

Church News and Events

By Mark Brown

Hey Vernonia,

I pray you are well and had a good few weeks between publications. I am beginning to know what it is like to wonder if anyone is listening. Maybe it is just getting used to a new role here. It will take time for this new column to take shape and find its purpose here in *Vernonia's Voice* and in the community of Vernonia.

My understanding/thought is that this is a space where the church can connect with and to the community in a way that might not otherwise take place. So I hoped that information would be sent our way to be published and that connection could take place. This is still a new concept.

Because this, in my mind, is Vernonia's paper, in as much as any paper published is for the enjoyment and edification of the reader, I will invite you, the community, to have a voice to the church. (I use the word church to embody all churches).

SO, what is on your mind Vernonia? What would you say to the church of Vernonia? I will address real concerns, questions and comments or see if I can help facilitate clarity.

Contact us: www.christiannews.com or saltn_light@hotmail.com.

Announcements:

John and Amber Murray are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Carter Dwayne Murray. He was born at Legacy Meridian Park in Tualatin on December 17th, 2011 at 7:23am. He weighed in at 8lbs 3oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Carter joins three, very excited cousins on John's side and is the first grandbaby to be born on Amber's side of the family. "We feel extremely blessed and thankful to have our healthy baby boy!" says John and Amber. Proud grandparents are Karla and Barney Eastlick of Vernonia, and Pastor John Murray and his wife Kellie, also of Vernonia. Welcome to the world Carter Dwayne!

Local Ministry: Walk and Talk--you have seen these guys around town. Jack and his friends simply asking what people have on their hearts they want prayer for. I hope to post these on the web-site next time.

General Events: Rock-n-Worship Road Show: Rose Quarter March 2nd, at 7:30. General admission is only \$10.00 at the door.

Book recommendation: Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God By: Francis Chan

Question: How can the church help you? Post your answers on the web site or E-mail us.

Philippians 4:8,9

8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. 9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me (Paul speaking an apostle of Jesus Christ), practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Diggin' in the Dirt

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The jury is still out on whether they have succeeded in both objectives. I would not allow a dog in an area that has had recent slug-bait treatment with metaldehyde. There are many trade names of products with metaldehyde in them.

Iron phosphate is the other common active ingredient. It is far less toxic to pets, though I would still discourage a dog from playing unattended in a heavily baited area. It does not provide as quick a knockdown as metaldehyde but over a period of several weeks, seems to give comparable control. The trick is to plan ahead. Bait where you know dahlias or other slug-attractive vegetation will soon emerge or where you intend to transplant tender vegetables. Trade names for these materials include Sluggo and Escargo.

The Extension Service offers its programs and materials equally to all people.

Free newsletter

The Oregon State University Extension office in Columbia County publishes a monthly newsletter on gardening and farming topics (called County Living) written/edited by yours truly. All you need to do is ask for it and it will be mailed to you. Call 503 397-3462 to be put on the list. Alternatively, you can find it on the web at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/columbia/> and click on newsletters.

Contact information for the Extension office

Oregon State University Extension Service – Columbia County
505 N. Columbia River Highway (across from the Legacy clinic)
St. Helens, OR 97051
503 397-3462
Email: chip.bubl@oregonstate.edu

Senior Center Activities

5-Area Luncheon: Monday, March 26 at the St. Helens Senior Center

Connie's Fabulous Breakfasts:

Fabulous breakfasts are available to the public on Fridays for a cost of only \$3.50. The event happens at the Senior Center (446 Bridge Street) from 7:30 to 9:00 AM each Friday. Meal price includes a beverage, too. Enter through the side, parking lot door. What a deal!

Week Day Lunches: The Vernonia Senior Center offers nutritious and tasty lunches each weekday for a \$4 donation for seniors over 60; cost is \$5 for anyone under 60. To-go meals are available for \$5. These are available to the public, not just Senior Citizens. (Mealtime is noon; late arrivals may not be served.) You can reserve your lunch by calling by 11:15 AM, or further in advance if possible, to assist the cooks as they prepare the day's meals. Meals on Wheels are available for

a \$4 donations for seniors over 60. Please contact the Senior Center for an application.

Maple Bars available locally!

