

It's Time for the Class of 1978 35th Class Reunion

The VHS Class of '78 would like to invite the classes of 1977 and 1979 to join them in celebrating their 35th Class Reunion on Saturday August 31st.

Come join your friends and classmates at the new school from 1:00 to 3:30 PM. Then head over to the Scout Cabin for dinner starting at 4:00 PM; \$10 per person potluck/BBQ. Please bring your favorite side dish. Smoked pig will be provided; alcohol is permitted so BYOB. There will be videos of football-hopefully including tapes of the '77-'78 state playoff games. Then we'll finish the party at our own Ernie Smith's bar, The All In Pub and Eatery. On Sunday there will be a scramble golf tournament; for more details about golf contact Doug Bates at 503-308-2356 or email him at BTSDG@yahoo.com.

Hope to see you there!

The Vernonia High School Class of 1968

is planning their class reunion in September of this year.

If you would like more information, please contact Mary Ann Shaw 503-429-8201 or Sandy Welch 971-344-0781.

The annual picnic of the Vernonia Society, VHS "Old Grads" and Oregon American alumni will be held **Sunday, August 18, from 10 am - 2 pm at Anderson Park.** Hot dogs and sodas will be available for sale or bring your own picnic lunch. Coffee provided. Come reminisce about the good old days!

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district if you want. Bob VanNatta has been there 27 years. Maybe it is time for a change. If you did not mail in your ballot, you can vote at the membership meeting, if you *you are* listed, BEFORE THE MEETING, as an eligible voter! Be sure to call WOEC *today* to verify if you can vote. Okay folks, pro or con, JUST DO IT!

The most recent District Meeting was last Tuesday, August 8th, in Elsie at the Elderberry Inn. Directors Brian Baker, Bob VanNatta and Bob Paleck were there. Marc & Julie Farmer and WOEC staff David Western, controller, and Sarah Rossi, secretary were there. WOEC members Eileen Williams, Jack

& Nancy Phillips and Heather Johansen attended. Heather is a write-in candidate for District 5.

We discussed, at length, CBI (Columbia Broadband Inc), WOEC's wholly owned for-profit subsidiary and its connection to LSN (Light Speed Networks), a private corporation specializing in high-speed fiber optic internet connection. LSN is a "closely held" private corporation. That means it does not reveal its financial condition except to stockholders. Robert VanNatta sits on its board of directors. He could not reveal LSN's financial viability other than "it is a good investment". LSN will occupy a room in WOEC's building and provide a pivot point (POP) for commercial us-

ers. It does not directly supply connection to individuals such as you and me. It does not produce income to WOEC other than WOEC, itself, will have free high-speed hookup. It is hoped, by the directors, that LSN stock owned by CBI will produce increased value and income in the near future. The directors agreed there is risk involved. They acknowledged that LSN arose from the 2005 failure of Noa-Net, the original provider of high-speed fiber optic connections to BPA's fiber optic system. CBI could have withdrawn in 2005 but it would have suffered loss of its \$1.3 million dollar investment.

Other matters discussed involved WOEC's handling of double metering charges, member disconnections, treatment of member complaints, tree-trimming by local contractors, timing of rate-change-input meetings (currently, 1 hour before a decision) and their statement: Board Meetings are for directors, not members; that members can attend to observe or make comments at the be-

ginning of a meeting but not to participate therein, including not being able to share tabbed binder information because it contains "classified information."

So, what is your reaction to this? Do you have something to say? Attend a meeting. Call me at (503) 429-8089. Comment on my Facebook page. Email me at jphillips5295@gmail.com Show up Saturday at the Scout Cabin. Democracy is counting on you!



GET READY VERNONIA

IF A NATURAL DISASTER HITS OUR AREA,
WE WANT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO BE PREPARED.

September is National Preparedness Month. Join us Saturday, Sept. 14 for an event that will help you Get Ready. NW Natural will be joined by local emergency groups and the American Red Cross to give away safety items, disaster readiness information and a free lunch to the first 300 people.

THE FIRST 100 FAMILIES WILL ALSO RECEIVE FREE RED CROSS EMERGENCY KITS.

Saturday, September 14, 2013

11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Vernonia Schools
1000 Missouri Ave., Vernonia



Turning Point
Community

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

FREE

A new and exciting pilot program is being started up right here in your very own area.

We are proud to inform **ALL** residents of Clatskanie's neighboring communities that we will be a distribution point for a variety of fresh produce.

Each Tuesday morning a semi-truck will be delivering produce directly from California.

We will make this produce available to all who want it. There are no guidelines or qualifications.

This is not an income based program. This program is designed to help you offset the cost of groceries.

Examples of produce to be given away: Potatoes, Onions, Carrots, Apples, Pears, Etc.

Come on down and help yourself!!!!

Different Produce Available Each Week.

**Turning Point Community
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Tues.—Fri

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Produce for your pantry

**Mondays 10 a.m. to 4
p.m.**

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