

New Edition of Vernonia Walking Tour Now Available

The Vernonia Pioneer Museum is pleased to announce the second edition of the Vernonia Walking Tour Handbook will be available for sale in several local outlets in May.

For \$3.00 a copy the handbooks can be found at R&S Market, Vernonia City Hall, Vernonia Public Library, Black Iron Grill, Blue House Mediterranean Café, Cedar Side Inn, All In Pub, and, of course, The Vernonia Pioneer Museum. Featuring full color printing, more photographs, revised text, and a full detailed map, this handbook is a lovely update to the project started by Vernonia Pride in 2004.

The museum inherited the tour materials in 2015. Over the past year, VHS student Kaitlyn Eyrrick, VHS graduate Rachel Brown and newcomer

Corrie Aiuto stepped in to help by walking the tour, updating the information, taking new photographs, scanning photos from the museum collection, and applying desktop publishing and design methods to create the new release.

The printing and production costs were funded by a grant from the Columbia County Cultural Coalition, the county's arm of Oregon Cultural Trust, with matching funds from the museum.

The Vernonia Pioneer Museum Association is dedicated to recording and preserving the history of the City of Vernonia and the Upper Nehalem River Valley. Its mission is to educate, display, research, and preserve the history of this area. For more details on the Vernonia Walking Tour Handbook project please contact the museum at (503) 429-3713.

ODFW to Release 6,000 Trout for Vernonia Lake Fishing Event

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) invites new anglers to take part in its Family Fishing Event Saturday, May 6 at Vernonia Lake from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event is free to the public and open to all. ODFW staff, and volunteers from the Association of Northwest Steelheaders will be on hand to assist those who want to learn how to fish.

ODFW will provide equipment for the event including rods, reels and bait. Angling Education Instructors and volunteers will be present to answer questions and offer assistance to less experienced anglers. Approximately 6,000 trout will be released just prior to the event to help make it a successful experience.

"This is an excellent opportunity to discover fishing, or for those who haven't fished for a while to acquaint themselves," said Ron Rehn, fishing event coordinator for ODFW's North Coast Watershed. "We'll have plenty of experienced anglers at the event to answer any questions and help with instruction."

Under Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, anglers ages 11 and under can fish for free while those 12-17 will need to have a youth license.

What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

Ballot Drop Site

The Library is an official Ballot Drop Site for the Special Election. Ballots can be returned inside the library during normal library hours. The library will be open 9 am until 8 pm on Election Day, Tuesday, May 16.

Summer Reading

First day of sign-ups for children will be Monday, June 19. Program list and information coming soon.

Upcoming Events

Knitting Workshop for Adults

Saturday, May 13, 10 am - Noon
Free and all materials provided. Taught by Caitlin Hunter. Class is limited to 10. Register with Caitlin at boylandknitworks@gmail.com.

Movie Night

Tuesday, May 16, 6 pm featuring: *A Light Between Oceans* (PG-13)
Thursday, May 25, 6 pm featuring: *Bunyan and Babe* (PG)
Relax and enjoy a free movie and popcorn at the library.

Ongoing Programs

Writer's Group

Thursday, May 18, 6-7:30 pm
3rd Thursday of every month. For writers with all levels of experience.

Book Discussion Group

Monday, May 22, 5:30 pm
Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm (One week early this month due to Memorial Day Closure). Book selection for May: Title by Warren Easley TBA. Warren Easley will be visiting the Vernonia Library in June.

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
Stories and a craft/activity for children up through age 6.

Library Closure

Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day

Library Hours & Contact

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

Phone: (503) 429-1818
E-mail: library@vernonia-or.gov

Pioneer Museum Yearbook Project Seeks Help

The Vernonia Pioneer Museum and Vernonia High School now possess digital images of most of the high school yearbooks produced from the first edition in 1924 through 2016. Thanks to a special program sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, an inmate-staffed digital imaging facility is scanning and creating digital files of high school yearbooks across the country. The project is part of a training program to give inmates skills in digital imaging and other new technologies.

Oklahoma Correction Industries contacted the museum in late 2016 with an offer to copy our yearbooks at no cost to us. The museum only has 26 volumes in its collection, but the high school has the bulk of the remainder. VHS graduate Scott Lamping lent six of the missing years from his private collection. We believe that no yearbooks were produced during the Depression years of 1931 through 1936, and collectively we are lacking only seven years exclusive of the non-published years. The yearbook was titled "The Verhian" from 1924 to 1930. When yearbook

production resumed in 1937, the present name of "Memolog" was adopted.

The museum sent the collected volumes with prepaid shipping labels provided by Oklahoma Correctional Industries from which they were returned along with two sets of the digital images. Each cover and page of the yearbook was scanned to a high resolution JPG file and stored in individual computer file folders by year. The museum has one set and Vernonia High School the other. Due to the size of the files, we cannot send a specific yearbook via the Internet or make them available online at this time. Specific yearbooks can be copied on request to a flash drive provided by the patron.

Should anyone have a 1928 Verhian or Memologs from the years 1967, 1968, 1973, 1974, 1984, or 2004, and are willing to lend it to us for a short time, we would like to complete our collection. Please leave a message at the museum, (503)-429-3713 or email vernoniamuseum@gmail.com to make arrangements. The museum and VHS would appreciate having them in the digital collection.

Bingo Winner, Chicken Dinner!

Come get your Chop Chop Chicken Sundae and stay for a fun-filled night of bingo! Support the Class of 2017 All-Night Grad Party and WIN fabulous prizes!

\$1 for 2 bingo cards!

Chop Chop Chicken Sundaes Here!

\$10 Meal & Drink

Bake Sale!

Saturday, May 13th 5:00pm-8:00pm
In the Vernonia School Commons

Brought to you by the families of the Class of 2017 and our friends at
Chop Chop Chicken Sundaes

What is a chicken sundae, you may ask? Visit us at www.choppdx.com!

Friends of the Vernonia Public Library

Membership Dues:

Family: \$10.00 Individual: \$5.00
Minimum: \$1.00 plus 2 hours minimum of work in the library

Make checks payable to: Friends of the Vernonia Public Library
Mailing Address: 701 Weed Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064

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