Connie King, the cook at the Senior Center, is making maple bars each day. The maple bars are available to the public, too, and only cost \$1 each. Availability is subject to quantity on hand. You can assure yourself of a good supply by pre-ordering them directly from Connie by calling the Senior Center (503-429-3912) any week day, from 7:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please allow one day lead time for larger orders. The Center's front door opens at 9:00, but the side parking lot door opens at 7:00. Ah, sweet treats!

Thrift Store: Bargain prices can be found in Vernonia's Senior Center in their Thrift Store. The retail store is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The Thrift Store provides funds for

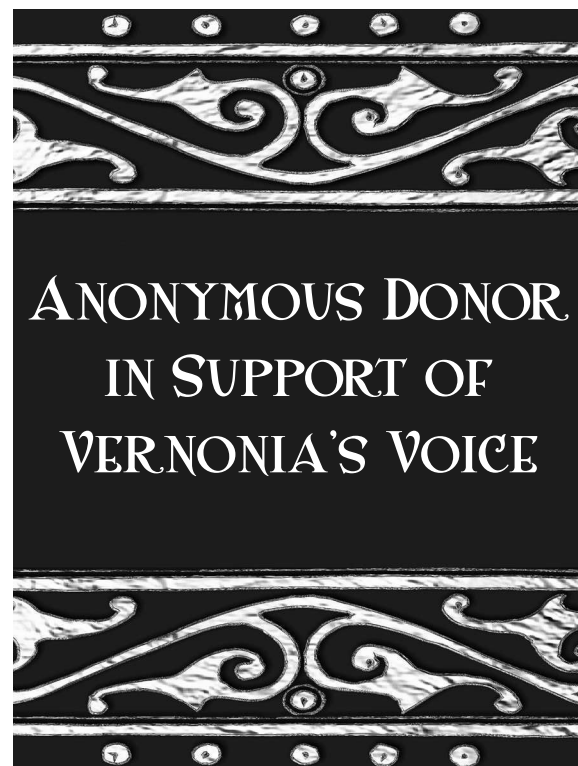
the Senior Center's facility and its many activities. Donations can also be dropped off during those same hours, and donated clothes need to be clean and in good condition so they are "sales ready". We are offering half off during the first week of each month. Buy locally and support your local Senior Center.

For after hours drop-offs please contact Pauline 503-429-5810.

Special Days: On the last Wednesday of the month Wauna Credit Union will be serving ice cream. On the last Friday of the month we will serve birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate that month's birthdays.

Membership Dues: Another way to support Vernonia's Senior Center is to pay the \$15 annual membership dues. Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the Senior Center. Anyone 50 and older may join.

Questions? Call: (503) 429-3912



Church Directory (in alphabetical order)

Assembly of God

Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Morning Worship: 11:00 AM
Wayne Marr, Pastor
662 Jefferson Avenue
503-429-0307

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sunday Schedule:
Sacrament Meeting: 10:00 AM
Sunday School & Primary: 11:20 AM
Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women: 12:10 PM
Marc Farmer, Branch President
1350 E. Knott Street
503-429-7151

Covenant Church Vernonia

Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM

Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 7:00 PM

John D, Murray, Pastor
359 "A" Street
503-860-3860

Nehalem Valley Bible Church

Sunday School: 10:00 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM
Wed. Ladies Bible Study: 10:00 AM
Wednesday Service: 7:00 PM
Sat. Men's Prayer Meeting: 6:30 AM
Gary Taylor, Pastor
Grant & North Streets
503-429-5378

Pioneer Baptist Fellowship

Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM
Thursday Prayer 7:00 PM
www.pbfalive.com
John Cahill, Pastor

249 Bridge Street
503-429-1161

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sun. Religious Education: 10:30 AM
Sunday Mass: 12:00 PM
Rev. Luan Tran, Administrator
960 Missouri Avenue
503-429-8841

Vernonia Christian Church

Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Worship Service in Youth & Family Center: 11:00 AM
www.VernoniaChristianChurch.org
Sam Hough, Pastor
410 North Street
503-429-6522

Vernonia Community Church

Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship Service: 10:30 AM

Wednesday Prayer: 6:30 PM

Ralph Young, Interim Pastor
957 State Avenue
503-429-6790

Vernonia Foursquare Church

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 AM
Children's Sunday School
Carl Pense, Pastor
850 Madison Avenue
503-429-1103

Vernonia Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath (Saturday) Services
Sabbath School: 9:30 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM
www.VernoniaSDAC.org
Larry Gibson, Pastor
2nd Ave. and Nehalem St.
503-429-8301