

Become an ODFW Volunteer Angling Instructor

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is looking for anglers to share their love of fishing with families and children by becoming volunteer angling instructors.

The agency will be hosting angler instructor training in Springfield on Saturday, April 26 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Department of Forestry at 3150 Main Street, Springfield, OR 97478. Lunch will be provided.

According to Shahab

Farzanegan, ODFW angling education coordination, the day will include basic fishing skills, stewardship, aquatic resources and water safety. "Potential volunteers will also learn about upcoming events in their area and how they can get involved," he said.

Preregistration by April 23 is required. To register, contact Darlene Sprecher at (503) 947-6025 or by e-mail at Darlene.m.sprecher@state.or.us.

Annual Spam & Egg Drive!
April 26
9AM - 4PM
at Sentry Market
Sponsored by
Vernonia Lions Club
to benefit the Vernonia Cares Food Bank.
Help stock the shelves with protein items.

Upcoming Events

Kindergarten Registration thru April 18. Forms available at the school main office 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM (M-F). Please bring Birth Certificate and current Immunization at time of registration.

Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 19, promptly at 10:00 AM at Hawkins Park. Rain or Shine. Bring your own basket to collect your eggs. Sponsored by the Vernonia Community PTA.

OMSI Star Party - Saturday, April 19, 7:30-11:00 PM at Stubb Stewart State Park Hilltop Day-use Area. Join OMSI, Rose City Astronomers starting at 8:30 PM to view the stars and other celestial objects up close and personal through telescopes. The event starts at sunset and is free with \$5 parking per vehicle. Warm clothing and a flashlight with red light are recommended. Personal telescopes and binoculars are welcome.

VHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction - Saturday, April 19, 6:00 PM at Cedar Ridge. Tickets \$15 at the door, includes dinner.

Upper Nehalem Watershed Council Meeting - Thursday, April 24, 6:30 PM at the UNWC office, 1201 Texas Ave. The entrance is downstairs, around the back of the Vernonia School District office building.

P.E.O. Rummage Sale - Friday, April 25, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM and Saturday, April 26, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at the Grange, 375 North St. All proceeds go toward P.E.O.'s ongoing commitment of providing scholarships to women.

Columbia County Master Gardeners™ 19th Annual Spring Garden Fair - Saturday, April 26, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at St. Helens High School, 2375 Gable Rd. Over 5,000 tomato plants from 30 varieties at \$1.50 a plant.

Oregon Humanities Discussion - Saturday, April 26, 4:00 PM at the Vernonia Public Library. "We Are What We Eat: Connecting Food and Citizenship," a free conversation with Wendy Willis.

Kindergarten Open House - Tuesday, April 29, 6:30-7:30 PM at the Vernonia Schools. Visit classrooms and meet teachers.

Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters Pancake Feed - Saturday, May 3, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Vernonia Fire Station. Regular & Gluten Free. Adults \$6, Kids 12 & under \$4, Seniors 62 & over \$5, Family 6 max \$25.

Benefit Dinner for Terry Schaumburg - Saturday, May 3, 5:00-8:00 PM at Cedar Ridge, 18062 Keasey Rd. Adults \$15, Kids 10 & under \$8. Tickets available at Black Bear, True Value, Napa and Blue House thru April 21st. Contact: Sheri 503-429-6773 or Dana 503-429-9351

Vernonia Community Garden Fair & Plant Sale - Saturday, May 10, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at the Vernonia Schools Commons. 1,000 tomato plants, veggie & flower starts plus many gifts for Mother's Day. Contact Penny Costley 503-429-0196.

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

The most important fact of Agnes Petersen's campaign is the issue of serving beyond an antiquated guideline of age. If anyone knows Agnes Petersen, and I believe everyone does who has lived in Columbia County for any length of time because of her numerous public service causes and her legal practice, they know that Agnes Petersen is tireless and brilliant -- the US Supreme Court would be lucky to have her and there is no antiquated rule regarding age for that illustrious body.

Mandatory age restrictions in any field of work are now open to challenge. No one, no matter what kind of profession, should be told that they can no longer do their job solely because of a rule that states you are no longer able

after a certain birthday. That is the important issue here. Not only does Columbia County have the opportunity of striking out this discriminatory rule but also to elect an undeniably outstanding person to be Circuit Court Judge, Position #3.

Trailblazers are vital to our world and our community. Without them women would not be able to vote, our current US President would not be in office -- and each of us could list dozens of other rules that were changed by trailblazers. We honor those people who step forward and make change. Our local and state elected officials should seize the opportunity to cast off this useless rule regarding abilities. Every single person is or will be effected by this change.

Sally von Brandenfels
Yankton

To the Editor,

When I see Jason Heym, I see a very devoted husband and father. He has concerns for his family, he wants them to be able to grow up and have a good life on his small farm.

He wants good schools and the community to be safe. These are the same desires we all have.

The difference between Jason and us, is he is willing to take a job that will give him an opportunity to help keep us all safe which will help develop a better life for all of us.

I would like to touch on another subject that has been bothering me. I would like our community to be more informed as voters. I think some of the information on the internet is undocumented, words that are put into print with no facts to prove the statements. This is a very harsh way to convince someone to select you. I would like to see positive information given by candidates and their supporters when running for a public position. Give reasons why I should vote for a candidate, not why I shouldn't vote for the opponent. Let's compare apples to apples, let the person running for a position be selected by their abilities and not by unsubstantiated stories put out to the public by others.

Ray Murphy
Columbia City

Vernonia Weather March 2014

	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	45	35	.03
2	48	36	.63
3	58	38	.19
4	55	40	.40
5	55	40	1.95
6	53	39	.80
7	59	35	0
8	53	33	.86
9	53	37	.48
10	58	43	.11
11	57	30	0
12	64	29	0
13	63	29	T
14	57	35	.06
15	57	35	T
16	63	39	1.10
17	50	37	.04
18	48	32	0
19	54	33	.09
20	52	29	.02
21	52	25	0
22	59	26	0
23	59	25	0
24	68	31	.12
25	52	39	.47
26	49	41	.51
27	54	41	.23
28	54	42	.45
29	54	36	.82
30	52	31	.16
31	56	32	.22
Ave/Tot	55.2	34.6	9.74

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Contact Penny Costley 503-429-0196