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Fun of Reading



Kids enjoy the culmination of the Vernonia Public Library's Summer Reading program – riding in the Jamboree Parade in their tractor-drawn float.

It's time for fun at Banks BBQ

63rd Banks BBQ, Truck/Tractor Pull and Combine Demolition Derby Schedule

Friday, August 15

- 6:00 p.m. Hamburger Stand & Beer Garden Opens
- 6:30 p.m. Texas Hold'em Registration - Schlegel Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em Begins

Saturday, August 16

- 8 - 11:00 a.m. All You Can Eat Breakfast (Lions Club)
Car Show Registration
- 8:00 a.m. Tractor Pull Registration Begins
- Noon Car Show Judging/Beer Garden Opens
- 1:00 p.m. Track Gate Opens
- 1 - 5:00 p.m. Pickup Registration at BBQ Headquarters
- 2:00 p.m. Tractor Pull Begins
- 6 - 7:00 p.m. KUPL-Live Broadcast
- 6:00 p.m. Pickup Pull/Tug-A-War/Monster Trucks
- 7 - 11:00 p.m. Live Music by Kelly Mack
- 9:00 p.m. Keg Toss

Sunday, August 17

- 7 - 11:00 a.m. All You Can Eat Breakfast (Lions Club)
- 8 - noon Tractor & Pickup Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Parade Sign-ups
- 9:30 a.m. Community Church Service - Kelly Field
- 11:00 a.m. Banks Grand Parade
- noon Flag Raising at Schlegel Hall
World Famous Bar-B-Q Sandwiches on Sale
Track Gate Opens/Beer Garden Opens
- 12 - 4:00 p.m. Ax Men
- 1:00 p.m. Tractor Pull
- 1:30 p.m. Kids' Pedal Pull - Spectator area
Kids' Games
- 5:00 p.m. Combine Demolition Derby
Pickup Tug-of-War
- 5:30 p.m. Car Blow Up

Town Hall meeting on flood hazard mitigation impacts

A Town Hall meeting will be held in Vernonia on Tuesday, August 19, to discuss Hazard Mitigation, Community Development Block Grants and FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park, on Park Avenue in Vernonia.

The purpose of the meeting is to address the overall impact of these programs on residents of the City of Vernonia and Columbia County who were affected by the December 3, 2007, flood and related storm damage.

There will also be brief updates from representatives of other community entities, including the Vernonia School District and West Oregon Electric Cooperative.

Additional Town Hall meetings are scheduled for Monday,

September 22, and Wednesday, October 22, at 7:00 p.m.

Details regarding the locations **Please see page 4**

Two die in crash on Timber Road

A Vernonia woman was one of two passengers killed in a single car crash early Saturday morning, August 2. Brandi Lee Johnston, 21, died at the scene of the crash and Trevor Sterling

Krogh, 22, home town unknown, was taken by Life Flight to OHSU Trauma Center where he later died.

The car driven by Kyle David King, 21, home town unknown, crashed at about 1:38 a.m. on Timber Road near Milepost 2. King was taken to Legacy Emanuel where he is now listed in serious condition. Tara Kathleen Gwin, 21, a passenger, Vernonia, was treated for non-life threatening injuries at Legacy Emanuel and released.

The two fatalities were not wearing safety belts. The two survivors were wearing safety belts. Alcohol, a controlled substance, and excessive speed are thought to have been contributing factors in the accident.



Brandi Johnston

"Old Grads" picnic and reunion set VPD invites all to "Night Out" event

The annual picnic of the Vernonia Society and "Old Grads" will be held August 17 at Anderson Park in Vernonia. Registration starts at 10:00 a.m.

Hot dogs and soft drinks will be sold by Vernonia Pride, or bring a picnic lunch. Coffee and cups will be provided.

Past and present Vernonia residents and families are invited to visit with old friends.

"Vernonia Night Out" will be held August 19 at Anderson Park from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., hosted by the Vernonia Police Department.

All Vernonia residents are invited to enjoy a barbeque by the Vernonia Lions Club, raffles, emergency vehicle tours, and police dog demonstrations featuring Vernonia K-9 Officer Krueger.