

# Summer in Vernonia



Summer in Vernonia usually means more bicyclists passing through or stopping in town. Bike riders travel on the Banks-Vernonia State Trail, the Tualatin Valley Scenic Bikeway (which includes the Banks-Vernonia Trail) and the newly opened Crown Zellerbach Trail, with Vernonia as the perfect rest stop for lunch and a beverage. On June 18 riders passed through Vernonia on the initial Columbia Century Challenge, a loop that took riders from St. Helens to Vernonia, Clatskanie and Rainier. This first year event was a big success and was enjoyed by numerous riders who enjoyed the scenery and hospitality of each local community.

The Summer Meals Program provides a safe place for families to come during the summer months and receive lunch each weekday during the school vacation. Kids eat for free and adults pay just \$3.00. There is a salad bar and a full meal, along with activities and fresh produce available to take home. Last week the Vernonia Library, in partnership with the Forest Grove Library, was on hand to give away a free book to each child who came for lunch as part of the Summer Reading Program; 72 books were given away.



The Vernonia Library's Summer Reading Program is an annual way for students to stay active and engaged in learning during the summer break. Students are encouraged to keep a log of the books they read and are entered in drawings to win prizes. Scheduled activities and special programs provide entertainment throughout the summer. On June 23 Charlie Brown performed his juggling and comedy routine for almost 70 attendees. Up next, "Move Like a Mammoth" on Wednesday, July 13, 10:30 am for families with grade school children, presented by a museum educator from the Museum of Natural and Cultural History in Eugene.



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