

Wauna Annual Meeting to be Held in Vernonia

Wauna Federal Credit Union will hold their 46th Annual Meeting in Vernonia on Saturday March 16, 2013. The meeting will be held in the Vernonia Schools Commons, 1001 Missouri Avenue. Free tickets are available at any Wauna branch.

The meeting begins at 2:00 PM with a Social. Light refreshments will be served. The business meeting

begins at 3:00 PM. There will be over \$2,000 in door prizes given away along with a commemorative gift. The meeting is open to all Wauna Federal Credit Union members.

Wauna Federal Credit Union has over \$150 million in total assets and exceeds 16,000 members, including 2,000 in Vernonia.

County Fair Seeks Volunteers

The Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Board is looking for volunteers to help get ready for the Fair this year.

The Fair Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the 4 H Building. In addition, volunteers are meeting every Saturday at 8:30 AM at the fair office. The

public and community volunteers are welcome!

The Columbia County Fair and Rodeo will be held on July 17-21 in St. Helens.

For more information, contact the fair office at 503-397-4231 or email info@columbiacountyfairgrounds.com.

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

On behalf of the family of Bertha Oblack Feist, we wish to thank our communities for their kind expression of sympathy. We appreciate the heart warming thoughtfulness that went into the luncheon served by the Mist Birkenfeld Helping Circle.

Larry and Claudia Oblack and family
John and Maxine Stark and family

To the Editor,

The Lions Club of Vernonia received a note from Don and De De Webb, thanking us for the Christmas fruit plate we had delivered to them shortly before Christmas. In closing their note, they added "It would be interesting to know all of your projects." Well, Don and De De I will go over some of the highlights from this last year.

The Lions were able to provide eye exams and nine pairs of new glasses for families in Vernonia. We brought in the Mobile Screening Unit for the School and for the Public Health Fair, to check eyesight, hearing and blood pressure.

We were very happy last May that we were able to up our scholarship funds to \$4,500 for the graduating Seniors of Vernonia High School.

Also, we have made several donations of new socks, underwear and personal hygiene products to the Vernonia Schools over the past year.

In June the Lions went to Gales Creek Camp for Children with Diabetes for the annual cleaning of the Boys and Girls dorms. We also collect funds for Gales Creek from the little cans we've placed in Mini Mart, New Hong Kong, both Hardware Stores and Black Bear. (By the way, "Thank You" for your

Be a Weather Watcher

CoCoRaHS is an acronym for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network. CoCoRaHS is a unique, non-profit, community-based network of volunteers who measure precipitation in their own backyards. By participating in CoCoRaHS you learn firsthand about your own local weather patterns and help scientists develop better precipitation maps, and over the long term, better forecasting.

According to the Oregon Climate Service, more CoCoRaHS volunteers are needed in rural areas, especially in areas with elevation changes. Currently there are only a few active stations in Columbia County.

It is easy to participate in CoCoRaHS. All you need is a CoCoRaHS approved rain gauge, a place to set it up, a willingness to check your gauge daily (or as frequently as possible), and a computer so that you can log in and record your data.

OSU Extension Service encourages their volunteers in rural Columbia County – Master Gardeners,

Master Woodland Managers, and 4-H clubs – to get involved in CoCoRaHS. This April, they will be putting on several sessions where you can purchase the rain gauge, learn how to set it up and read it, and how to record your data with CoCoRaHS. The cost of the gauge is \$26.

To register for the upcoming session, please call Vicki at the Extension office, 503-397-3462. Pre-registration by March 27th is important so that they know how many rain gauges to order. If you would like to order a gauge but are unable to attend a training session, please call the office.

Upcoming Class: Wednesday, April 10th, 10 am – noon – Vernonia (Community Learning Center, 939 Bridge St.)

To learn more about CoCoRaHS, go to the website www.cocorahs.org.

**D.A.D.S. Recycling
will be closed March 7-22
Reopening Sat, March 23**

generosity on that Vernonia!)

In July we worked with the Vernonia Schools on "Move the School Day". We served a BBQ lunch (with the help of State Senator Betsy Johnson) to approximately 80 volunteers at the Vernonia Mill Pond (aka Vernonia Lake).

Speaking of the Mill Pond, the Lions working in collaboration with the Isaac Walton League, Robert Bradley - Biologist with Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, the City of Vernonia, and with a donation from the Oregon Bass & Panfish Club, we applied for a grant from R & E (Fish Restoration & Enhancement Program). We were all happy when we were awarded a \$34,870 grant to make much needed repairs to the docks (new flotations under docks and new guardrails). We are now working on a future grant application for a new pumping system to keep the water level up and fresher during summer months.

In August we helped the City of Vernonia, the Vernonia Police, Fire and First Responders along with Sentry Market, and this last year, the Ladies from Dairy Farmers of Oregon who brought Ice Cream to the annual "Vernonia Night Out" - BBQ. It was wonderful, free BBQ and ice cream for everyone.

We were able to give a \$500 donation to Vernonia Cares Food Bank to help purchase Turkeys for the Holiday Boxes. In February we had held a protein canned food drive and last April

we held a "Spam and Eggs" fundraiser. Both were held at Sentry Market for the Food Bank. We hope to soon be doing another "SPAM" fundraiser in a month or so. (We'd better talk to Randy pretty soon!)

Last St. Patty's Day we held a Corned Beef and Cabbage fundraiser to help Ryan Roberts raise funds for his Kidney Transplant. This St. Patty's Day we will be working with the Vernonia Head Start Parent Committee with a "Spaghetti Feed" fundraiser at the Scout Cabin. We'll be helping out in the kitchen.

The Lions got out and cleaned trash up on Hwy 47 North (Mist Dr.) from the Green Bridge to Stoney Point Road. Also, with the help of Vernonia Cub Scouts, the City of Vernonia and other citizens of Vernonia, we placed Flags and Crosses on the graves of Veterans in our local cemeteries.

A new project we just started working on with Vernonia Schools is the "Kids Bike Safety Fair," scheduled for May 4th.

Well, Don and De De, I hope this gives you an idea of some of the things we have been up to this last year. Thanks for asking! And, one last thing in closing, a lot of things we do are possible by our fundraising, so Vernonia, please stop by during Jamboree and have a BBQ Sandwich or maybe, for the more adventurous, come to one of our Texas Hold'em games at the All-In-Pub, or one of our other fundraisers.

Randal Harvey
Secretary, Lions Club of Vernonia

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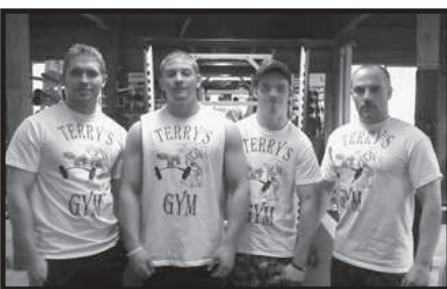
2013 Vernonia Lake Trout Stocking by Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife

March 11	3,500 Rainbow
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