

Senior Center Activities

Connie's Fabulous Breakfasts:

Fabulous breakfasts are available to the public on Fridays for a cost of only \$3.50. The event happens at the Senior Center (446 Bridge Street) from 7:30 to 9:00 AM each Friday. Meal price includes a beverage, too. Enter through the side, parking lot door. What a deal!

Week Day Lunches: The Vernonia Senior Center offers nutritious and tasty lunches each weekday for only \$4. These are available to the public, not just Senior Citizens. (Mealtime is noon; late arrivals may not be served.) You can reserve your lunch by calling by 11:15 AM, or further in advance if possible, to assist the cooks as they prepare the day's meals.

Maple Bars available locally! Connie King, the cook at the Senior Center, is making maple bars each day. The maple bars are available to the public, too, and only cost \$1 each. Availability is subject to quantity on hand. You can assure yourself of a good supply by pre-ordering them directly from Connie by calling the Senior Center (503-429-3912) any weekday, from 7:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please allow one day lead time for larger orders. The Center's front door opens at 9:00, but the side parking lot door opens at 7:00. Ah,

sweet treats!

Thrift Store: Bargain prices can be found in Vernonia's Senior Center in their Thrift Store. The retail store is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The Thrift Store provides funds for the Senior Center's facility and its many activities. Donations can also be dropped off during those same hours, and donated clothes need to be clean and in good condition so they are "sales ready". We are offering half off during the first week of each month. Buy locally and support your local Senior Center.

For after hours drop-offs please contact Pauline 503-429-5810

Special Days: On the last Wednesday of the month Wauna Credit Union will be serving ice cream. On the last Friday of the month we will serve birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate that month's birthdays.

Membership Dues: Another way to support Vernonia's Senior Center is to pay the \$15 annual membership dues. Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the Senior Center. Anyone 50 and older may join.

Questions? Call: (503) 429-3912

On The Shelves: What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

The Vernonia Library will host a slide presentation by Cory Colburn that will feature photographs by Janelle Wiggins. The photographs depict local loggers and logging operations from the years 1976 to 1985. This presentation will be held on Saturday November 20 at 6:00 PM

Other Upcoming Library Events

Movie Night--Saturday November 13, 6:30--TBA

Movie Matinee--Saturday November 27, 2:00 PM--*Toy Story 3*

Author Visit--On Monday November 29, 5:30 PM Cathy Lamb will discuss her latest novel, *Such a Pretty Face*.

Free Child Safety Seat Checkup Event

Columbia County Safe Kids, in partnership with Alliance for Community Traffic Safety (ACTS Oregon) and several community partners, will be holding a child safety seat check up event on Thursday, November 11, 2010, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The free clinic will be held in Vernonia at the Vernonia Fire Station, 555 E. Bridge Street, Vernonia. The clinic provides an opportunity to have a child safety seat checked by a certified technician, who can correct misuse, help with installation and teach you how to correctly install the seat. Technicians can also check for seat recalls. There is no cost to have a technician check

your child safety seats. Please plan to spend 30-60 minutes at the event.

Additionally, through a grant funded by the Oregon Department of Transportation, Columbia County Safe Kids is also able to provide low-cost child safety seats to families in need. Families who receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) should contact their worker about payment for a seat. For more information about the clinic or the Columbia County child safety seat program, please contact the Commission on Children and Families at 503-397-7211.

County Furlough Day Scheduled for Friday, November 12, 2010

Due to the County's budget situation, the County Board of Commissioners approved the implementation of four unpaid furlough days for County employees at the beginning of the current budget year.

Friday, November 12, 2010 is a scheduled furlough day for all County employees, with two

exceptions; employees in the Sheriff's Office and the Roads/Parks Department will be open and operating as usual.

Residents should note that they will not be able to conduct County business on Friday, November 12th, however, the State Court Offices will be open from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

New Group to Help Spur Job and Business Growth

Bright spots can be hard to find in today's economy. Fortunately, the Columbia County Economic Team is now actively working to fix that through a new local partnership for economic development.

The organization officially launched on October 1 when its board-of-directors met for the first time. It was the beginning of what is likely to be a long-term initiative geared towards making Columbia County more productive and competitive for community-sustaining businesses.

In turn, the organization hopes to its efforts will yield more employment opportunities, a larger tax base, better infrastructure, and more vital communities, overall.

David Stocker, executive director for the Columbia County Economic Team, explained, "this organization wants to improve the economic well-being and quality-of-life for all communities in Columbia County." He added, "We know that none of us can do it alone, which is why elected officials and many business leaders throughout the county have embraced a team approach."

In fact, each of Columbia County's communities—from Clatskanie, to Scappoose, Vernonia, and all those in between—are represented on the organization's board-of-directors, along with leaders from the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, the

Port of St. Helens, the public utility districts, and Portland Community College.

Representatives from a dozen businesses operating in the county also sit on the board, bringing essential private-sector insight on how best to strengthen Columbia County's business climate.

Tony Hyde, Columbia County Commissioner and a member of the Columbia County Economic Team's Board of Directors remarked, "I'm excited to see all of Columbia County working together as a team with a common goal of creating jobs and improving our local economy."

If the organization's big picture goals are ambitious, its day-to-day work is expected to create tangible results for individual businesses and, by extension, their employees.

The organization is now planning what services it will offer to businesses already located in the county—to keep them local and support their growth—while also launching a campaign to encourage new businesses to consider the advantages of operating in Columbia County.

With the Columbia County Economic Team now launched, community and business leaders are confident that county residents will begin seeing economic bright spots everywhere.

Waste Management Collects Food for the Hungry; Set food next to carts November 9-13

Waste Management is again reaching out to customers in Scappoose and Vernonia to help feed the hungry. All food collected will go to the Columbia Pacific Food Bank for distribution during the holidays.

To help, WM customers in Scappoose and Vernonia may place non-perishable food next to carts on regular collection days during the week of Nov.

9-13. Waste Management drivers will pick up the donations and deliver them to the food bank.

In 2009, Waste Management customers from Scappoose and Vernonia donated more than 1,700 pounds of food during the food drive.

For more information, contact Laury Lapping at the food bank: 503-397-9708

Local Properties For Rent

458 North St -
3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Wood floors throughout, Gas heat, Living room with freestanding wood stove, Tile counters in kitchen, Garage and Patio, \$950/mo.



1125 Ruth Ave -
3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Large "great room concept", w/ free-standing wood stove, Oak kitchen opens to great room, Gas stove, Gas heat, 2 Car garage, Large deck, \$950/mo.

184 Bridge Street
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Complete Remodel to Kitchen and bath, New Carpet, New Paint, W/D hook-ups, Garage, Yard, \$650/mo.



For more info contact Danielle 503-784-9560 or leave message at 503-255-2959

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