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This season's first hard frost decorated leaves at Vernonia Lake with delicate silvery accents.

Join 97106 Holiday Lighting Contest

Light up your home and enter to win the Banks 2009 Holiday Lighting Contest, sponsored by the City of Banks and the Banks Chamber of Commerce.

Enter by Friday, December 11, at 1:00 p.m. at Banks City Hall, 120 S. Main St. Every home in the 97106 zip code area is eligible to enter.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Judging will take place the week of December 14-18. Winners will be notified by phone and can claim their prize at the January 12 City Council meeting.

Banks High School holiday program

Banks High School Band and Choir will present a holiday program on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Fund raising dinner, bazaar on Saturday

The 68th annual Banks Cemetery Dinner and Bazaar will be held this Saturday, December 5, at Banks Elementary School.

The Bazaar starts at 10:00 a.m. and continues until 7:00 p.m., while the dinner starts at noon and ends at 7:00 p.m. The dinner cost is \$10.00 for each adult, \$8.00 for seniors and \$6.00 for children 5 to 12 years of age. Children 4 and under dine free.

All proceeds benefit the Banks Union Point Cemetery care and maintenance.

Enjoy Breakfast with Santa at Banks JHS

Come to Santa's Breakfast, Saturday, December 12, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Banks Elementary School cafeteria (note: new location). Breakfast is \$4.00 and includes a cinnamon roll, sausage links, scrambled eggs, orange wedges, and beverage.

Photos with Santa are available for purchase. The event is sponsored by Banks Jr. High Parents Organization to benefit Jr. High extracurricular activities.

Vernonia Schools holiday programs

The Vernonia schools Holiday Programs will start off with the Middle School/High School program on December 17, starting at 7:00 p.m.

The Mist School program will be on December 18, at 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall tonight will update info on schools and post-flood status

Thursday, December 3, the Vernonia School District and the City of Vernonia will sponsor a Town Hall Meeting from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Vernonia Middle School cafeteria. The meeting will acknowledge the second anniversary of the 2007 flood and there will be a sharing of both dessert and status report information.

The latest information about

the new schools design and the evolving funding strategy will be shared. The school district will discuss a potential partnership with the city concerning the sewer system upgrade and the district's need for wetland mitigation, and finally there will be some timely information on emergency preparedness and how the city is preparing for another winter.

Vernonia Christmas Bazaar this weekend

This year's annual Booster Christmas Bazaar will be held at the Vernonia Middle School cafeteria on Saturday, December 5, from noon to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday, December 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

You'll find holiday crafts, foods, gifts and raffle items at the Bazaar.

On Saturday, after the bazaar, enjoy the Lighted

Christmas Parade, the lighting of the City Christmas Tree at City Hall, and a visit with Santa. Then, have your tickets in hand for the 204th Army Band concert starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Vernonia High School gymnasium. Tickets are free at area stores, pick one up and enjoy a full day of festivities to kick off the Christmas season in Vernonia.

Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday

Vernonia's lighted Christmas parade will start staging at 5:30 p.m. on December 5 on Washington Ave. (Country Kitchen). It will turn right onto Bridge Street and proceed to City Hall. Santa will then be available to children at City Hall.

Churches combine for "The Light Has Come"

People from eight area churches have combined to present "The Light Has Come," a Christmas musical with choir, drama, and children's choir. Performances are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 12, and Saturday, December 19, with refreshments to follow. The event is free and open to the public.

Both performances will be held at Sunset Park Communi-

Pictures with Santa will aid Vernonia Head Start

Get your picture with Santa at the 3rd annual Pictures with Santa fund raiser at Vernonia Head Start.

Santa will be available for pictures this Saturday, December 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A 4x6 photo is \$5.00, or four for \$15.00.

ty Church, 174 Sunset Blvd. in St. Helens.

The participating churches include Sunset Park Community Church, Yankton Community Fellowship, Columbia Christian Center, Calvary Lutheran Church, Warren Baptist Church, New Life Fellowship, Scappoose Foursquare Church, and Grace Baptist Church.

For more information, call 503-397-0535.

