhibit will be on display through February 27, 2010. We once again are offering a layaway program, gift certificates, as well as discounted framing. Introductory and special prices are available thru December 31, 2009.

Out On A Limb and Buckleberry Cottage WINTER EVENT thru December 18- Next to Storage Too, just south of Vernonia. Regular Hours: Monday thru Friday, Noon to 6:30 PM; Saturday and Sundays, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Closing Party on December 18 from 6:00 PM to 9:00PM.

Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee and Mental Health Advisory Committee, December 8,-Joint meeting,, Columbia Community Mental Health, 58646 McNulty Way, St. Helens, Oregon.

Columbia County Early Childhood Team, December 14, 2009- Department of Human Services, Conf. Room A, 505 N. Columbia River Hwy., St. Helens, Oregon.

School Activities and Events

Dec 2 - Boys/Girls Basketball @ Gaston
Dec 3 - Senior Financial Aid Night
Dec 4 - Wrestling @ Harrisburg
Dec 4/5 - Boys/Girls Basketball @ Willamina Tourny
Dec 5/6 - Booster Holiday Bazaar
Dec 10 - School Board Meeting
Dec 17 - MS/HS Winter Band Concert
Dec 18 - Mist Grade School Holiday Program
Dec 21 - Jan 1 No School / Winter Break