

Spaghetti for Fireworks

The Fourth of July will soon be here and community organizations are gearing up for another great time. Remember, though, that the community fireworks display in Vernonia is made possible only by donations from community members.

Starting off the fund raising will be a spaghetti feed at Lew's Place on Tuesday, June 25, 5-8:00 p.m. The cost for adults is \$7; kids 10 and under are \$5. Enjoy some great spaghetti with friends and family, while helping a good cause.

If you always wanted to be in a parade, this is your opportunity! There will be a parade at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth, and everyone wishing to participate is welcome. Just be at City Hall by 7:00 p.m. to register and get a spot in line.

The fireworks won't start until dusk, at the school grounds, but the Boosters will start serving hamburgers and hot dogs around 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts will be selling cotton candy, popcorn, etc., and light sticks will be available from the Boosters. Bring family, friends and blankets, and spread out on the grounds between Washington Grade School and Vernonia High School. Do not bring personal fireworks; they are prohibited.

"We are so lucky, here in Vernonia, to have a fireworks display of our own and not have to fight traffic and crowds to enjoy fireworks," said Donna Webb, of Vernonia Pride.

Vernonia Pride will have donation cans throughout town for the fireworks; your help is needed.



It was no contest when this Pepsi truck met a 50 year old canopy on the east side of Vernonia High School. The driver was new to the route and apparently was unaware that there was any other way to get to the parking lot.

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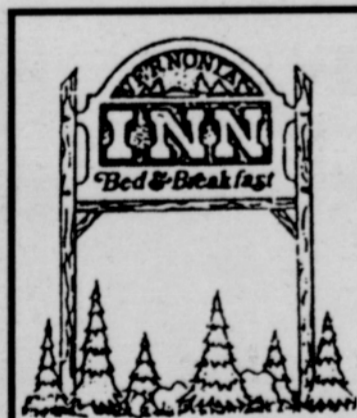
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Rep. Betsy Johnson to be at Scout Cabin

State Rep. Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose) is holding town hall meetings to discuss the State's current budget situation and to outline alternatives for the upcoming Special Session to be convened this month.

Johnson will be meeting with Vernonia area residents Saturday, June 8, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Scout Cabin.

"The financial situation facing Oregon has been going from bad to worse. The most recent financial forecast indicates that we are nearly \$1 billion in the red," Johnson said.

There are only two ways to bring the budget into balance: Cut spending or raise taxes. I am not anxious to pursue either alternative, but am very anxious to hear what our district residents think," Johnson said.