

Upcoming Events

“Community Conversations,” October 13, 2-4 PM at the Vernonia Schools Library. Community members are invited to participate in structured discussions about topics of current interest and concern. The topic for the first sessions is Community Livability and will include conversations about Utility Rates, Emergency Preparedness, Community Pride, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, and Safety and Security. These are the first of four sessions. Childcare will be provided and dessert will be served. “Community Conversations” is organized by Vernonia Connects. The next “Community Conversation” will be held on October 22 and 27 and feature conversations about Youth and Education.

School Fall Carnival, October 20, 5:00-9:00 PM at the new Vernonia Schools. Food, games, prizes and fun for the whole family.

Artisan Holiday Market, November 10, 1:00-4:00 PM at Cedar Ridge. Many unique pieces of art from various artists including Glass Cast jewelry and woodwork. Great holiday gift ideas and more.

Extra Produce Wanted

Vernonia Cares Food Bank will gladly accept your fresh, excess garden and orchard produce. They are open from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Tuesday and Thursday and are located at the American Legion Hall, 627 Adams, adjacent to the former site of West Oregon Electric.

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Attention Alumni of Vernonia High School

The 2012 Homecoming Court cordially invites all alumni of Vernonia High School to join us for the annual Homecoming football game on October 19th. Come back to Vernonia to catch up with old friends and to meet new ones. Take tours of the new school campus in the afternoon, and then bundle up and head down to Greenman Field for the game at 7:00 PM. After a shaky start, the squad is now 3-2, including an impressive 35-14 win over Santiam and a 51-0 blowout in Culver. The game against Knappa will be the last regular home game of the regular season, a perfect time to show your support for our student athletes, the cheerleaders, their coaches, and your town.



VHS 2012 Homecoming Court Princesses (from left to right) Samantha Wallace, Deziree Roberts and Samantha Lindauer. The Princesses will be T John Wolf, Austin Cutright and Dawson Shay.

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

Holy cow! I wish I could buy an equity position in Savannah Brown, Inc.! This lady can write! Her writing skill, to the extent it is a product of Vernonia Schools, is the most hopeful sign on this first day. I look forward to reading more of her work in future issues of The Voice, Harpers or The Atlantic.

Nick Galaday
Vernonia

(Editors note: Savannah Brown is a senior at Vernonia High School and an Intern with Vernonia's Voice. Her first article appeared in our September 12, 2012 issue.)

To the Editor,

Vernonia Community PTA carnival is back! The carnival will be on Saturday, October 20 from 5pm-9pm at Vernonia Schools. We will be having great food, games, raffle/silent auction and prizes, all to raise money for our kids. The proceeds from our carnival will be dedicated to help purchase a new playground for the elementary students, and commons area furniture for the VMS and VHS students.

We could use a lot of help to make this carnival a success. We could use volunteers, home baked goods and items for the class baskets. High school students can earn community service hours for volunteering as well. Sign up lists are available on the PTA bulletin board across from the down stairs office. We have collection boxes for carnival donations located inside the down-stairs office.

The items we collect for the class baskets will be raffled/ auctioned off at the carnival. We are currently looking for donations that would fit the following themes: family night, movie night, game night, BBQ/picnic, puzzles, tea party, gardening, baking, bath/spa, pet, Christmas, Vernonia school spirit (anything red and black, orange and black or royal blue and yellow) and anything U of O or OSU themed. Any and all donations that would fit these themes would be greatly appreciated.

This will be our first big event that we have hosted since the flood of 2007. We are very excited to be able to provide this family fun filled evening and raise money for our kids. Please join us!

If you have questions or would love to help, please call Camrin at 503-429-9205. Thank you.

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The Columbia County Household Hazardous Waste Program Schedule Through March 2013

Due to continued decreases in revenue generated by garbage disposal fees at the Columbia County Transfer Station, the Columbia County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program will be forced to reduce HHW services to the following dates:

HHW Schedule Through March 30, 2013

Date	City	Location	Time
Saturday, October 27	St. Helens	Columbia Co. Transfer Station	8 AM - Noon
Saturday, March 30, 2013	St. Helens	Columbia Co. Transfer Station	8 AM - Noon

For more information regarding the Columbia County HHW Program, contact the Columbia County Land Development Services Director, Todd Dugdale at 503.397.7207 or todd.dugdale@co.columbia.or.us

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