

**VHS CRLE Presentations**

Senior Career Related Learning Experience (CRLE) presentations are on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. Times to be announced but working schedule is:

Senior arena style presentations in the 'Logger Dome' are from 9:00-11:00. Public invited.

Speeches are at 7:00 PM with students arriving at 6:30 and judges at 6:00 (Student displays will be available for judges to view starting at 5:30).

Anyone interested in being a judge contact Rachel Wilcoxon or Dana Hyde at 503.429.3521 or email dhyde@vernonia.k12.or.us, or rwilcoxon@vernonia.k12.or.us

**Catherine Mater to Speak in Vernonia**

Catherine Mater will be a Guest Speakers at the Vernonia Economic Development Meeting on February 15th at City Hall at 6:30 PM. Also, two guest speakers from OSU, Lena Etuk and Mallory Rahe speaking about the Vernonia Indicator Project, along with Dan Brown from the Vernonia Planning Commission. There will be a question and answer time after each speaker, so bring your questions!

**Craft Class Scheduled at Vernonia Florist Crochet 101**

Susan Mullikin will teach beginners the basics of crochet. You will leave the first class with enough knowledge to crochet a simple project. The three remaining sessions will be adding to your skill with a completed project in the end.

**Thurs 7-8:30 PM**

**\$10 For Intro Session**

**\$5 for each additional Session**

**Knitting 101**

Kaitlyn Taylor is teaching the basic knitting with the end result being the knowledge you always wanted to knit many different items.

**Tuesday Nights 7-9 PM**

**\$10 For Intro Session**

**\$5 for each additional session**

**Sip-N-Knit**

With Katie Organ, learn to knit while enjoying your favorite beverage and treat, from Katie's own kitchen. Great selection of yarn and needles available at Vernonia Florist.

**1st & 3rd Thurs 10-Noon.**

**\$10 For Intro Session**

**\$5 for each additional Session**

**Quilting 101**

Mary Pense will be teaching the basics of quilting, a kit will be available, some sewing machines, bring yours if you have one.

**Monday Nights 7-8:30**

**\$10 For Intro Class**

**\$5 For each additional session**

Please feel free to request any type or color of yarn. Kits for each class and patterns will also be available.

**At the Vernonia Grange**

The Grange has a change of date on the April one day rummage sale - it will now be held on Saturday, April 16 from 10:00-4:00

There will also be Bingo at the Grange on Saturday, Feb 12 and Saturday, Feb 26, at 6:30 PM.

**Baseball, T-Ball & Softball Sign Ups**

There will be sign ups for Vernonia kids on Wednesday, February 16th from 6:00-8:00 PM. The sign ups will take place at WGS in room 6. If you have any questions Please call: Baseball questions--Brooke Morrison at 429-0560, T-Ball questions --Melissa Zavales at 429-2710, Softball questions--Katie Poetter 429-0700

**Community Collaborations Phase 3**

The Ford Institute Leadership Program, Community Collaborations Phase 3 will meet on February 19 from 2:00-6:00 PM at the VCLC. This is for any Board Members, Council or Committee members and volunteers serving the Vernonia community.

**Upcoming Events**

**Vernonia School District Town Hall Meeting, February 10, 6:30-8:00 PM**--Educational Programs will be the focus. This is a great opportunity for parents and the community to find out more information about the programs that are in place to help our youth grow and succeed.

**Spring Event--Buckleberry Cottage and Out On A Limb, Beginning with Opening Night on Thursday March 3rd, 6:00 to 9:00 PM then Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 4, 5, and 6th 10:00 to 4:00**

**Community Collaborations Phase 3, February 19, 2:00-6:00 PM** at the VCLC, 939 Bridge St. This is for any volunteers serving the Vernonia community. Contact: Heather Lewis, 503-429-4677 to RSVP

Discuss leveraging partnerships, Collaborations, MOU concepts and learn about some of the collaborative highlights that have been accomplished in 2010. RSVP with Volunteer Coordinator Heather Lewis, 503-429-4677, aletheia@gmail.com.

**Calling All Vernonia Logger Alumni**

The second annual Alumni Basketball game is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th at 6:00 PM We are looking for men and women to come and show their school spirit. If you are interested in playing please contact Julie at 503-869-0211.

This is an OSEA Classified Employee of the Vernonia School District fundraiser. Monies go to support conferences and training workshops, Scholarship funds, Boys and Girls Athletic funds and Teacher Appreciation Day.

Admission: \$5.00 ~ Adults, \$4.00 ~ 12 years old through HS, \$3.00 ~ K through 5th Grade.

**Readers Lend Their Voices...**

To the Vernonia community at large:

I am thankful and grateful to live in such a supportive, caring community. Thank You all so much for your help and support over the last year!

I am overjoyed to have finally made it back home last mid-December after many, many months of recovery!

My daughter Allee and I have been the recipients of countless kind and supportive acts from the Vernonia community at large.

Last summer's benefit concert was an amazing and overwhelming show of kindness and support from the community-Thank You all for your participation- musicians, organizers, the Vernonia Community Church, and audience / benefactors alike! The proceeds from the benefit concert facilitated the acquisition of an important piece of therapeutic equipment that is still in use to this day...Gradually, I keep discovering additional more subtle but no less important acts of kindness and support from the community that have occurred; the Vernonia community has not ceased to amaze me.

Thank You Vernonia!

Dennis Chadek  
Vernonia

It's not too late to make a difference! You can still make a donation/pledge that will help change a life. Every donation helps.

The United Way of Columbia County is nearing the end of its campaign (March 31, 2011) and we find ourselves a little short of our goal. We are currently at 75% of our goal of \$302,011.00

**What does not reaching our goal mean?**

It means many people in Columbia County will not receive the help they need when a crisis arrives. Seniors may go without home delivered meals. Children and families may not receive needed food, utility or housing assistance. There will be less training and housing options available for the disabled.

This year our community partners are experiencing as high as 36% increase in requests for food, shelter and utility assistance. Our goal

is to Give a Hand Up to the People in our Community in times of crisis and assist them in returning to or becoming healthy and productive.

**What can you do to help?**

Make a donation/pledge to the United Way of Columbia County today. Any amount is appreciated and will help support the many health and human service programs that your local United Way funds. Become a United Way Volunteer.

**To make a donation:**

**Mail to:** United Way of Columbia County, PO Box 538, Rainier, OR 97048

**Call:** 503-556-3614 and we can send you information.

**Visit:**

<http://unitedwayofcolumbiacounty.com/> for a donor form or make a donation online using the DONATE NOW button.

All contributions stay in Columbia County to help Columbia County residents.

Thank you for helping change lives in

our community.

Kathye Beck  
Executive Director

We would like to thank everyone involved in helping make the Youth Basketball Tournament a great success. Thank you to all volunteers including referees, score keepers, and snack shack workers. A special thanks to the school for letting us use the facility and the custodian for all your help we appreciate it. Thank you to the Vernonia Community Church for the use of the gym. Thanks to all of you this tournament gave our players home games.

Vernonia 5th and 6th grade girls took first and second and Vernonia 5th and 6th boys placed First! Congratulations to all the teams and thank you to the community for your support.

Jerry Butcher  
Vernonia Youth Basketball



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