

# Christmas events scheduled include truck parade, bazaars, theater, concert, and more

## Holiday Lights Parade

Come see Vernonia's first Holiday Light Parade on Saturday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m.

The streets will be lit up by the Christmas lights adorning the participating log, lumber, chip, and dump trucks.

If you have such a truck and want to add lights, come join in and have some holiday fun.

While you are out and about, check out the city's Christmas decorations and lights.

What a great way to end the day after visiting the bazaars and doing some early Christmas shopping.

**Right: Stan Zook (5' 10") and grandson, Hepner Forster, by logs from 300 year old tree. Three shown are from one tree. These logs can be seen in the truck parade.**



## Christmas Bazaars

The annual Christmas Bazaar at Washington Grade School will be December 6, from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on December 7, from 12 to 5:00 p.m.

Santa Claus will be on hand to have his picture taken with your good girls and boys (and even the not-so-good ones).

In addition to the wonderful handmade items for sale, there will be homemade soups with

fresh hot rolls, hot cinnamon rolls, pizza, and many choices of pies and desserts.

The Senior Bazaar will also take place December 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and December 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

## Vernonia Toy 'N' Joy

Vernonia Toy 'n' Joy will hold a toy drive on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 1-4:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Fire Station.

In addition to helping some less-fortunate families have a happy holiday with donations of new, un-wrapped toys, participants in the toy drive will have fun with a cake walk, refreshments and more family activities. When you give a toy, you can also get your picture taken with Santa Claus.

The deadline to apply for help from Toy 'n' Joy is December 10. Applications are available at Washington Grade School, Headstart, and at the Toy Drive. Return applications to the Vernonia Fire Station. The Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters Association organizes and sponsors Toy 'n' Joy.

## A Christmas Carol

A unique 'readers' rendition of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" will be presented by the North Street Players, a newly formed theater group in Vernonia.

Three performances are scheduled, Dec. 14, 15, and 16 at 7:00 p.m., with doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$2.00, plus one non-perishable food donation for Vernonia Cares.

Adapted and directed by G. Allen Ray, this in-the-round production will provide a different kind of theater experience for many people.

Cast members for this production of "A Christmas Carol" include (in alphabetical order) Amber Abney, Tammy Argue, Jake Brock, Ben Brookins, Laura Brookins, Larinda Botchie, Cory Colburn, Jessica Dahl, Carrick Flynn, Conner Flynn, Lila Harrison, Sally Harrison, Holly Hillyer, Scott Laird, Jacob

Rice and Robb Wilson.

Join the North Street Players at the Vernonia Grange Hall, 375 North Street, one block north of the high school. Seating will be limited.

## School Programs

The Mist School Christmas program will be Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m.

The Vernonia grade school programs will be held on Thursday, December 18 at Washington Grade School (WGS).

There will be two performances at WGS, a matinee at 1:15 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:00 p.m.

The matinee will be preceded by a Senior Luncheon at WGS. All seniors are invited to attend. If transportation is needed, call WGS at 503-429-7941.

The WGS/LGS program is entitled "Traditions" and is built around United States holiday traditions, from what it was like in 1776 to current Kwanzaa celebrations. Expect to see appearances by George and Martha Washington.

Kindergarten through eighth grade will perform two songs per class. This is sure to be an enjoyable holiday presentation.

## Col. Co. Fairgrounds

Holiday events at the Columbia County Fairgrounds include Santa's Mail Box, through December 25, with each letter answered. Sponsored by St. Helens Kiwanis.

Drive-through Christmas Light displays, 5-9:00 p.m. on December 12, 13, 14, 19, and 20.

Live Nativity and drive-through Christmas Lights, 6-9:00 p.m., December 21, 22, 23, and 24. Sponsored by Grace Baptist Church.

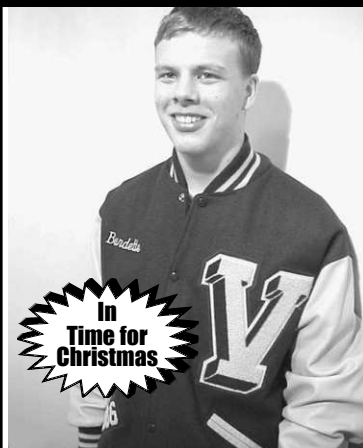
## Christmas Concert

The annual Vernonia community Christmas Concert will be presented on December 20, at 3:00 p.m. at the Christian Church, 410 North Street.

The concert will include performances by three groups - a string ensemble, a choir, and a band. The performers, amateur musicians of all ages, will be directed by professional conductors.

This is a great opportunity to discover, and enjoy, some of the many talents in your community! Sponsored and organized by Vernonia Hands on Art, the concert is free, though donations will be gladly accepted.

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