

Knights of Veritas Visit Vernonia

The Knights of Veritas, an educational group returned to Vernonia for a second year as part of the Vernonia Library Summer Reading Program. The knights provided a free evening demonstration at Hawkins Park, giving interactive instruction in medieval historic arms, and swordsmanship and

combat strategies before donning their full armour for a demonstration of a full contact battle.

The Knights of Veritas use high quality replica steel armour designed after pieces from the early- to mid-1500's. Their armour looks and feels like the historical originals, including accurate weight. A full

suit of armour weighs about 65 pounds.

The annual visit by the Knights of Veritas is becoming an favorite for both Vernonia children and adults.



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This conversion allows other computers to read the output text, allowing for rapidly completed keyword searches.

"Having the ability to keyword search has dramatically improved the potential to use historical newspapers for research," said Karen Estlund, ODNP director and head of Digital Library Services for UO Libraries. "The data provided are not only useful for the casual researcher but also provide extensive data-mining possibilities to analyze trends in history."

The utility of this resource already is being appreciated. "I'm really enjoying using the site. It is a tremendous help for a heavy newspaper researcher like me," said Kimberly Jensen, professor of history and

gender studies at Western Oregon University. Cricket Soules, a volunteer researcher for the Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery, agreed. "The same information it took us three hours to find on microfilm, we found in under 30 seconds using keyword searching on the website."

Essays with background information about each of the selected newspaper titles also available on the site, along with brief tutorials on searching and browsing, lesson planning materials for K-12 educators and answers to frequently asked questions.

Beginning in 1953, the UO Libraries started the Oregon Newspaper Program to microfilm the state's newspapers for preservation. The web-digitalization

project took root in 2009 under a Library Services & Technology block grant of \$79,883 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Oregon State Library in Salem. It was expanded by a \$365,393 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the National Digital Newspaper Program, an additional \$246,880 under the Oregon Library Services & Technology program, and by matching grants totaling \$181,046 from the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office and the Oregon Heritage Commission through the Oregon Cultural Trust.

<http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu>

Wings & Wheels Comes to South Columbia County

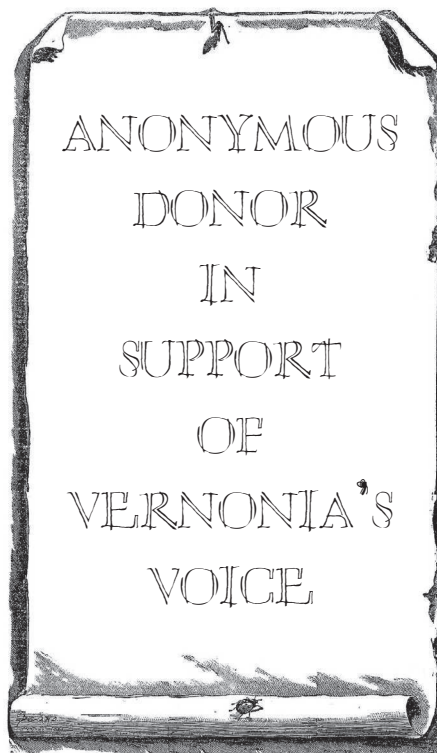
The South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce Event Planning Committee, in partnership with the Port of St Helens, Columbia Aviation Center and Northwest Antique Airplane Club is planning a truly special local event.

The inaugural Wings & Wheels event on August 14, 2011, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM will take place at the Scappoose Industrial Air Park at 34000 Skyway Drive, Scappoose, OR 97056.

The one day event will feature a "fly-in" and "cruise-in." Among the scheduled activities are:

antique, classic, home-built, ultra light, planes on display; airplane rides by Lou Coleman Charters; vintage cars, trucks, and motorcycles on display; model railroad exhibit in one of the hangars; food vendors representing local restaurants; and music from local bands.

Admission will be \$5.00/person, children under 7 are free. There will be a \$20.00 family cap on admission (Rules do apply). Parking is free. All proceeds benefit the South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce.



School Board Vacancy

Applications are being accepted until August 19 for position #6 on the Vernonia School District 47J board. Applications are available on the School District website or at the District Office.

Requirements: Applicants must be a registered voter and must have lived in the school district for one year.

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