

Jamboree group to elect officers

The next Vernonia Friendship Jamboree Committee meeting will be January 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Washington Grade School Library. The agenda will include election of officers for 2003, the 2003 Jamboree theme contest and the addition of a Spring and Fall Celebration. Anyone interested is urged to attend the meeting and bring new ideas.

There are approximately 25 of last year's t-shirts remaining. They are available at Vernonia Sentry at a reduced price of \$8.00 each.

For more information, call Randy Parrow, 503-429-3811.

Student Bloopers

Bach was the most famous composer in the world, and so was Handel. Handel was half German, half Italian and half English. He was very large.

Can you dig it?

By Schann Nelson



In the cold and dark of the season, it seems time to bring the outside INSIDE where we can enjoy it. Even though it's warmer here than in many parts of the country, it feels colder because of the damp misty soup that the air becomes in western Oregon. And that's when the wind isn't blowing. Somehow, now that the rain has started (and hopefully will keep up) it just feels right to me. I guess I just need to have the moss on my back watered. The stuffy house smells so wonderful with baking and candles and the tree.

The catalogues are starting to come in the mail. Some I just drool over, some I read because they have tons of valuable information in them and a few I actually order from, over and over. *Smith & Hawken (S&M)* and *The White Flower Farm (WFF)* fall primarily into the drooling category. WFF (and I certainly don't mean fake-o wrestling) has oodles of great information, though, since they are in the East, you have to be careful about applying it to our climate. The S&M (not a deviant's choice) catalogue is, as always, full of incredibly beautiful things for huge amounts of money. However, this year there are surprising numbers of items for very reasonable prices (in the \$10 to \$20 range). Since they actually have a store (at N.W. 23rd & Burnside), I usually find it worth my time to go in and look at cool stuff. Sometimes I manage to not even buy anything and I love looking at their great collection of Christmas ornaments.

The *Raintree Nursery* and *Territorial Seed Co.* catalogues I order from whenever I can afford it (Raintree) or every year (Territorial). Both have lots of cultural information that I refer to throughout the season. If you have never made the trip up to the Raintree site in Morton, Wash., it is well worth the trip. It's a beautiful drive up into the mountains and you can get plants at the nursery that are not available in the catalogue, like seconds for huge reductions in price. Raintree's main season begins January 9 and ends in June. Other catalogues I enjoy and look forward to receiving, include *Shepards*, *Seeds of Change*, *Nichols*, and (new to me this year) *Vermont Bean Seed Catalogue* with twelve pages of different kinds of beans. WOW!

All of the catalogues have sections – usually in the back – with books, garden supplies, and tools. Many of them also have a wide variety of other stuff that makes great gifts for a gardener in your life. In this case, a gift certificate is a great idea, the gardener can then order what ever pleases his or her fancy. High quality, ergonomically designed hand tools are always welcome. (It may not be true for those who are better organized, but I'm always losing my favorites, because I put them down somewhere and lose them.) Garden art could be a nice gift if you know what somebody will like. It's not really the sort of thing you (or at least I) can justify spending money on for yourself but, on the other hand, it could be a huge mistake to get a crocodile setting stone for somebody with an irrational fear of reptiles.

A short to-do list (stolen unrepentantly from the Extension Service):

- Spread wood ashes over the vegetable garden.
- Use dormant spray of lime sulfur or copper fungicide on fruit trees and roses.
- Make sure landscape plants in protected sites (like under the eaves) receive water regularly.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs if you haven't already.
- Check for bark damage from rodents at the base of trees and shrubs. Don't mulch close to trunks to prevent damage.

Alert! No matter how experienced a gardener you are (or are not), you have an opportunity to learn more by becoming a Master Gardener. This is a program sponsored by the OSU Extension Service to learn lots and lots and lots of stuff about gardening. Courses on basic gardening topics will begin in January and run through March from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, for 12 Mondays. The cost is 40 dollars for materials and you are asked to donate 70 hours of time back to the community, helping people solve their (gardening) problems. Applications are available now by calling the extension office at 503-397-3462. I wish I could take this class! Someday, I will and then, maybe, I'll actually know what I'm talking about.

Church Directory

VERNONIA FOURSQUARE CHURCH

Pastor Paul Pastor
850 Madison Avenue
Vernonia, 503 429-1103

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Evening Service
Youth Ministry
Children's Ministry
Nursery Available

Men's Ministry 7:45 a.m.
3rd Saturday each month

VERNONIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Grant Williams, Pastor
957 State Avenue
Vernonia, 503 429-6790

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church w/Nursery
Sunday 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Jr. & Sr. High, AWANA, Adult Study
Nursery provided
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study, Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

D.J. Dickey, Pastor
Grant & North Streets
Vernonia, 503 429-1919

Sunday Services: Adult Prayer &
Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:15 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service:
All Family Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Darwin Harvey, Pastor
662 Jefferson
Vernonia, 503 429-4615

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Youth & Kids, Thursday 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

John Cahill, Pastor
359 "A" Street
Vernonia, 503 429-1161

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

NEHALEM VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

500 California Ave
Vernonia, 503 429-5378

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Nursery available
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastoral Associate
Juanita Dennis
960 Missouri Avenue
Vernonia, 503 429-8841

Mass Schedule
Sunday 12:00 Noon
Religious Education
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Lee Knowlton, Branch President
1350 E. Knott Street
Vernonia, 503 429-7151

Sacrament Meeting, Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Primary 11:20 a.m.

Relief Society, Priesthood and
Young Women, Sunday 12:10 p.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Kevin Reiner, Pastor, 543-2254
2nd Ave. and Nehalem St.
Vernonia, 503 429-8301

Sabbath School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

ST. AUGUSTINE (CANTERBURY) EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Robert Grafe, Pastor
375 North St. (Vernonia Grange Hall)
Vernonia, 503 429-3700

Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Joel Stith, Pastor
410 North Street
Vernonia, 503 429-6522

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Every Wednesday:
Ladies' Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Children's Choir 3:00 p.m.
Family Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Women's Fellowship, 2nd & 4th
Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.

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