

**First Friday-- September 30th**

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

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.

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!

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

**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@wvcls.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.

**Upcoming Events**

**WOEC 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 7, 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.

**School Town Hall, October 20, 7:00 PM** - at the school cafeteria. Join Lango Hansen as they gather community input for the design of the new Spencer Park.

**Vernonia Library Receives Grant**

The Friends of the Vernonia Library have received notification that they are the recipients of a grant from the Columbia County Cultural Coalition. The purpose of this matching grant will be to expand the local 2012 Community Reads event by providing an activity related to each of three selected books. Titles of these books will be announced in January with the activities to take place during April's National Library Week.

**Good Times, Great Family & Friends, Excellent Cause & Cherishable Memories!**

Please come "Rain or Shine" to help support the Baska Family. All proceeds will go to Scott's Daughter's Trust Fund.

**Scotty's Memorial Golf Fundraiser**  
Oct. 15, 2011

Vernonia Golf Club  
\$40 Per Person  
9:00 a.m. Shot Gun Start  
4 Person Teams  
Raffle Prizes  
Pot Luck (please bring a dish)

Scott Michael Baska  
Nov. 21 1975 - Sept. 20, 2011

Please R.S.V.P to Benjamin Fifield by October 9th, 2011  
Call: 503.989.7469 ~ Email: bennyshreds@yahoo.com

**Readers Lend Their Voices...**

To the Editor

We want to thank all the businesses and other contributors (and you know who you are) who made our *Stuff the Bus* school supplies fund raiser a success. We want to thank all of you who gave cash that came to \$191.00 and school supplies valuing \$1,713.83. Thanks to you, we were able to fill 80 backpacks for the beginning of the school year. We will also be able to give supplies to students in k-12 for the rest of the school year when needed.

Thank you's to Lilly Buchanan, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Tanesha Fowler, 7<sup>th</sup> grade for their help sign painting and face painting August 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> in the Wauna Credit Union parking lot for the fund raiser. And a special thank you to those who let us paint and put glitter on you!

You all made this successful for the Vernonia students who need supplies to do better in school. Again, thanks a million.

Sonia Spackman  
Vernonia  
*Stuff the Bus* volunteer

To the Editor

Thank you Trudy Ludwig for coming to Vernonia for 2 days to help school staff, students and parents understand bullying and friendship issues. Thanks to the VPC, school staff and a special thank you to high school, middle school and grade school students Sara and Paige Smith, Hanna Fleck, McKenzie Titus, Megan Schiermaister, Hera Hopkins, L.J. Fallau, Katie

Martinez, Tanesha Fowler and Grace Coleman who provided leadership and fun filled child care in the library, and out in the play shed, for setting up and cleaning up and for stepping up to help make the Trudy Ludwig parenting session successful.

Sonia Spackman  
Vernonia  
WGS volunteer

To the Editor

On 9/14/11 Sheriff Dickerson went public on Fox 12 News stating that effective October 1<sup>st</sup> there will only be one Deputy to patrol the entire County. One deputy to respond to all 9-11 calls received daily. This Deputy will at his or her discretion, choose what calls to respond to. They may not even respond at all! Sheriff Dickerson was quoted "If you have a firearm, get trained in the proper use of that firearm, and be willing to use it if you need to protect your family".

Sheriff Dickerson, you made a very powerful statement in telling the residents of Columbia County that they may need

to be willing to use deadly force but you failed to tell them that if they don't follow the letter of the law they will be the ones going to jail!

I cringe knowing we are going back to the days of calling 9-11 and being told by C-Com "sorry no one is on duty or available to respond, you can call back tomorrow or we will take a message and a Deputy will call you back when he or she can".

I expected more from you Sheriff Dickerson, that's why I voted for you! I feel you are all about excuses and nothing about solutions. Are you punishing the residents of this county for not passing the tax levy so you could spend the money as you saw fit? Where is the Sheriff's Posse and your Reserve Program? Why don't you hold the County Commissioners responsible for this? The same goes for our Commissioners. Why are you not holding Sheriff Dickerson accountable for his budget that seemed to be adequate prior to the levy? When you focus on nothing but the problems, that is all you will get in return, more problems!

In Columbia County Oregon with a population of 49,351 people we

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