

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

As a couple of old volunteers we were thrilled to hear that half of this year's Jamboree Committee were under the age of 35 years old.

A lot of us older people have been saying for quite some time we need some younger people to step up and help out.

We manned the information booth on Saturday afternoon and saw first hand what a good job they were doing; they were here, there and everywhere taking care of business.

From what we saw we felt it was a good Jamboree. We really enjoyed the parade, they had twice the amount of vendors as last year, and the car show was back.

We want all of you to

know how much we appreciated your effort. Keep up the good work and thank you for being volunteers.

Don and De De Webb
Vernonia

Dear Vernonia Community and Library patrons,

I just want everyone to know how grateful the Library is for all the volunteer and community support we receive. The community was very generous with donations for the book sale during Jamboree, thank you. Thank you to the Friends of Library for all your wonderful support that you give, your fundraising efforts are truly a blessing for us. All the hours that the Friends of the Library puts

into the books sales is amazing, thank you so much. Thank you to all volunteers who help out with programs and other services to the library. We can't do all the programs without all the volunteers like you who help out. Thank you to the Library Board for the time that you put in to help create policies and guidelines that we use. Thank you Don Webb for the loan of the beautiful art work. Don does amazing work on leather; come in and see it. The Library is truly blessed with all the support that is given. I can not say thank you enough to everyone that helps makes our library the precious jewel of the community that it is.

Barbara Ward
Interim Library Director

HOW TO SEND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vernonia's Voice welcomes and requests your thoughts, opinions and ideas. Please include your name, address and phone number, limit your letters to 300 words or less. Vernonia's Voice reserves the right to edit, omit, respond or ask for a response to letters submitted. We will print letters space permitting. Deadline is the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Email: scott@vernoniasvoice.com or mail to: Letters, PO Box 55, Vernonia, OR 97064.

Upcoming Events

Community Wide Garage Sale - Saturday, August 23, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Contact Vernonia Realty 503-429-6203.

Rural Living Field Day - Saturday, August 23, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM at Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island. To register, visit the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District website at www.wmswcd.org and click on "Events."

Vernonia Geographic Meetup-Thursday, August 28, 6:30 PM at the VCLC, 939 Bridge St. Bring your laptop or tablet and learn more about GIS and how to use vernoniageographic.org.

Upper Nehalem Watershed Council Meeting - Thursday, August 28, 6:30-8:00 PM at 1201 Texas Ave, Suite A. 503-429-0869.

St. Mary's Quilt Fair and Craft Bazaar Thrs-Sun, September 18-21, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 960 Missouri Avenue. Soups, pies and rolls served daily at 11:00 AM. Admission \$1.

Columbia County Master Gardeners Annual Picnic - Sunday, August 24, 1:00-3:00 PM at Scappoose Bay Marina, 57420 Old Portland Rd, Warren. RSVP with Kathy Johnson 503-289-4894.

Salmon Festival - Saturday, October 4, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM at Hawkins Park.

Events at L.L. Stub Stewart State Park

Thursday, August 21st

11:00 AM
Knock-Knock! Who's there? It's the woodpeckers of Stub Stewart!
Learn about the various types of

woodpeckers at Stub Stewart on this guided walk and talk. This short hike along our Heartwood Trail examines woodpeckers and their appreciation of our diverse ecological zones.

Meet at the Dairy Creek Amphitheater

7:00 PM
Dawning of the Newts
Explore the murky waters of our Beaver Pond with a Park Ranger and come face to face with one of the deadliest animals in our forest-the rough-skinned newt! On our hike we'll learn about newts and salamanders and why Stub Stewart is such a great place for these incredible creatures.

Meet at the Dairy Creek Amphitheater

Friday, August 22nd

11:00 AM
Close Encounters of the Douglas-fir Kind
It's kind of wild to think that the fir trees around us were all planted by people for a very specific reason. Those reasons have changed now that Oregon State Parks is in charge of them. Take a tour around the area in which the program begins. No major effort on your part but you may be standing and walking for the longevity of the program. Strolling

on dirt trails and in open field areas may be a part of the fun.

Meet at the Dairy Creek Program Area Amphitheater

7:00 PM
Skins & Skulls
Get hands-on and explore how our native wildlife use their teeth and fur to make them well equipped for their environment. Bring: Weather appropriate clothes, camp chairs (if you want) and an inquisitive mind.
Dairy Creek Amphitheater

Saturday, August 23rd

11:00 AM
Your Oregon State Park
Whether they are the iconic state parks of Oregon we know very well or the recent park development just now blossoming, you have a say in what our Oregon State Parks can be. Join us at our Amphitheater to learn about our state park's mission and create your very own park! All supplies for the activity are provided. Come prepared with a creative mind!
Dairy Creek Amphitheater

2:00PM
Junior Ranger Bat Buddies Program
Do you like bats?! Whether the answer is yes or no come learn what bats are really like-you may be



Nature
HISTORY
Discovery

surprised! Hear how you need bats and bats need you, too.
Discovery Depot

7:00PM
Leave No Trace
Oregon abounds with natural wonders. Protecting wild lands to ensure their longevity is in our hands. Join our evening hike to learn the seven principles of Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics. We'll put those ethics into practice out on the trail. Please wear sturdy shoes, appropriate clothing, and bring a water bottle.
Meet at the Welcome Center

Sunday, August 24th

11:00AM
I Spy...Scavenger Hunt!
I spy...a feather! A snail shell! A wildflower! At this JR Ranger Program (ages 6-12) young naturalists will open their senses and "spy" nature's treasures on a Stub Stewart trail. Younger naturalists must be accompanied by an adult. Wear sunscreen and sturdy shoes. Don't forget a water bottle.
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Vernonia Weather July 2014			
DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	95	47	0
2	78	55	0
3	66	45	0
4	77	46	0
5	79	47	0
6	84	48	0
7	84	50	0
8	84	51	0
9	77	45	0
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14	85	51	0
15	92	49	0
16	87	49	0
17	78	47	0
18	77	52	0
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20	65	43	0
21	79	45	0
22	76	57	.25
23	65	52	.22
24	66	46	.07
25	75	46	0
26	81	45	0
27	86	45	0
28	89	46	0
29	87	50	0
30	85	46	0
31	87	59	0
Ave/Tot	80.8	49.0	.54

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