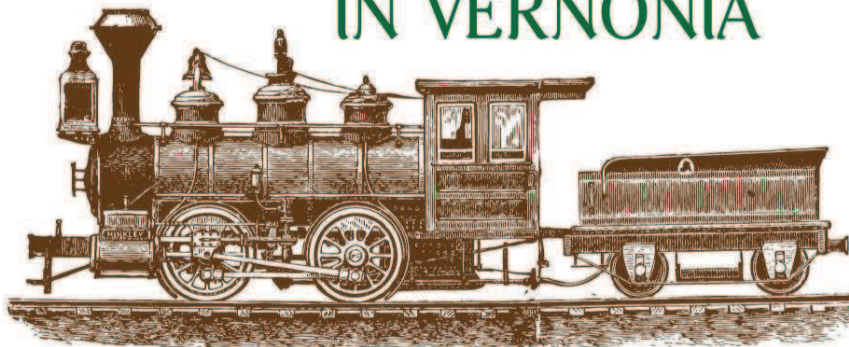


Join us as we celebrate a traditional old-fashioned small town holiday.

THE SPIRIT OF *Christmas* IN VERNONIA



*Saturday,
December 6th*

HOLIDAY COOKIE BAKE-OFF AND GINGERBREAD HOUSE SHOW-OFF

10 am - 4 pm

At the Vernonia Community Learning Center (VCLC). Adults and kids judged separately. Six plated cookies per entry, entry fee is \$5. Registration at 12:00, judging at 1 pm, winners announced at 3 pm. Gingerbread entries must start with a 8"x7" kit. After that...anything goes! Registration at 10 am. Stop by to admire the entries and vote for Best Overall, Coolest Theme, and Best Display. \$5 entry fee. Adult and Youth categories. Winners announced at 3 pm.

BOOK SALE

10 am - 4 pm

Come support the Friends of the Vernonia Library at their holiday book sale. Find high quality books, and more for the readers on your list. At the Vernonia Library.

STOREFRONT TREE CONTEST

10 am - 4 pm

Local businesses help make downtown festive with storefront trees and other decorations, sponsored by the Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce.

STORY TELLING

11:00, 11:45, 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 2:45, 3:30, 4:15

Local businesses will host traditional and non-traditional Christmas stories throughout the day.

CHILI COOK-OFF

9 am - til it's gone!

Bring your favorite recipe and compete to see who is the best chili cook. Judging by the Vernonia Volunteer Ambulance Assoc. **Buy a bowl of chili for \$5 following the contest, with roll, drink and cookie.** Categories include: Vegetarian, Traditional, Wild Game, Turkey and Original Recipe. \$10 entry fee. Drop off between 9-10 am; judging starts at 10:30 am at the VCLC.

LIVING NATIVITY

11 am - 4 pm

Live animals and a vintage Nativity scene that honors Tessie and Edison Aldrich, helps to tell the Christmas story. Creatures Pet Store

CAROLING

Local church groups spread Christmas cheer throughout the afternoon and evening.

HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Light up your home and property to win credit on your WOEC bill. **Judging on Friday, December 5th.** Register at R & S (Sentry) Market. Questions? Contact Sharon 503-807-0169

ROASTED CHESTNUTS & HOT CIDER

11 am - 5 pm

Vernonia High School Leadership students will be roasting chestnuts in the VCLC courtyard to fundraise for their activities. Also, the Lions Club will be serving up FREE hot cider 10 am - 4 pm.

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

10 am - 2 pm

Stop by the WOEC office and get your photo taken with Santa.

WINTER ART SHOW

10 am - 7 pm

Fine art and refreshments at Grey Dawn Gallery. Meet landscape photographer Christopher Burkett 1-4 pm.

LIGHTED PARADE

5:30 pm

Log trucks, lighted vehicles and lighted marchers all welcome. Line-up at 5:00, parade starts at 5:30 at State Avenue. For more info contact Sharon Bernal at 503-819-7914.

CHOCOLATE WALK

11 am - 4 pm

Visit downtown shops to sample and purchase chocolate treats. Look for the big Hershey's Kiss at participating businesses.

TREE LIGHTING

Following the parade

Join Mayor Josette Mitchell, and Santa and Mrs. Claus as we light all of downtown and the Christmas Tree at the corner of Bridge Street and Weed Avenue.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY BAZAAR

Holiday shop for handmade gifts and decorations while supporting local charities, school groups and neighbors. **Saturday 12/6 from 10 am -5 pm; Sunday 12/7 from 11 am -4 pm.**

MEET SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive in the lighted parade and will be ready to greet children at the VCLC courtyard following the tree lighting ceremony.

BAG&BAGGAGE PRESENTS "TWAS THE NIGHT"

Two shows at 3 and 7 pm
at the Vernonia Grange. \$5 admission.
Pre-purchase tickets at R & S Market



Returning to Vernonia after last year's very popular reading of "A Christmas Carol," join the amazing Bag&Baggage Resident Acting Company for holiday-themed performances of poetry and short stories including work from e e cummings, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and more!