

The Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia

The Vernonia community gathered together to kick off the holiday season on December 3 with the second annual "Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia" celebration. There was lots of shopping at local retail stores and several bazaars and special holiday shows. There was also storytelling at the Library, a live nativity scene courtesy of St. Mary's

Church, and the Vernonia Dickens Carolers wandered the streets all day and into the evening. Santa arrived in town as part of the Lighted Truck Parade and then helped with the ceremonial town tree lighting before meeting with local children. The evening ended with a family friendly Snowball Dance and Hot Cocoa Social at the Vernonia Grange Hall.



As part of the "Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia" celebration, the Vernonia Dickens Carolers presented this song about life in Vernonia, sung to the tune of the Christmas Carol Ding Dong Merrily on High, with lyrics written by Vernonian, David Spackman.

"I was trying to capture several features of life in Vernonia that make it special to me: the generosity and kindness of the people, the spirit of celebration, the slow-paced life," says Spackman. "I really believe in the people, the town and the future for Vernonia."

Vernooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooonia!
(sung to the tune of Ding Dong Merrily on High!)

Ding Dong, merrily on high!
from Vernonia Dickens Carolers.
We dress strange we can't deny,
We hope it doesn't scare ya.
Vernooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooonia
Vernonia Dickens Carolers!

We're all from Vernonia it's true
A village quaint and charming,
With loggers, hippies and a few
in commerce and in farming,
Vernooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooonia
Mapquest us and come find us!

Rushing here is out of place,
We're on a first name basis.
We take time to know a friendly face,
That's just the way this place is.
Vernooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooonia
Life's slow here but we like it.

Festivals for salmon, friends and quilts
Parades for all occasions
When we celebrate we do it to the hilt,
We're all of that persuasion.
Vernooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooonia
The best place in the nation!

Vernonia's a place we like to be
With people kind and giving,
Check it out for yourself and you will see
A friendly place worth living,
Vernooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooonia
Come be our newest friendship!

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