

Vernonia Lions Receive Awards



Above: David Rich of the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation with Vernonia Lion Pat Styles
Below: Lions Club District Governor Sandy Woolverton and Vernonia Lion Red Curl.
Photos courtesy of Randal Harvey.

On Tuesday, March 6th, the Vernonia Lions Club gave their first ever Melvin Jones Fellowship and Helen Keller Benefactor Awards in their 65 year history.

The ceremony took place at the New Hong Kong Restaurant in Vernonia. President Grant Williams served as Master of Ceremonies. The Lions Club District Governor Sandy Woolverton along with David Rich from the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation came from Portland to be presenters.

District Governor Woolverton awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship to Mr. Robert F. "RED" Curl for his many years of outstanding service to his community. Mr. Curl joined the Vernonia Lions Club in September of 1962 making this his 50th anniversary year as a Vernonia Lions Club member.

The Helen Keller award was presented by David Rich to Pat Styles and was a complete surprise to her. Her Club and family had kept the secret from Ms. Styles for months until the night of the awards ceremony.

Congratulations to both Lion Red Curl and Lion Pat Styles.

The Vernonia Lions Club to like to express their thanks to District Governor Sandy Woolverton and Lion David Rich for braving the cold winter night to come all the way out to Vernonia and for making the awards ceremony so special.



Empty Bowls

Ceramic bowls made by local high school students were filled with a simple meal of homemade soups as part of the annual "Empty Bowls" event—a fundraiser for the Columbia Pacific Food Bank. Attendees pay \$10, Choose a bowl, enjoy a delicious bowl of soup, and get to keep the bowl they selected. There was also live music, a silent auction and homemade dessert to purchase.

The event is organized each year by the Columbia County Commission on Children and Families. Columbia Pacific Food Bank serves all of Columbia County including St Helens, Scappoose, Rainier, Clatskanie and Vernonia, including the Vernonia Cares Food Bank.



ShoeString Players Offer Scholarship

The ShoeString Community Players has announced a scholarship to be available to a Columbia County student pursuing a degree in the theater arts.

For 2012 at least one scholarships of \$650.00 or more will be available for award. The funds will be sent directly to the college, university, or conservatory indicated by the recipient.

The scholarship is funded by a portion of the proceeds from the SSCP annual summer musical, other productions, and by other funds donated for the specific purpose of the scholarship.

To apply, please print and submit a completed application form, <http://www.sscpmusicals.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/SHOESTRING-COMMUNITY-PLAYERS-CHERI->

A D A M S - T H E A T E R - A R T S - SCHOLARSHIP-2012.pdf, a copy of your transcript, and two recommendation forms to:

2012 Scholarship
c/o ShoeString Community Players
P.O. Box 481
St. Helens, OR. 97051

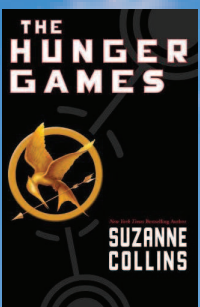
The completed Application Form with theatrical history, essay, copy of transcript and two recommendation documents must be received by SSCP no later than May 1, 2012. Late Applications will not be considered.

Recommendations from people having specific knowledge of your work in theater are strongly encouraged. Both recommendations must be from an adult and one of them must be a teacher.

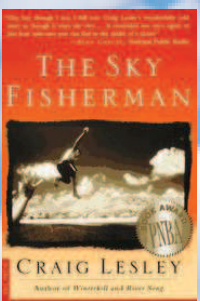
Vernonia Community Reads 2012



Youngsters will be reading and participating in an activity related to Addie Boswell's book, *The Rain Stomper*. Ms. Boswell will be at the library Tuesday, April 10 at 3:30 PM to do an interactive reading, talk about how the book was made and lead a drawing activity on character development.



Young adults will be reading *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. Book discussion Thursday, March 22, 5:30-7:30 PM. Participants will have a chance to win a pair of tickets to Cornelius or Forest Grove Act V Theaters. Refreshments will be provided. Other activities include art projects and a "Hunger Drive" with canned food donations for the Vernonia Cares Food Bank.



Adults will be reading Craig Lesley's books—especially *The Sky Fisherman* with Mr. Lesley reading from and discussing his writing Saturday, April 14 at 4:00 PM in the library.

Funded by a joint grant from
The Columbia County Cultural Coalition and
The Friends of the Vernonia Library.
Movie tickets donated by Act V Theaters.



Members of the Vernonia School Board (from left: Tim Bamberg, Bill Langmaid and Camrin Eyrrick) and Superintendent Ken Cox accepted a check for \$6,000 from Wauna Federal Credit Union C.E.O. and President Robert Blumberg, Vernonia Branch Manager Pam Weller and WFCU staff (Allison McLeod, Heidi Burch, Sue Whitton and Brian Franck). The check was given at a reception on March 6, 2012 as a donation from WFCU staff and members to help build the new Vernonia K-12 school campus.

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