

## It's Halloween in St. Helens All Through October

Celebrate the Spirit of Halloweentown in Saint Helens every weekend in October. The riverfront district of Olde Towne Saint Helens sports Halloweentown and Twilight filming locations, haunted places and dark history.

Pick up a free walking map featuring Twilight and Halloweentown Locations, Dark History and Haunted Places at any number of local merchants.

Shopkeepers and servers will be turned into ghosts, goblins and ghouls every Friday at 3:00 PM and won't be restored to their mortal forms until 3 on Sunday.

Wear your costume and take advantage of special offers at local businesses. Or browse boutiques and thrift stores to find the perfect costume.

Activities include an I-Spy Adventure and Coloring Contest.

Perhaps the most notable feature of Spirit of Halloweentown is the Scarecrow Contest. Scarecrows line the streets as local shop keeps try



to outdo one another to create the most creative and clever scarecrow.

Vote for your favorites with raffle tickets to benefit the Columbia County Food Bank.

On your way in or out, you might like to visit Bernet Farms pumpkin patch and corn maze located at 51372 Dike Road Scappoose, OR 97056. If you plan to stay the night, mention Halloweentown for a discount at the Oak Meadows Best Western or Scappoose Creek Inn.

Follow the action on Facebook at HalloweentownOR.

## September 17th Was a Busy Day!

With shoppers cruising all around town during the annual Community Garage Sale, Vernonia sure was bustling on Saturday, September 17th. But great deals at the sales weren't the only thing happening--the St. Mary's Quilt Sale was going on all weekend (below) as well as an Antique Steam Engine Demonstration at the Pioneer Museum (right).



## Ridge Riders Make Improvements at Arena

The Vernonia Ridge Riders have been hard at work making improvements to the horse arena located near Anderson Park.

In addition to constructing new wooden corrals, the group has erected a new sign over the corrals. They are also making improvements to their kitchen/concession stand and are planning to enclose the announcers booth.

According to Ridge Riders President, Deloris Bellingham, much of the materials that have been used for their improvements have come through the deconstruction and salvage operations from homes that have been bought out after the 2007 Flood. "We would like to say thank you to the company doing the deconstruction for making materials available to us," said Bellingham. "We would also like to say thank you to Mike Pihl Logging and West Oregon Electric Cooperative for their support."

The Vernonia Ridge Riders lease the property for the horse arena from the City of Vernonia. The Ridge Riders attended the September 19,



2011 Vernonia City Council meeting to discuss their plans to construct an entrance archway into the area they lease.

### Vernonia Contra Dance

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October 7th





**Event Schedule**

8:00—10:00 Dance

~Location~

Vernonia Grange  
397 North Street  
Vernonia OR 97064

**Caller: Stephanie Noll**

**Admission: \$5 per person or \$15 per Family**

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**The Grange is a Tobacco and Alcohol Free Facility Promoting a Family Friendly Environment.**

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