

Upcoming Events

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.

Antique Engine Show, September 17, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM—at the Vernonia Pioneer Museum. See gasoline-powered engines from the early 1900s that provided power before rural electrification.

Vernonia Grange Clean Up, September 23-25—Help needed for general cleaning, painting and other projects for this local, historic community building. Contact

Britt Bensen Steele at 503-780-4038 to get involved.

Clatskanie Health & Safety Fair, September 24, 10:00 AM – 2:00PM- at the Clatskanie PUD, 495 E. Columbia River Hwy. Clatskanie.

WOC Open House, September 30, 2:00-7:00 PM—Tour the new headquarters facility at 652 Rove Avenue.

Salmon Festival, October 1, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM—at Hawkins Park. Kids Trout Pond, Pumpkin Carving, Live Music, Vendors and Great Food, and more!

Vernonia Contra Dance, October 8, 8-10:00 PM—at the Vernonia Grange. Join Caller Stephanie Noll for an evening of folk dancing. All levels welcome. \$5 per person, \$15 per family. Contact Heather Lewis at 503-429-4677 for more info.

Sparkles, Scents, Snacks and Skin Care, September 24, 4-7 PM—Join local Scentsy, Pampered Chef, Cookie Lee and Mary Kay distributors at Indulgence/John L. Scott, 859 Bridge St.

Pioneer Museum Hosts Antique Engine Show

Vernonia Pioneer Museum will be open extended hours on Saturday, September 17, from 10:00 AM to 4 PM in conjunction with an antique engine show on the front lawn during those hours. The engine show is hosted by members of Branch 15 Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association.

On display will be several gasoline-powered engines from the early 1900s that provided power to farm equipment, water pumps, and machine shops before rural electrification. There will also be at least one operating drag saw (used to cut logs into shorter lengths that could be split for firewood). Last year's show drew over two hundred people who enjoyed watching these antiques in action

Job Selection Process: Tips from Human Resources

Get some tips from Barbara Huson, Human Resources expert, on what to do and what not to do when applying for a job, Tuesday, September 27 7:00-8 :00 PM at the Forest Grove City Library. What stands out on a resume? What should you not bring up in an interview? What questions do you have? Barbara Huson has 30 years of experience in Human Resources management and has participated in hundreds of selection processes. No registration required. For more details, contact the Forest Grove City Library 2114 Pacific Ave. (503) 992-3247, fgl-reference@wccls.org.

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.

Community Town Hall Scheduled

A Community of Transportation will be present to discuss road improvements related to the school project. Planning for the demolition of the old school campus and construction of the new Spencer Park will also be discussed.

Town Hall will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Vernonia School Cafeteria. An update will be given on the new school campus construction project and staff from Oregon Department



Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor

Some time ago my husband and I attended the Friendship logging jamboree as venders. We have attended events in the past, but none can compare with the exceptional organization and team effort we witnessed during the three days of celebration. Vernonia has the welcome home spirit of yesteryear we so much enjoyed. As venders we could not have gotten better service, friendlier wait staff and better food from the Black Bear Cafe . We extend a special thanks to everyone involved in making this event a great success: the Lions Club, Phil Logging and many others. A very special commendation to JoAnn Glass for above and beyond hard work and dedication.

We look forward in sharing in the wonderful festivities next year.

Sincerely your new friends,
DONGII Designer Jewelry
Don and Gigi Grassest
Longview, WA

Dear Vernonia Community-

I just wanted to let you all know what is being collected/recycled for this school year. (collection bins are at WGS next to the WGS gym door in the

hallway)

We are no longer collecting Ziploc bags or cork
Still collecting:
Box Tops Labels
Campbell Soup Labels (upc part)
Cell Phones & Ink Cartridges
Tyson Project A+ Labels (frozen food)
Flav R Pac & Santiam Labels (upc part)
Capri Sun Drink Pouches
Elmer Glue (glue sticks/bottles)
Frito Lay Chip Bags (i.e. Fritos, Cheetos, Lays, Doritos)
Writing Instruments (Paper Mate, Sharpie, & Expo) those dry erase pens that you use
Colgate (toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, packaging)
Scotch Tape (dispensers & cores) has to be the brand Scotch
Tortilla & Tostada Bags (have to be Mission)
Cheese Packaging (has to be Kraft)

All the money collected from fundraising/recycling this specific school year will be going towards playground equipment at the new school.

If you have questions or are not quite sure what is the correct upc label or product, please don't hesitate to call WGS or to stop by and talk to me in person.

I will send out periodic letters in the newspaper throughout the year about this and letting you all know what is still being collected or if something is not being collected anymore. Thanks to those who have helped in the past and a "thank you" to those who will help this school year. Take care and thanks for your time.

George Spaulding
K-5 P.E. Teacher
Washington Grade School

To the Editor

The Columbia County Women's Resource Center (CCWRC) would like to thank all of our volunteers, friends, partners and supporters who made our annual facility maintenance a success. The Resource Center's emergency shelter undergoes maintenance to ensure that the building is safe and in good repair so that we can be here, serving families for many years to come. This year's maintenance was a success thanks to dedicated volunteers and donors.

We would especially like to thank Ace Hardware West (St. Helens), Stan's Refrigeration and Appliance and Walmart for their generous in-kind support. Thanks also to our volunteers who gave their time, talents and sweat to make sure that our facility is in good repair. And to those generous donors who came over with armloads of bath tissue, "thank you" doesn't say enough!

Other important donations came from the Samuel S. Johnson Foundation, the Windermere Foundation, St. Helens Community Federal Credit Union's CU

4 A Cause, Mr. & Mrs. Fox and Judy Thompson. We would not be here without the generous support of our neighbors. This is a great example of people giving what they can to make a real difference for families. We are humbled by the support we receive to ensure that we are here serving families for many years to come.

The CCWRC was also the grateful recipient of over \$2,100 raised by the Wigwam Tavern's annual August Poker Run. The Wigwam Tavern in Scappoose generously supports the CCWRC's programs and services. The tavern owners are rounding up their donation to \$2,500. This annual event is very popular and by supporting a local nonprofit, the Wigwam shows amazing compassion for our neighbors. Thank you to all involved!

The 22-bed shelter serving Columbia County is so much more than temporary housing. CCWRC provides wrap around services to women and children. Supports and programs include connections to medical and mental health care, legal assistance, counseling, support groups, education, risk assessment and safety planning.

CCWRC is the only agency of its kind dedicated to serving victims and survivors of family violence and sexual assault in our community. For information on how you can help change lives by volunteering or donating to the Resource Center call 503.397.7110.

Rachael Barry-Dame,
Executive Director
Columbia County
Women's Resource Center

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Vernonia's Voice welcomes and requests your thoughts, opinions and ideas. Please include your name, address and phone number, limit your letters to 300 words or less. Vernonia's Voice reserves the right to edit, omit, respond or ask for a response to letters submitted. We will print letters, space permitting. Deadline is the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Email to: scott@vernonia-voice.com or mail to: Letters, PO Box 55, Vernonia, OR 97064.