

2011 Summer Canning Class Schedule

Have you thought about learning to can fruits, vegetables, jams, jellies or fish or game this summer? Are you an experienced canner who would like an update on the latest USDA recommendations? Then plan to attend one or more of the canning classes offered by the Columbia County Extension Service. Classes will be held at the First Lutheran Church, 360 Wyeth St., St. Helens (on the corner of N. 4th St. and Wyeth St.). Each class will cost \$20.00 or \$70.00 for all four. A small number of scholarships are available. Payment must be made in advance to hold your spot. Class size is limited. All classes are held on Tuesday's from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

August 23rd, Canning Tomatoes and Salsa

For more information and to register for classes, please call or visit the OSU Extension Service office at: 505 N. Columbia River Highway, St. Helens, OR 97051, 503-397-3462

Women's Resource Center Activities

Please Join the Columbia County Women's

Resource Center for their Partner and Supporter Celebration on Thursday September 1, 2011 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Shelter and office location. For safety, please RSVP for the location. There will be BBQ Lunch at 11:30 followed by a brief informational program at 12:30. Come see our home and learn about our services.

The Resource Center is coming up on our annual building maintenance. During this time we work to ensure that the building will be here and in good shape for many years to come. There are many volunteer opportunities during the weeks of August 22 and 29. All are invited to join us for an open house on Thursday September 1st.

For information, confidential location and to RSVP contact 503.397.711 or info@ccwrc.com.

Vernonia Open Air Market

Vernonia Open Air Market is a combination of local farm products, crafts, food and more held every Saturday June through October 1st from 10 AM - 2 PM, downtown Vernonia.

Upcoming Events

Vernonia Night Out, August 24, 4:30 PM—at Anderson Park. Come join friends and neighbors in support of local public safety agencies.

Red Cross Blood Drive, August 30, 1:30-6:30 PM—at the Vernonia Community Church, 957 State Street. To make an appointment call 503-528-5603.

Community Town Hall, September 13, 7-9 PM— at the Vernonia School Cafeteria. Discussions to include new school project update, ODOT street improvements, old school demolition and new Spencer Park construction.

St. Mary's Annual Quilt and Craft Fair, September 15-18—Admission still only \$1!, Lunch served daily at 11AM. At St. Mary's Church, 960 Missouri Ave. Follow the signs.

Vernonia's Community Garage Sale, September 17, 9 AM-5 PM—Approximately 40 locations to shop! All residents and businesses who wish to be included on maps—contact Helen Bateman at 503-429- 6203. Maps available Thursday before the sale.

First Fridays in September



The final First Friday celebrations of the season will be held on September 2nd and September 30th at the Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park from 5:00 to 8:00 .

On September 2nd join your neighbors and friends in celebrating arts, entertainment, and culture in our community. You can browse through the work of local artists and crafters, and enter your name in a number of exciting raffles including paintings of historic Vernonia as interpreted through the Artist's

Eye, a quilt donated by the Senior Center, a Dave Anderson collage, a Nintendo Game Cube, and a Pampered Chef turkey roasting pan (drawings will be September 30th). In celebration of textile arts, kids can make and decorate sock puppets. Salmon blanks will also be available for sale.

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!

The last First Friday of the season will be the last Friday of September in order to coordinate with Vernonia's Salmon Festival. Celebrate a great summer with neighbors and friends by enjoying arts, entertainment, and culture. Visit with local artists and crafters, and enter your name in several sensational raffles that will be drawn before the end of the evening. Children can fish for Salmon (treats) in a fishing game and decorate cookies.

Stop by to kick off the Salmon Festival weekend and close the season with an evening out with family, friends and neighbors.

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor

I would like to thank all my dear friends (Sharron & Pat Rockwood, Sally Harrison, Heather Lewis, and Jan Bernardi) for their help, concerns, transporting, and food just before and during my recent hospitalization. To all who kept the prayers ongoing, God Bless. I am finally home and getting better each day.

If anyone wants to come by for a visit, please be sure to be well (no coughs, etc.) and be ready to use hand sanitizer. Since I am still pretty anemic, there will be no hugs nor kisses as

greetings. As I get better, I look forward to having more visitors.

Janelle Thomas Cedergreen
Vernonia

To the Editor

Vernonia Band Boosters would like to thank Lisa Brewer and the Booster Club for allowing us to open the snack shack during Jamboree. Thanks to students Alex W., Sarah W., and Daniel S. and parents Stacy Adams, Camrin Eyrrick and Betsy Miller for arriving at 7 AM to

serve breakfast burritos. Thanks to the parade committee for again allowing the combined middle and high school marching band plus some to participate. Thank you to Lauyrn McCroskey for marching. And a special thank you to drum majorette Kourtne A. for leading the band in the parade and Stacy Adams for dusting off her clarinet and marching along. The band programs appreciate all the support we receive from our community.

Vernonia Band Boosters

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 1st Annual Vernonia Fire Toy and Joy Golf Benefit a success! Nearly \$1,000 was made from local sponsors and donations. Local Raffle prizes poured in! We will be able to help buy even more new toys this year for Christmas! Again THANK

YOU to everyone who helped--you know who you are!

Randy Carlton, EMT-B
Golf Benefit Director
Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District

To the Editor

First Friday in August brought crafters, artists and visitors to the Scout Cabin for an evening of shopping, visiting neighbors and enjoying the guitar and vocals of Lowell Mitchell. Kids decorated magic wands, smashed a piñata and frosted cookies. Thank you to the many vendors and visitors that participated, and to the volunteers that made the evening run like clockwork. Special thanks to Jack Finzel for the mini-engine demonstration and to artists Diane Coughlin, Sally Harrison, Walter Neuman, and Dave Anderson for their paintings of historic "Vernonia Through the Artist's Eye".

First Friday

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