

## First Friday helps start Jamboree

Vernonia's August 7 First Friday event from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. is one of the first events of Vernonia's Annual Friendship Jamboree. Centered around the Vernonia Community Learning Center at 939 Bridge Street, regularly featured events include the Open Air market in the Courtyard, the OSU Master Gardeners' table starring Chip Bubl and local Master Gardeners to answer all your questions, and the Floating Gallery of Art and Hand-Made Gifts which will be open all week-end long (10:00 to 5:00 Saturday, 10:00 to 4:00 Sunday).

Special to this First Friday is the Free For All Goat Banner Painting for kids of all ages. Acrylic paints and smocks will be supplied, but final clean up of painters will be parents' re-

sponsibility so have children wear old clothes. This event will be included in every First Friday venue until the end of the season so come and be a famous artist!

New Event: The Pet Party will be held on the grass next to Vernonia Realty from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Bring your well-behaved, socialized pets (no fish, please!) to party together as a fund-raiser for Vernonia Cares food bank (and Vernonia Cares Pets' Food division). Make a scarf for your dog or let your dog bob for hot dogs for \$1.00 or a donation of food for pets or their people.

Music will be provided by Clint Colbert from Portland.

For more info or to participate visit [vernoniafirstfriday.org](http://vernoniafirstfriday.org) or call Erika Paleck: 503-429-0898.

## ODFW give tips for fish release

With the advent of extremely warm summer temperatures, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is asking anglers to take special care when catching and releasing fish.

"Fish mortality can increase drastically when water temperatures reach 74 degrees," said Charlie Corrarino, ODFW Conservation and Recovery Program manager.

Warm water does not hold as much oxygen as cooler water. This means fish are getting less oxygen while they are being caught, and take longer to recover once they are released.

"Many anglers will voluntarily limit their fishing when air and water temperatures are high in order to protect trout populations," Corrarino noted. "However, anglers can safely continue fishing if they follow a few precautions."

To help minimize the impact on fish and fish populations, ODFW makes the following recommendations when fishing during prolonged periods of warm weather:

- Fish early in the mornings when water temperatures are lower.

- Fish in lakes and reservoirs with deep waters that provide a cooler refuge for fish.

- Use barbless hooks, land

fish quickly and keep them in the water as much as possible in order to minimize stress.

- Shift your fishing efforts to higher elevation mountain lakes and streams where water temperatures often remain cool.

Gary Galovich, ODFW warmwater fish biologist, suggests anglers turn their attention to warmwater species, such as bass, bluegill and crappie, that are available in many lakes and reservoirs statewide. Even with warmwater fish, Galovich cautions, anglers should try to land and release fish as quickly as possible.

"While trout are especially sensitive to high temperatures, warmwater fish such as bass and bluegill also can become stressed when battling with an angler," he said.

Corrarino points out that hot summer temperatures don't necessarily mark the end of trout fishing for the year.

"Once cool fall weather arrives, water temperatures will drop and trout will begin feeding actively again. ODFW also will resume stocking trout in many lakes and reservoirs," he said. "In fact, fall can offer some of the best fishing of the year."

## ODOT meeting on Banzer Rd. work

ODOT will hold an open house 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, at Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District, 12525 OR Highway 202 (about one mile west of Banzer Rd.) to give the public the opportunity to talk to staff about the OR 202 Banzer Bridge replacement project. The project is scheduled to begin construction in spring 2010 and finish in fall 2011.

ODOT is designing a project to replace the existing Banzer Bridge over the Nehalem River, located on OR 202 (Nehalem Highway) near Banzer Rd., between Mist and Birkenfeld – about milepost 44. The bridge is being replaced because of significant cracking on the deck surface, substandard rail and narrow roadway width. Project elements include:

- Constructing a new bridge with wider lanes and shoulders
- Shifting the road alignment to the north to meet the new bridge
- Constructing water quality facilities

During construction, a temporary traffic signal will be installed in the project area on OR 202 to control traffic through the bridge area. The signal will be in operation 24 hrs/day and will control both directions of traffic.

For more information: Christine Miles, 503-731-8265, [Christine.L.Miles@odot.state.or.us](mailto:Christine.L.Miles@odot.state.or.us) or Kimberly Dinwiddie, 503-731-8281, [Kimberly.Dinwiddie@odot.state.or.us](mailto:Kimberly.Dinwiddie@odot.state.or.us) or see the project Web site: [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REG1/ON1/banzer/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REG1/ON1/banzer/index.shtml).

## Always wanted to paint?

Have you always thought you'd like to paint that special picture some day? Here's your chance.

Painting classes will be starting in early September and registration is now open. Class size is limited, so call instructor Walter Neuman, 503-799-4527, soon to guarantee your place in the class.

Neuman displays some of his painting during Vernonia's First Friday event and recently

won a 1st Place Blue Ribbon for one of his seascapes at the Columbia County Fair.

## "Old Grads" picnic on August 15

The annual picnic of the Vernonia Society and "Old Grads" will be held August 15 at Anderson Park in Vernonia. Registration starts at 10:00 a.m.

Hot dogs and soft drinks will be offered for sale by Vernonia Pride, or attendees may

By Karen Miller



The Vernonia Senior Center wishes to express our sincere condolences to member Pat Derrick on the passing of his beloved wife, Mary. Mary's sunny disposition and friendship will be missed by many – I'll miss you Mary – Thank you for all you meant to me.

From Treasurer Pat Ray: See her for free swim passes and free Jazzercise passes – for seniors.

Join us for our senior picnic Friday, August 14, at Anderson Park, starting at 10:00 a.m. Seniors: Please bring chairs and side dishes.

### INFORMATION NUMBERS

Senior Services...429-9112  
Senior Center.....429-3912  
Transportation.....429-4304

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**Family Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**VBS Program 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Adult Study 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
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**957 State Ave.**  
For more Information or to pre-register call  
Jan Dyer 503-799-1747 or Corrie Smith 503-429-1052