

First Friday July 1st at the Scout Cabin



Join your neighbors and friends in celebrating arts, entertainment and culture in our community at First Friday on July 1, 2011 from 5:00 8:00 PM. First Friday in July will feature not only local artists and crafters, but a patriotic reading of the Bill of Rights. The Vernonia Boy Scouts will perform a flag retirement ceremony and the public is welcome to bring American flags for retirement. Kids can create stars for Vernonia's 4th of July parade and decorate cookies.

Once again, after First Friday, there will be Contra Dancing at the Grange. Lessons are at 7:30 and the dance is from 8 to 11. No experience is necessary, but come prepared to smile.

First Friday is a revenue generating entity for Vernonia Hands-on Art and is dedicated to celebrating the arts, bringing people together to meet neighbors, exchange information and share skills, and reinforcing a sense of community. And, most importantly, to HAVE A GOOD TIME!

Senior Citizen Day at Columbia County Fair

Senior Day is Wednesday, July 13, 2011 and not only is the entry for seniors free on that day so is the ride!! The Opening Ceremonies will be at noon and the "My Fair Lady Pageant" at 1:00 PM

Columbia County Rider will pick up seniors at each of the senior centers in Columbia County at the following times:

- Vernonia Senior Center 8:45 AM
- Scappoose Senior Center 9:30 AM
- St. Helens Senior Center 9:30 AM
- Clatskanie Senior Center 9:15 AM
- Rainier Senior Center 9:30 AM

Seniors are encouraged to coordinate with the Senior Center in their community to get on the list for the trip. Those Assisted Living Facilities and nursing homes can call the Dispatch number on the flyer (503-366-0159) to get specific times for pickup. We are asking that the Senior Centers forward the list of those wanting a ride to the event by the last week in June.

Those providing a sponsorship for transportation this year are: Columbia River PUD, Clatskanie PUD Spring Meadows Assisted Living; and Metro West

Last year transportation was provided to approximately 250 seniors to the Columbia County on Fair Senior Day. For more information call 503-397-1035

Vernonia Bear Creek 10K/5K Run/Walk Event Planned

Mark your calendars – August 13, 2011, is the date for the ninth annual Bear Creek Run/Walk. Beginning and ending at Anderson Park, this event boasts the diversity of a 5K Run/Walk including a scenic lap around Vernonia Lake, and a 10K Run that heads south along the Banks/Vernonia Linear Trail. Both routes are flat, fast and wind through tree-lined sections of the trail, providing welcome shade for runners & walkers alike.

This event is a fundraiser for the Vernonia Cares Food Bank – an organization that has supported local families for the past 26 years. Many local businesses have already received letters reaching out for sponsorship and support of this event. The food bank appreciates the financial sponsorship received during the past eight years from businesses, both local and outside of Vernonia. This year shows a sponsorship total of \$1100 so far. Great start!

How can you help? Become a sponsor, enter the race as an individual or group, come and cheer on those who run or walk or better yet, volunteer on race day! There are many volunteers needed to make this event a success, so please help out if you can! It is said that charity begins at home – this is a chance to role model this through all levels of support for this event.

Registration will begin at 8:00 AM on August 14th at the Anderson Park pavilion, in Vernonia, with the events starting at 9:00 AM – a little later than last year. Online registration is encouraged. Watch for more local advertising and race registration forms in the days ahead. See the following website for more details; <http://www.signmeup.com/75917> or contact Kellie Murray, Race Director at (503) 429-3021.

It is the Food Bank's hope that the 2011 Vernonia Bear Creek Run will be a memorable event benefiting Vernonia residents both young and old alike. It has the potential to bring visitors and consumers to our beautiful town, generating local revenue plus heightened awareness of our lovely forested trails and parks. See you at the starting line!

Senior Center Activities

5-Area Luncheon: Monday, July 25 at the Rainier 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

Come Join the Seventh Day Adventist Church's 75 Year Celebration

It all began in 1935 when Pastor Ray Badgley held meetings in a deserted store on Bridge Street. While serving in Vernonia, Pastor Badgley also traveled to Astoria, Long Beach, Wa. and Seaside for services.

The year was 1936 when the building of our little church began, located to this day on 2nd and Nehalem. The sweat and time of volunteer labor and a vigorous fundraiser of fudge selling to the surrounding towns was how the church began its erection.

Being a lumber town, the lumber was donated by Mr. Bennett who at the time owned and operated the third largest mill in the world and who later became a church member.

This was during the Depression era, money was very tight, and the mill and the logging industry was shut down for most of the time.

The church was finally completed and organized on July 25, 1936 with a dedication on January 17, 1937 debt-free.

It is now 75 years later and we invite the community to share God's love with us.

Sabbath School starts at 9:30am Worship Services at 11:00am

A celebration of food, music and fellowship at Hawkins Park on Saturday July 9, 2011 starting at 12:30 PM.

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