

Free Workshops for Job Seekers at the Forest Grove City Library

Taught by Worksource Oregon staff. Registration is required at the library (503) 992-3337 or fgl-reference@wccls.org this program is financed with funds provided through Worksystems, Inc. from the U.S. Department of Labor. Thursday February 24, 1-3:00 PM Resume Building Tuesday March 8, 1-3:00 PM Job Interview Skills

At the Forest Grove City Library, 2114 Pacific Ave., (503) 992-3247, <http://www.fglibrary.plinkit.org/>

For more info contact: Shannon Romtvedt Adult Services Librarian Forest Grove City Library shannonr@wccls.org 503.992.3248

UNWC Annual Meeting

The Upper Nehalem Watershed Council's (UNWC) Annual Meeting has been changed from January 28th to **Saturday March 12th**. The meeting is open to the public. UNWC will show the community what they have accomplished and what is planned for the future, explaining their goals, asking for community input, electing new Board Members and amending their Bylaws.

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

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 26, at 6:30 PM.

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.

Columbia County Commission on Children and Families

The Columbia County Commission on Children and Families holds public meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM. The meetings are held at the OSU Extension Office, 505 N. Columbia River Hwy., St. Helens, Oregon. The next meeting is March 17, 2011.

Skein Slayers Knitting/ Crocheting Group

Sponsored by the Vernonia Prevention Coalition, the Kiwanis and community volunteers, Skein Slayers is a knitting/crocheting group whose goals are to invite people of all ages who can knit or crochet or just want to hang out and talk on the second and fourth Mondays at 6:00 PM. The hope is that this will become a multi-generational group that talks about whatever the hot topics are, particularly teens, and knit or crochet hats and scarves for our students in need and for the Community Closet. We'll have topics that we'll talk about each night and a table of supporting materials for the topic; i.e. suicide prevention, bullying, etc. Flyers will be posted around town. Join us Monday, February 28, 6:00 PM. Contact: Catherine Helmer, 503-914-9525.

Upcoming Events

Hazardous Waste Disposal, February 27, 8:00 AM - Noon at the Waste Transfer Station in St. Helens.

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 4th, 5th, and 6th 10:00 to 4:00

Columbia County Small Woodlands Association Tree Sale, March 12, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at Lawrence Oil, 845 N. Columbia River Hwy, St. Helens. Arrive early for best selections.

Donkey Basketball, March 18, 7:00 PM-- in the High School Gym

Make Vernonia Shine Day, April 16 - Vernonia's annual clean-up day, sponsored by Vernonia Pride.

Retirement Party for Dr. Phyllis Gilmore

The Vernonia Health Board would like to invite the community to attend a retirement reception in honor of Dr. Phyllis Gilmore on February 27 at 2:00 PM at the Vernonia Scout Cabin. Dr. Gilmore is retiring from the full time practice of medicine in March. Cake, coffee and punch will be served at the reception and community members are asked to bring stories about Dr. Gilmore to share.

Vernonia's Voice is published twice each month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Look for our next issue March 8.

Readers Lend Their Voices...

Many of you have heard around the community that Dr. Gilmore is retiring. The health board was notified by Providence that the retirement date will be March 4, 2011. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her dedication to this community which was abundantly apparent during the flood of 2007 and the sacrifices she made to continue medical services during and after that disaster.

As stated in our previous letter, we were hoping to have information whether our new partnership was approved by the end of 2010. Unfortunately, the Federal Government

has informed this board that the date of notification has been extended to August of 2011.

We are happy to inform you that we had a successful meeting between our new potential partner Coastal Family Health Center and our current partner Providence Health & Services to ensure continuity of care during this time of transition. An arrangement was agreed upon by all parties to ensure adequate staffing in continuing to provide this community quality services.

You will probably notice some new faces at the medical center as the transition unfolds. There are currently

positions available for local qualified applicants that can be accessed at providence.org. The employees hired through this process are anticipated to make the transition to the new partnership with Coastal Family Health Center.

We also want to extend our thanks to the dedicated staff past and present for the quality service they have provided this community.

Happy retirement and best wishes to you, Dr. Gilmore.

Sincerely,
Vernonia Health Center Board of Directors:

Carolyn Keasey, President
Marie Krahn, Vice President
Bob Wagner, Treasurer
Wendy Sears, Secretary
Ralph Keasey
Darlene McLeod
Phil Darrah
Rebecca McGaugh

Debbie Snook
Barb Ervin

The City of Vernonia Public Works Department would like to thank Lonnie Welter at the Columbia County Road Department for all his efforts in securing the generator that is stationed at the City of Vernonia water treatment plant. This is an asset that is very comforting to have on site for emergency power. There have times in the past years when we have had to rent backup power in emergencies. This kind of expense has never been included in the budget since the plant was built in 1996. Lonnie has spent considerable time with this project and I am sure the rest of Columbia County is very appreciative of his time.

Jeff Burch
Public Works Foreman
City of Vernonia

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Vernonia's Voice welcomes and requests your thoughts, opinions and ideas. Please include your name, address and phone number, limit your letters to 300 words or less. Vernonia's Voice reserves the right to edit, omit, respond or ask for a response to letters submitted. We will print letters, space permitting. Deadline is the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Email: scott@vernonias-voice.com or mail to: Letters, PO Box 55, Vernonia, OR 97064.