

A CORRECTION

In the February 28, 2012 issue of *Vernonia's Voice* on page 6 we mistakenly identified the location of the upcoming Sportsman's Banquet. The Sportsman's Banquet will be held at the **Vernonia Christian Church** on April 14, 2012. *Vernonia's Voice* regrets this error.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**City Council Meeting
Monday, March 19, 2012 - 6:00 PM**

City Hall Council Chambers, 1001 Bridge St., Vernonia, OR

The Vernonia City Council will be holding a public hearing to receive comments from citizens in regard to the proposed Water Rate Study.

The City of Vernonia is in the process of updating the water rate model to develop the rates for calendar year 2012. This public forum is to discuss the outcome of this analysis and applicable proposed rate increase.

Tim Tice, Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU), project manager will be providing information on the rate study planning and process.

Public testimony is welcome and written statements will be received before the hearing if you cannot attend.

Help Get Ready for the Columbia County Fair

**Workshop and work parties every Saturday until fair
Meet at 8:30 AM at the fair office**

AARP Driver Safety Class

**Wednesday April 11th
at the Rainier Senior Center,
48 W. 7th Street
from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Class will be completed in just one day from 9AM to 4PM. Register by calling the Senior Center at 503-556-3889 or Clatsop College at 503-338-2408 or online at: www.AARP.org/drive

Upcoming Events

AARP Tax Aid, March 14, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM at the Vernonia Senior Center. Qualified tax preparers will be available to assist low and middle income citizens this tax season. This service is free. To schedule an appointment call 503-429-3912. Space is limited.

Friends of the Vernonia Library Spring Book Sale, March 17, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM at the Vernonia Library

St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 17, 1:00 PM starts at the corner of Bridge and State. Anyone is welcome to join Pat Knight in this annual event.

Lions Club Fundraiser for Ryan Roberts, March 17, Noon-5:00 PM at the VCLC, 939 Bridge St. Corned beef and cabbage with potatoes and a drink for \$8. Hot dogs and desserts will also be available.

City of Vernonia Public Hearing on Water Rates, March 19, 6:00 PM at Vernonia City Hall. This

public forum is to discuss the outcome of the recently completed Water Rate Study and applicable proposed rate increase. Public Testimony is welcome and written statements will be received before the hearing if you cannot attend.

VHS Senior CRLE Presentations, March 21, 8:45-11:15 AM - Students will be presenting their senior projects in the Logger Dome in an arena style showcase. The public is welcome. Come see the work the Class of 2012 has done!

Community Fundraiser for Ryan Roberts, March 24, 4:00-7:00 PM at the Scout Cabin. Spaghetti feast prepared by chef Mario. \$7

Donkey Basketball, March 24, 7:00 at the Logger Dome.

Community Easter Egg Hunt, April 7, 10:00 AM at Hawkins Park.

Make Vernonia Shine Day, April 21st

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor

On Saturday March 24, between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM at the Scout Cabin, we are sponsoring a Spaghetti Feast to benefit Ryan Roberts' desperate need for a kidney transplant.

Ryan is a hardworking family man in our community who needs our help, and Vernonia is known for its compassion and giving heart.

A fine group of your neighbors have started a campaign to raise funds so that Ryan can have his surgeries.

Chef Mario will be doing the cooking. The will be "to-go" meals

available and also a silent auction will be presented for bids.

The price per meal is \$7.00 and all proceeds will benefit Ryan due to donations already made.

So mark your calendars for March 24th to turn off your kitchen stove and plan on an evening of good food, good company and good deeds.

Thank you.

Sally Harrison
Shirlee Daughtry
Vernonia

To the Editor

I wish to give a big thanks to the following people for transporting my mother back and forth to dialysis. Also to our church family for all the prayers.

Thank you Eldonna & Grant Williams, Andrea and John Price, Sharon and Pat Rockwood, Barbara Rainbolt, Carol Senn, Carl Holsey. We are now doing home treatments and they are going great.

Tina Brewington
Vernonia

Tournament to play the team on to a fourth place finish.

Once the team won its birth into the tournament, facebook messages began to go out and people started bringing in donations to help fund students who might not otherwise have been able to go. And while in Pendleton at the pizza parlor, several Vernonians came up to me offering to help pay for the pizza if we found ourselves short. While I know the focus was on the boys' basketball team, you made the band feel very much a part of the experience.

Once again, thank you for all of your support, not only for this event, but for all the times you have stepped up to help out the band, or even an individual student.

Rob Izzett
VHS Band Instructor

To the Editor

On behalf of the Vernonia High School Band, I would personally like to thank the people of Vernonia for their overwhelming support in sending the band to the State Basketball

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