

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

The ladies of P.E.O. are happy to be part of the annual Christmas Bazaar again this year, and are very pleased with our “pre-sale” of our Christmas wreaths. A special thanks to all of our customers who have preordered their beautiful wreath—it is our biggest fund-raiser of the year, and of course every penny received goes toward college scholarships.

To those who have ordered their wreaths, they can be picked up at the Bazaar this weekend, December 5th and 6th at the School Commons. If you are unable to be there--just call Tobie Finzel (503-705-2173) or Mary Tolonen (503-429-7214) and they will arrange delivery to your door!

If you have NOT preordered your wreath for your front door, there are still some available, and will be sold at the Bazaar. If you walk by our table you may get a whiff of these gorgeous wreaths—their aroma might just lead you to us! The wreaths sell for \$20.00 each, and they stay nice an incredibly long time.

Also, you may want to check out our table for treasures, some edible and some crafty. Thank you for supporting our ongoing mission of providing aid to college women. We’ll see you at the Bazaar—It’s “Christmas in the Country!”

Audeen Wagner for P.E.O.

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.

Vernonia Cares Turkey News

Vernonia Cares Food Bank offers a free turkey to those who cannot afford one for their Christmas meal. To pre-register, come by the food bank Tuesday or Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm, 627 Adams Avenue (within the American Legion building). Only pre-registered households will be served. Details may be gained during registration.

Sign up deadline is December 15. Limits apply.

Vernonia Police Blotter November 16-30, 2015

REPORTS TAKEN

- November 20, 2015 Arrest on a Warrant near Bridge St. and Adams Ave.
- November 28, 2015 Report of Assault on 1st Ave
- November 29, 2015 Report taken on a Failure to Register as a Sex Offender

TRAFFIC/OTHER CITATIONS

- November 17, 2015 Citation for Moving Violation and No Operator's Licence on North Mist Drive.
- November 21, 2015 Citation for Failure

to Obey Traffic Control Device on State St.

- November 21, 2015 Citation for No Operator's Licence and Careless Driving on Bridge St.

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Vernonia Police Department responds to calls that do not always end in Arrest, Report, or Citation.
11/15/2015 through 11/30/2015 VPD had a 107 calls for service.

Please Join Us For Our Next UNWC Gathering!

Nehalem Basin Salmon Abundance Trends and Forecasts for 2015
Presented by: Chris Knutson, ODFW North Coast Watershed District - Manager

Thursday, December 3rd
6:30-7:45 pm at Vernonia Grange

Please join us for an exciting update on the latest Coho and Chinook salmon populations in our local rivers. The presentation will be held at the Vernonia Grange 375 North St., Vernonia Oregon. Doors open at 6:30 pm for refreshments. The presentation will start at 6:45 pm.

Event Information: Refreshments and snacks will be served. This event is FREE and open to the public. All are welcome.

Time & Agenda:
6:30 PM Doors open – Refreshments
6:45 PM Presentation
7:45 PM Council Business
8:45 PM Adjourn



Interested in getting more involved with restoration and enhancement of the majestic Nehalem River? The Upper Nehalem Watershed Council (UNWC) is seeking additional Board of Directors membership. UNWC is a citizens' group and tax-exempt nonprofit corporation. The Council welcomes participation from a diverse citizenry, including active or retired farmers, foresters, woodland owners, rural and urban residents, business owners, and local government, university or NGO staff and scientists. UNWC is committed to improving watershed health and native salmon population recovery - through community discussion, broadly-inclusive decision making, and voluntary actions. We bring funding and technical resources to the area and leverage stakeholder support to achieve both programs and projects. 20 years of dedicated service building community and improving the quality of life in the Upper Nehalem Valley.

Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm:
Monday, December 7, 2015
Monday, December 21, 2015

City Closures are scheduled for:
Thursday, December 24, 2015
Closing at Noon
Friday, December 25, 2015
Christmas Day

Dates and times subject to change due to conflicts of schedules



The Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Main Station, 12525 HWY 202, Mist, OR. Agenda items include but are not limited to usual order of business, citizen input, Fire Chief's report, financial reports and any other business needing to be discussed.

William DeJager
-Board President

What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

Upcoming Events

Adopt-a-Book Event

December 2 - December 23
Create a unique holiday treasure by purchasing a book for the Vernonia Public Library's collection. You can even dedicate the book to the person of your choice with a special bookplate. Sponsored by the Friends of the Vernonia Library.

Spirit of Christmas Story and Craft

Saturday, December 12
12:30 – 1:30 pm
Visit the library during the Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia celebration for a reading of Chris Van Allsburg's *The Polar Express*. Make a silver bell ornament for your tree (or the library's), just like one from Santa's sleigh: "the first gift of Christmas!"

Winter Break Board Game Tournament

Tuesday, December 29 and Wednes-

day, December 30, 3 – 4:30 pm
Registraton required at the library. Limit to 12 players. Call (503) 429-1818 or e-mail library@vernonia-or.gov.
Join us on the 29th for a hands on tutorial of the popular board game "7 Wonders" and practice round and then return on the 30th to use the skills you learned in our tournament where a winner will be crowned and prizes awarded (celebration snacks to follow). 7 Wonders is a beautifully designed board game that teaches children analytical strategic thinking and resource management and it is a blast to play! The game takes 30 minutes to learn and the box recommends it is for children ages 10 and up.

Winter Break Matinees

Saturday, December 19, 2 – 4 pm
Tuesday, December 22, 2 – 4 pm
Relax and enjoy a holiday movie and free popcorn. Call or visit the library for movie title.

Ongoing Programs

Stamp Club

December 3, 4:30-5:30 pm
1st Thursday of each month
Open to all ages! Come join us for some stamp learning, collecting, trading, and all around fun!

Writer's Group

December 17, 6 - 7:30 pm
3rd Thursday of every month,
Opportunity for writers with all levels of experience to get together, write, and get feedback.

Book Discussion Group

December 28, 5:30 pm
Last Monday of every month
Selection for December:
One Thousand White Women
by Jim Fergus

Storytimes

Baby and Toddler Time
Mondays, 10:30 – 11:15 am

Songs, rhymes, books, toys, and bubbles! For ages 0 – 3. Older siblings welcome.

Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 – 11:15 am (except for holiday closures, Fridays December 25 and January 1) Stories and a craft/activity for children up to age 5.

Holiday Closures

Closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25 for the Christmas Holiday
Closed Thursday and Friday, December 31 and January 1 for New Year's Holiday

Library Hours & Contact

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 – 5
Tuesday, Thursday: 1 - 7
Saturday: 10 – 4
Closed Sundays

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