

Drop Sites for the Special Primary Election on November 8, 2011

Drop sites for the election will be as follows:

VERNONIA LIBRARY

701 Weed Ave.

Oct.21 – Nov. 7 During Library Hours

Nov. 8 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

RAINIER CITY HALL

106 B St. West

Oct 21-Nov 7 During Office Hours

Nov. 8 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

CLATSKANIE LIBRARY

11 Lillich St.

Oct. 21 – Nov. 7 During Library Hours

Nov. 8 12:00 – 8:00 PM

SCAPPOOSE CITY HALL

33568 E. Columbia Ave.

Oct 21-Nov 7 During Office Hours

Nov. 8 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

MIST BIRKENFELD RFPD

12525 Highway 292

Oct 21-Nov 7 During Office Hours

Nov. 8 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

COUNTY COURTHOUSE

ELECTIONS DEPT.

230 Strand St.

St. Helens, OR 97051

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Mon. – Thu.

Election Day – NOV 8 - 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

PM

A drive-by drop box is located in the lower parking lot.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

November 26, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Waste Transfer Station in St. Helens. Columbia County is offering free household hazardous waste disposal the last Saturday of each month. Paints, cleaners, pesticides, fluorescent lights, automotive chemicals and many other items are accepted. No motor oil. If you have questions about what is acceptable call 503-397-1501.

Vernonia's Voice is published twice each month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Look for our next issue November 22nd.

How do I access medical services in Vernonia?

If you are having a medical emergency you should call 911. Non emergency dispatch numbers are, 503-397-1521 or 800-696-7795 for Police, Fire and Medical.

If you choose to seek emergency services on your own, the closest facilities are: Tuality Hospital, Forest Grove at 503 359-6180 or Providence St. Vincent Hospital, Beaverton at 503 216-1234.

If you have an Urgent need and cannot schedule with your Primary Care Physician or do not have a Primary Care Physician, the closest Urgent Care Facilities are: Legacy Urgent Care, St. Helens at 503 397-7119 or Concentra Urgent Care, Hillsboro at 503 726-1021 or PMG Urgent Care, Hillsboro at 503 216-9360 or Geneva Health Center, Forest Grove at 503 992-0288.

If you are looking for a new Primary Care Physician our local Physician Dr. Carole McIntyre is open to new clients and is working

to be credentialed through most major insurance carriers including OHP. Her contact information is: 503 429-4096.

Other Primary Care Services are: Scappoose Family Clinic 503 543-3181 or Virginia Garcia Health Center, Hillsboro at 503 601-7400 - Cornelius at 503 352-8610 or PMG Orenco Station, Hillsboro at 503 216-1600 or Geneva Health Center, Forest Grove at 503 992-0288.

If you are experiencing * Chest pain * Severe abdominal pain * Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath * Sudden dizziness, weakness or loss of coordination or balance * Sudden blurred vision * Numbness in the face, arm or leg * Sudden, severe headache * Deep cuts or bleeding that won't stop * Coughing up or vomiting blood * Severe burns * Seizures ALWAYS CALL 911.

Please keep these numbers readily accessible for your convenience.

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

The Vernonia Economic Development Committee and the City Administrator would like to inform the community of two recent developments related to high speed internet access.

1. Frontier has recently improved their DSL equipment within town. Frontier subscribers should be able to obtain internet access as follows:

a. Now: approximately 7 Mbps download within a 2 to 3 mile radius from their switch building, and approximately 2.5 to 3 Mbps within a 4 to 5 mile radius. (Frontier's switch

building is just east of the central bridge in town.)

b. By July 2013: Four remote switches will be upgraded such that approximately 85% of Frontier's subscribers should be able to obtain 3 Mbps.

2. Coho.Net, based in Hillsboro, has recently installed 5 to 10+ Mbps internet service to the Vernonia Airport. They are willing to provide service to residents in the Vernonia area who either do not want to wait for 1b above, who fall outside the 85% / 3 Mbps service area of Frontier, or determine that they

Upcoming Events

Dinner Fundraiser for Kari Titus, November 11, 4:00-8:00 PM—Fundraiser at Black Bear to help the Titus family with medical bills. Lasagne, salad, bread and apple crisp--\$10/person. Four seatings on the hour. Tickets available at Black Bear, VMS office and VHS office. Reservations for seating made when tickets are purchased.

