

Welcome to "The Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia"

Join us in our traditional small town celebration of the Christmas season, something we call "The Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia."

This annual event features traditions both new and old. Look for the large candy canes displayed in front of businesses that are participating in the day's activities. We hope you will take time to enjoy the sights, sounds, tastes and smells of the holiday season as we celebrate Christmas throughout the community on Saturday, December 7th.

Home Decorating Contest—Decorate your home and property and light up your neighborhood to win credit on your electric bill from West Oregon Electric. Judging will take place on Friday evening, December 6, winners will be announced after the Tree Lighting. Register at Sentry Market.

Storefront Decorating Contest—Businesses in Downtown can get in on the fun as well and help make the town look festive. The Chamber of Commerce is offering a cash prize for the best decorated storefront.

High School Basketball Tournament, 9:30, 11:00, 1:30, 3:00, Vernonia Schools Gym—VHS Loggers and Lady Loggers host Life Christian, C.S. Lewis and Catlin Gabel. Games start Friday, December 6 at 3:00 and continue through Saturday.

Christmas in the Country Bazaar, 10–5 Saturday, December 7 and 11–4 Sunday, December 8, Vernonia Schools—Holiday shopping for handmade gifts and decorations. Support local charities, school groups, your friends and neighbors. Lots of homemade treats and goodies.

Winter Art Show, 10–7, Grey Dawn Gallery—See fine art and enjoy refreshments at this wonderful local gallery.

Christmas Tree Lot, 10–6, Creatures Pet Store—Pick up your locally grown tree from Mike's Tree Farm right here in town.

Gingerbread House Show-off, 10–2:30, VCLC—All entries must start with 8x7 gingerbread kit. After that... anything goes! Stop by and vote; People's Choice Awards for Best Overall, Coolest Theme, Best Display. \$5 entry fee. Adult and youth categories. Winners announced at 3:00.

Chili Cook-off, 10:30, Senior Center—Join the Vernonia Volunteer Ambulance Association for a Chili Cook-off. \$5 chili lunch following the judging; includes roll, drink and cookie. Categories include Traditional, Wild Game, Vegetarian, Turkey and Original Recipe. \$10 entry fee. Prizes will be awarded.

Coloring Contest, 10:30, Senior Center—Prizes for kids ages 3–12.

Head Start Bake Sale, 11–2, Sentry Market—Pick up a holiday treat and support our local Head Start preschool program.

Storytelling, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3:30 & 9:30, (see schedule for locations)—Enjoy some traditional and non-traditional Christmas stories, read by locals at local business establishments. Juice and cookies will be served to children at Subway 12:00. Sentry Market will show the original How the Grinch Stole Christmas at 3:30 with free popcorn.

Victorian Carolers, 11–6—This group will be roaming downtown in full costume throughout the day, spreading Christmas Cheer wherever they go.

Living Nativity, 12–4:30, Vernonia Realty—Real live animals along with children from local churches help bring the Christmas story to life.

Holiday Cookie Bake-off, 1:00, VCLC—Entry fee is \$5, cookies only. Adults and youth judged separately, 6 plated cookies per entry. Registration at 12:00. Winners announced at 3:00.

Chocolate Walk, 1–5, Downtown Businesses—Sample and purchase various chocolate treats at local businesses. Look for the window sign at participating shops including: Grey Dawn Gallery, Creatures Pet Store, Cornerstone Naturals, V & V Leathers, Black Bear, KaptansKraft, Vernonia Florist, La Cabana, Subway and Made in Vernonia.

Warming Station with Christmas Elves, 1–6, VCLC—Free cocoa and cider courtesy of the Vernonia Lions Club. Raffles tickets also available.

Lighted Parade, 5:30, State Avenue to City Hall—Lighted Log Trucks, lighted vehicles and lighted marchers are all welcome. Sign up at Napa. Registration is a new toy for Toy & Joy or non-perishable food donation for Vernonia Cares.

Tree Lighting Ceremony, following the parade, Vernonia Realty—Join Santa and Mrs. Claus and the rest of the community as we light the Vernonia Christmas Tree. Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus afterwards.

Spaghetti Dinner and Auction, 6:00, Scout Cabin—A good old-fashioned spaghetti dinner will benefit Vernonia Cares Food Bank. Cost is \$5. The auction will benefit the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

"Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol: A Rehearsed Reading," 7:30, Grange Hall—Bag&Baggage Theatre will present this FREE, fast-paced, funny and family friendly version of this holiday classic. Concessions will be available. Arrive early as space is limited.

Vernonia Volunteer Ambulance Association

Presents the 2nd annual

December 7th 2013 Vernonia Senior Center

CHILI COOK OFF



Cost to enter is \$10.00 per crockpot

Enter your favorite chili in the following categories

- *Traditional Chili
- *Wild Game Chili
- *Vegetarian Chili
- *Turkey Chili
- *Your Original Chili

Prizes will be awarded

Drop off between 9am–10am
Judging to start at 10:30am

Entry forms and payment due at Registration

\$5 Lunch Includes

Bowl of Chili with roll
Drink and Cookie

Lunch sales start at 10:30am until it's gone

Coloring contest with prizes
Kids age 3–12

Check out the event page on facebook



A Christmas Carol

A FREE Rehearsed Reading of Charles Dickens' Classic Holiday Tale For The Whole Family!



December 7 - 7:30pm
Vernonia Grange Hall

Bag&Baggage Productions, Hillsboro's resident professional theatre, is going on tour!

Through a generous grant from the Theatre Communications Group, Bag&Baggage is coming to Vernonia this holiday season with a FREE, fast-paced, funny and family friendly version of Charles Dickens' holiday classic! Performed by 6 actors in a "rehearsed reading" this show is holiday fun for the whole family...the performance lasts about an hour and will be followed by an open forum discussion about how Bag&Baggage can do more to connect with YOU and YOUR community!

Call 503 345 9590 or visit www.bagnbaggage.org for more information!