

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

I know we are right in the middle of winter and hoping for spring to get here soon, but there is a group of people in town that already are working on summer. The Vernonia Friendship Jamboree committee has been working on this year's 60th Jamboree since the last one ended. This letter is intended to reach out to this fine community, in search of energetic volunteers with ideas, time, and resources to help put on the best Jamboree possible. The Jamboree takes the work of many people, lots of hours, and plenty of energy to get things done. This past year we have had a few volunteers step down, due to family and job commitments. Unfortunately for us, these were some very involved members who took on a huge workload over the past few years. We currently have the need for people to help with fundraising, overseeing events, and soliciting sponsorships.

So many people think that Jamboree just happens each year, but it takes a lot of hard work and a lot of money. Just to give you all an idea of what expenses the Jamboree has each year, here are a few. Insurance, we pay approx. \$3,000 to insure every event at Jamboree, and another \$3,000 for port-a-potties, and if we have the Kids

zone, well that can be anywhere from \$1,500 to \$3,000 depending on what we rent. A concert like we had last year can cost anywhere from \$2,000 and up. There has also been a desire to have fireworks for the 60th Jamboree, and well, that costs approximately \$5,000, there is also advertising, t-shirts, ribbons, and equipment (i.e. electrical boxes etc...). This doesn't even count what the Logging show spends to put on that event. When it is all said and done, Jamboree costs can be anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for our three day event. Now, we recoup some of these costs through vendors, ticket sales, admissions, and sponsorships, but that doesn't mean we make it all back. Each of the past two years, we have had gun raffles which have made us some good money, but it also burned a lot of people out. This is where you all come in, we need help! We are trying to make Jamboree a family event, that everyone can enjoy, but it takes more than the few people we have.

The Jamboree committee meets currently each second Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm at the fire station. If you have been looking for a way to get involved in your community, then we would welcome your participation. As we get closer to Jamboree we will need

to meet more frequently. I will not lie to you, this can be hard work, and it can often be frustrating, but when Jamboree gets here and you see all the families, friends and visitors having a great time, it is worth it. If you would like to find out more about opportunities to volunteer and get involved you can attend our next meeting March 9th at 6:30 pm at the fire station, or call me at 503-816-3934, or private message me on Facebook. Thank you.

Ernie Smith
Jamboree Committee President

To the Editor,

You may know a high school senior who at times feels some desperation about what to do after

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Upcoming Events

Friends of the Library Book Sale- Friday, March 11, 4:00-7:00 pm and Saturday, March 12, 10:00 am-4:00 pm at the Vernonia Library.

Columbia County Small Woodlands Assoc. Tree Sale - Saturday, March 12, 8:30 am-1:30 pm at the Lawrence Oil parking lot, 845 N. Columbia River Hwy, St. Helens.

Gardening Talk: Soil Amendment - Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 pm at the Vernonia Library. Chip Bubl, OSU Extension Faculty and Master Gardener™, offers tips on improving and enriching soil for your gardens. Free and open to the public.

Writing to Create Ourselves - Sunday, April 10 at the Vernonia Library. Workshop and reading with Oregon Poet Laureate Emerita Paulann Petersen. Workshop 12:30-4:30 pm. Reading 6:00-7:30 pm.

Spring Fair and Plant Sale - May 7, 9 am - 3 pm at the Vernonia Schools. Vendor booths and 800+ certified organic tomato plants. Presented by the Vernonia Community Garden.

Second annual Spring Tea Party - Saturday, May 14, 1:00 pm at the Cabin in Vernonia, 901 Park Dr. Watch for details.

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