

PCC joins new Vernonia Learning Center in offering classes for all

This fall, Portland Community College's presence in Vernonia will get stronger and better.

PCC will have a presence in the City of Vernonia's newly opened Vernonia Community Learning Center (VCLC), offering both credit and non-credit classes beginning fall term. In the future, the college may offer Adult Basic Education and GED courses, as well.

"We will be utilizing local qualified faculty as much as possible to staff the course offerings," said Kelly Marks, Columbia County education pro-

gram coordinator. "We are discussing the possibility of bringing additional services, specifically admissions and testing for larger groups of potential students, to the community and hope to be able to offer this, as appropriate, beginning fall term."

Because the city was unable to furnish the learning center as originally planned, PCC stepped in to provide support by donating surplus furniture and equipment. Marks said she anticipates further donations in the near future to help the operation

of the new learning center.

In addition to being on site in Vernonia, PCC has provided at no cost a complete set of Teleweb course tapes to VCLC. These tapes will allow local residents to access distance learning classes via Teleweb. They will be particularly useful for those residents who are not served by internet service or cable television access, by which most distance learning courses are delivered. This initiative will increase PCC's offerings to the Vernonia community by approximately 20 classes per term.

For more information, about PCC's services in Vernonia contact Marks at 503-614-7775 or kmarks@pcc.edu.

Among the credit classes available in Vernonia will be Career and Life Planning, First Aid and Emergency Care, Introductory Algebra - Term 1, and Writing 90.

The following PCC classes will also be taught at the Vernonia Community Learning

Center, 919 Bridge Street. For more information about these classes, call 503-978-5205.

User Friendly Windows XP

One of the most popular computer platforms, Windows XP, is the subject of two non-credit classes this fall. Instructor Marge Dunay will lead Windows XP: Level I, and Windows XP for Seniors: Level I, using non-technical language to teach students how to navigate and customize their computers. The class is slated from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Wednesdays, September 27 through October 25. There will be no class on Oct. 18. Cost is \$45.50 for seniors, or \$85 for the general public.

Introduction to Deep Memoir Writing

Publisher, poet and teacher Carol Sawyer will also lead a non-credit class in writing to help aspiring new writers find energy and develop technique.

Sawyer will lead students through Introduction to Deep

Memoir Writing, a class for new writers and those needing new ideas. It is a supportive environment for exploring the emotions and freeing self-expression, using the senses and other techniques. The class will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, September 27 through November 1. Cost is \$59.

Portland Community College is the largest post-secondary institution in Oregon, serving approximately 91,000 full- and part-time students. For more PCC news, please visit us on the Web at www.pcc.edu/news. PCC has three comprehensive campuses, five workforce training and education centers, and 200 community locations in the Portland metropolitan area. The PCC district encompasses a 1,500-square-mile area in northwest Oregon and offers two-year degrees, one-year certificate programs, short-term training, alternative education, pre-college courses and lifelong learning.



The "Loud and Proud" Portland to Coast walking team, above, took first place in the Men's Walking Division (which required only that at least seven of the team be male). Vernonians on the team were Kim Wallace (on left in second row), Elizabeth White (third from left in second row) and Derek and Angie Handegard (fourth and fifth from left in back row). The picture includes the support staff, drivers and walkers and was taken on the beach in Seaside after the walk had been completed.

International Peace Vigil September 21

Columbia County Citizens for Human Dignity (CCCHD) will participate in the second annual International Peace Vigil and invites all interested people to join them on September 21, in St. Helens, at the corner of Columbia Boulevard and Hwy 30 at 5:00 p.m. The rally is scheduled for 5-6:00 p.m.

According to Marcy Westerling, CCCHD president, the organization's executive board decided to organize a peace rally in Columbia County in conjunction with international efforts to stop the violence, war and occupation in Iraq and

Afghanistan. Westerling hoped that, along with rallies in Paris, London, New York and other efforts around the world, Columbia County would add to that worldwide effort.

"We continue to have our weekly peace vigils in Scappoose on Sundays near the Totem Pole, said one of the organizers of the rally, CCCHD board member Marjorie Kundiger, "but this is an opportunity to join with millions across the world to say 'NO MORE WAR'." Last year CCCHD joined the first international peace vigil with a gathering in St. Helens,

and 35 to 40 people turned out. "We are looking at a much larger number this year," Kundiger said.

"This is our chance for Columbia County to show the rest of the state, the Northwest, and the world, that we have had enough of this war and it is time for our soldiers to come home, now!" said Craig Frasier, a CCCHD member and frequent participant in the Sunday Peace rallies.

In conclusion, Westerling added, "One of the questions most often asked of us is 'Do we support the troops?' Our constant response is 'very much so'. Not only do we wish for every one of our troops to return home alive, but also we realize that our soldiers are carrying out a policy set by our elected officials. It is these elected officials that we disagree with. Our going to the streets is to demonstrate support for the troops while telling our political leaders - President Bush, Senators Wyden and Smith and Congressman Wu - what we think of their policy of war."

For more information, call CCCHD at 503-543-8417 or e-mail ccchd@hotmail.com.

Evergreen Dance Center Classes Start Oct. 4th!!

Ballet

Age 4-5 3:30 p.m.
Age 6-7 4:30 p.m.
Age 8 + 5:30 p.m.



Wednesdays
\$38/Month

Registration Day Sept. 27, 5-6 pm

Teacher: Jessica Davis
Classes held at Vernonia Community Church
957 State Ave, Vernonia

To Register, Call 360-423-7410, Longview

3rd ANNUAL VERNONIA COMMUNITY PTA CARNIVAL!

Saturday, September 30th, 5pm - 9pm

Join us for Dinner!

Pizza, Hamburgers, Nacho, Soda & Water
Raffle, Silent Auction and Games Galore!

Food Drive for Vernonia Cares
Bring in 2 cans of food and receive
1 game ticket (Maximum 10 cans per family)

Join the Vernonia Community PTA at the
carnival & get a \$5 game punch card!