

Pioneer Museum to open Fridays, local author will be there June 26

The Vernonia Pioneer Museum is now open Fridays for the summer months, in addition to the regularly scheduled Saturdays and Sundays. Special arrangements can be made for group gatherings, as well.

The Museum is located at 511 E. Bridge Street, in the administration building of the former Oregon-American Lumber Company, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Now, as home for Vernonia's unique little museum, the shapely building is again experiencing a very exciting time.

Old displays are being rearranged and new ones set up. Oral and written histories from pioneer families are being gathered and will be available to the public in the near future. Programs such as "Museum Talks," which will feature descendants of pioneers sharing their history, are being scheduled. Ideas are ongoing and dedicated volunteers are there to help.

This Saturday, June 18, the museum board will meet at

1:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. After a short business meeting, Bob Stevens from Rainier Museum will talk about the formation of an organization including all museums and historical societies in Columbia County and how such an organization would be of benefit.

Local author Stella Bellingham Satern will be featured in Museum Talks on Sunday, June 26, at 2:00 p.m. Satern and friends will share what it was like to be a pioneer woman in 1875. This will be held outside, weather permitting. Bring a blanket or chair.

The Museum is seeking donations to a "Wish List" from anyone who would like to share: Manikins/dress forms, TV/DVD combo or separate, tape recorder, computer paper, jewelry display case that rotates.

Anyone interested in helping (membership, donation of time or items, etc.) may call 503-429-3713 or 503-429-4019, or email <VPMA@agalinet>.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



ing to the calendar, it is. Will it make it? I'm not sure but I've seen seven geese nesting at the lake and two very healthy garter snakes basking in the grass along the path. Plus, the bull frog still calling for a mate.

Now that the city owns Clara Cleveland County Road do they get the job of painting the intersection lines at the red light? Just wondering.

For you folks having to travel to and from Mist every day. Have you dislocated your spines, yet? That "BUMP" is a car buster even at 5 mph. I see last Wednesday they made a poor attempt to fix it - failed and the warning cones are only about 6' from it. Shame, shame.

A reminder: Look for the "Fireworks" donation cans - the 4th of July is only 25 days away and where will all the people sit to watch the fireworks? The lawn is gone.

Now that school is about out and you think there's nothing to

look forward to this Summer - take heart.

June 19 - Father's Day
The dam will be in place so you can swim

July 4 - parade and picnics
July 23 - Vernonia Cares Chicken Feed at the Senior Center, 5 to 8 p.m.

August 5-7 - Jamboree
August 19 - Vernonia Senior Center Picnic

August 20 - Vernonia Cares 5K Fun Run/Walk Dare to Care - Join in to run or walk

August 21 - Old Timer's Picnic

September 5 - Labor Day
September 6 - School Starts
October 1 - Salmon Festival
Don't just sit at home - join in.

Now, an update on Vernonia Cares. Did you know we have a website? <vernoniacares.com>. Check it out, learn about how to enter the 5K, learn what you can do to help us serve you. Remem-

ber, we also have surplus foods any one can come in and pick up when you need a helping hand. We have resource information pamphlets that can help you apply for Food Stamps, and other helpful information.

One more thing. Cares needs several folks, male or female, to learn and work in our pantry this summer while the regulars take vacations. Two days a week - 2-1/2 hours a day. Are you willing to be a helper? Come by and visit us. Please - Thank you for your time.

Have a
great
4th of
July

Happy Father's Day,
June 19

Enter your art in the State Fair Art Show

Oregon residents who want to show off their art - such as sculpture, ceramics, watercolor, calligraphy and more - are invited to enter the Oregon State Fair's 2005 juried Oregon Art Annual show. The show will take place during the State Fair, August 26 - September 5, 2005 in Salem.

Interested exhibitors can easily find the entry information on the State Fair website at <www.oregonstatefair.org/Fair/competitions>.

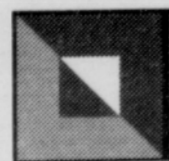
The Oregon Art Annual categories include professional art, amateur art, student and youth art, juried calligraphy and non-juried calligraphy. Entries are accepted in all media except motion picture and video. Slides for professional entries are due July 26; the entry fee is \$15. All other entries are due August 14 and 15 with the following fees: amateur: \$8; stu-

dent/youth: no fee; juried calligraphy: \$8 and non-juried calligraphy: no fee.

The art and calligraphy exhibits will be displayed in the Jackman-Long Building. The award winners will be announced at an artist reception Thursday, August 25 (one day prior to the opening of the State Fair) that will be hosted by the Salem Art Association.

A total of \$3,500 in prize money will be awarded in the Oregon Art Annual.

The 140th annual Oregon State Fair, a tradition for thousands of Oregon families throughout the state, is opening one day later than usual - Friday, August 26 and continuing through September 5, Labor Day. The theme is "Bring on the Fun."



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