

Logging Show Planning

Organizers have begun to meet and plan for the 2011 Vernonia Logging Show and they are looking for some help.

The Logging Show, held during the first weekend in August as part of the Vernonia Jamboree, was cancelled last year. "Jamboree just isn't Jamboree without the Logging Show," says Kelly Baska, who is helping organize the event this year. "It's a go for this year, though. It definitely will happen."

Baska has begun meeting

with a committee to begin planning. The group is meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Vernonia City Hall, and anyone interested in helping make the Logging Show happen is invited to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13th.

"We're definitely making headway, but you can never have too many people to help with set up, and other things," says Baska.

Baska says donation request letters would be sent out

shortly and that he was hoping anyone who has been involved in past Logging Shows, as well as any other interested people, will turn out for the next meeting to help give input.

"We're hoping to make this year's show really good," says Baska.

For more information you can contact Kelly Baska at 503-869-4188.

Battle of the ABC's to Raise Money for Columbia Pacific Food Bank

Columbia Pacific Food Bank is planning an interesting and fun event to raise funds to help fight hunger in Columbia County.

On May 21st Columbia Pacific Food Bank will present "Battle of the ABC's" at the National Guard Armory.

Highlights of the evening include "battles" between local bands (the B in ABC) and a local chef competition (the C). Members of the US Army will also be on hand to do demonstrations (the A).

The Food Bank is looking for Cooks and

Caterers to compete and be named Columbia County's Most Outstanding Chef. Chefs will battle on stage, preparing a dish from a secret ingredients basket; judges will choose a winner. Chefs are also encouraged to bring their Signature Dish for guests to taste; guests will vote for their favorite dish and the chef receiving to most votes will win \$1,000.

Applications for the Chef Competition must be received by March 31, 2011. There is a \$100 entry fee. For more information contact the Columbia Pacific Food Bank at 503-397-9708.

Vernonia First Friday



Call out to Artists, Crafters, Musicians or anyone who is interested in participating in the Vernonia First Friday Events. First Friday is an extension of Hands on Art that brings the community together to celebrate its local talent, have fun and maybe learn something new. The 2011 Season begins the first Friday in May and ends in October.

We are looking for people who are interested in helping to organize the event as well as craft vendors, artists, musicians or other talent.

Come to our planning meeting on Thursday March 31st at 6:00 PM at the Vernonia Pioneer Museum. For more information contact Catherine Helmer 503-914-9525 or Kathy Larsen 503-449-3591 or email FirstFridayinVernonia@gmail.com.

Local Athlete Raising Funds for Trip to Australia

Alexander Miller, a football player from Jewell High School is hoping to travel to Australia this summer to compete in the Down Under Sports Tournament. Miller will represent the state of Oregon in the competition. Miller is currently seeking sponsors to help him with his goal of attending this once in a lifetime opportunity.

The Down Under Sports Tournament is Organized by International Sports Specialists, Inc. (ISSI) which provides a forum for athletes from other countries to compete head to head in the sport they love. The Down Under Sports Tournaments have included competition in football, cheerleading, basketball, volleyball, golf, cross-country, track and field, free style wrestling, and swimming. ISSI's goal is to continue to provide athletes who excel in their sport the opportunity to experience the culture, beauty and grandeur of the land Down Under all within the framework of spirited and intense competition in many different sports.

Individuals and businesses can help Miller by sending checks to Alexander Miller, 13753 Hwy 202, Mist, OR 97016, checks should be made out to "ISSI". You can also contact Alexander at 503-755-2784.

For more information about ISSI call 435-753-4732 or visit their website at www.downundersports.com

What is a Missionary?

"What is a Missionary?" Is this the prize winning answer on "Jeopardy" or the theme of Vernonia's Missions Conference April 8-10, 2011? Both are good-to-go.

Everyone is invited to meet "foreign" missionaries Orin and Rosa Kidd, Ben and Jennifer Bogel and "home" missionary Ellen Cook speaking at the Nehalem Valley Bible Church. You will soon share their amazing delights and disturbances of daily duties in Indonesian areas and also serving in the Pacific Northwest.

Orin Kidd kicks-off the weekend events Friday 7pm, followed by the popular and delicious Saturday 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast, featuring an inspirational message from Ben Bogel. The warmth of Rosa, Jennifer and Ellen highlight the 12 noon Ladies Tea. The 7:00 PM Saturday meeting spotlights both Ben and Jennifer who are currently on furlough in Astoria. Sunday, April 10th, 10:00 AM, Ellen speaks to all Sunday School classes and Orin during the 11:00 AM Worship Service. A Potluck Lunch follows and all return for more fellowship at 6:30 PM with the full panel of missionary speakers sharing one last time.

Reservations are needed for meals but all events are without charge, so please call Pastor Gary Taylor at 429- 5378 to reserve a spot at our banqueting tables. We hope to find you there for a wonderful weekend of fellowship.

Senior Center Activities

5-Area Luncheon: Monday, March 28 at the St. Helens Senior Center

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 week day, 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

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