

## Vernonian's Receive Life Saving Award

On Saturday evening May, 14, 2011, three Vernonia Men were awarded the "Citizen Life Saving Award" by the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA).

The 10th annual Oregon Fire Service

Meritorious Awards Banquet was held in Salem, with representatives from all over the state gathering to honor those chosen for awards. Mike Pihl, Doug Davenport, and Rob Richards all of Vernonia, received the awards for the assistance they provided to Vernonia

RFPD at a log truck accident on Highway 47 North on July 22nd, 2010.

The Citizen Life Saving Award is to "recognize citizens, businesses, and other groups for efforts that result in saving another's life, benefiting the Fire Service, or other honorary action."

Some family and friends were on hand to witness the presentation, as well as members of the Vernonia RFPD and Metro West Ambulance.



Doug Davenport, Mike Pihl and Rob Richards of Vernonia received a Citizen Life Saving Award for their assistance in a rescue in July 2010. Photo courtesy of Christie Davis.

## Come Celebrate First Friday!

Vernonia First Friday is June 3, 2011 at the Vernonia Scout Cabin from 5:00 to 8:00 PM



Come join your friends and neighbors in celebrating the arts, entertainment and culture in our community. There will be arts, crafts, music, some light refreshments and fun fun fun. Decorate a cookie, smell some lavender and try on some headbands or hair bows. Appreciate amazing collage paintings and photos of local Vernonia scenes and try out some walking sticks. Oh, even more; cards small quilts, jewelry, and wood crafts. We're sure that isn't everything, so come out and see what is going on.

### Jr. Salmon Silent Auction

Please give the salmon a home! A few are still available for adoption at First Friday. See the talented students Linda Allen at VHS has in her classes. The photography and art classes took on the challenge to decorate the salmon and you will be amazed at the creativity. Proceeds from the sale of these artistic salmon help support art programs at Vernonia Schools and Hands-On Art.



Jr. Salmon like these are looking for a home. You can adopt one at the June 3rd First Friday.

## Senior Center Activities

**5-Area Luncheon:** Monday, June 27 at the Scappoose 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**

## Letter Carrier's Food Drive Helps Vernonia Cares



The annual Letter Carrier's Food Drive on May 14, 2011 collected 1066 pounds of food this year to help support the Vernonia Cares Food Bank. According to Vernonia Cares Director Sandy Welch, that far surpasses last year's total of 807 pounds. Above: Vernonia Letter Carrier Peter O'Leary unloads the collected food with Tina Brewington from Vernonia Cares.

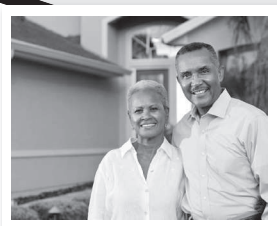
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