Raising Urban and Suburban Homestead Poultry, November 12, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at the St. Helens Library, 375 S. 18th St. The cost is \$5.00. For more information, call OSU Extension/Columbia County 503-397-3462 or email chip.bubl@oregonstate.edu.

Sheriff's Town Hall, November 15, 7:00 PM --Columbia County Sheriff Jeff Dickerson will hold a Town Hall meeting at the St. Helens High School Auditorium, 2375 Gable Road. Dickerson will make a short presentation about recent loss of services and there will be an opportunity for citizens to express their concerns as well as ask questions. Citizens will also be able to sign up for a tour of the county jail facility. For more information contact the Columbia County Sheriff's Office at 503-366-4611

VHS Alumni Volleyball Game, November 18, 7:00 PM—Come watch VHS Alumni take on this year's Varsity Girls. All proceeds benefit the Zack Rumboltz Memorial Scholarship Fund.

International Survivors of Suicide Day, November 19, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM—A day of healing, support and sharing for bereaved individuals and families who have lost a loved one to suicide. In Vernonia, an event will be held at the Vernonia Community Church, 957 State Street.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner, November 24, 1:00-4:00 PM—Everyone is welcome for a turkey and ham dinner, at no cost, at the Vernonia Community Church gym.

Grey Dawn Gallery Annual Winter Show Opening, December 3rd, 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM— See new photographic images from Christopher Burkett along with the latest ceramics from Jeff Patterson. Also featuring the most recent bronze sculptures from Jacques and Mary Regat, as well as a newly stocked selection of bronze jewelry from Cavin Richie. Christopher Burkett will be present from 2 – 5 PM; Jeff will be on hand for the entire day. For further details and updates follow us at www.facebook.com/greydawn-gallery.

Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia, December 3-- Celebrate a traditional, old-fashioned, small town holiday. Highlights include a holiday parade, live nativity, jingle dance, bake off, Victorian carolers, pottery show, fruit cake fling, story telling and more.

Vernonia Volunteer Ambulance Association Annual Pie Sale 2011

Please support the VVAA through their Annual Pie Sale. Order forms are requested to be submitted by November 11th at 5 PM. Pick up will be available November 22nd & 23rd between 10 AM-8 PM

9inch Pie \$8.00 Pumpkin, Cherry, Apple, Low Sugar Cherry & No sugar Apple Pies

Bread /Loafs \$5.00 Banana, Zucchini, Pumpkin & Orange/Cranberry
One Pound Fudge Blocks \$10.00 Milk Chocolate, Vanilla, Chocolate Peanut Butter & White Chocolate Mint
To place an order please : Email: Vernoniamwa@yahoo.com or Call 503-429-4600 or drop by the Fire Station M-F 8 AM-4 PM

To the Editor

The 2011 season for First Friday wrapped up on September 30th with a celebration of arts in Vernonia at the beautiful Scout Cabin. First Friday this year offered opportunities to shop for local products and browse the creations of our talented artists, visit with friends and neighbors, and enjoy entertainment, children's activities and culture in our community. Now is the time to thank the dedicated volunteers, vendors and visitors who to made First Friday a success. Your participation is what made First Friday come together and fun for all. Special thanks to Kathy Larsen who chaired this year's endeavor, Tobie Finzel our treasurer, Erika Paleck who helped bring it all together, and committee members Lee Anne Krause, Barb Larsen, Diana Peach and Randal Harvey who were relied upon all summer. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Vernonia First Friday

can get faster speeds from Coho due to their location.

c. Coho.Net's service is via microwave (wireless) transmission that requires line-of-site repeaters placed in towers or tall trees. They are willing to install selected repeaters to serve approximately (10) or more subscribers each, at rates competitive to DSL and satellite.

All speeds listed are approximate minimums. Both Frontier and Coho.Net provide upgrade options for heavy / business users. You can contact Frontier to request a line test to your residence for a more precise estimate of your expected DSL speed.

Mitch Seibert

Secretary, Vernonia Economic Development Committee

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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@vernoniasvoice.com or mail to: Letters, PO Box 55, Vernonia, OR 97064.