

Vernonia's First Fridays start on May 7

The Scout Cabin and Hawkins Park are home to Vernonia's Welcome to Spring Party – First Friday at 5:00 p.m. on May 7.

Enjoy the traditional Maypole Dance (with thanks to Don Webb for setting up the pole again) as well as Chip Bubl and local Master Gardeners. Come out and party with your neighbors and pick up locally made handcrafted treasures from Scouts, Crafters and Artisans. Bite into the first barbecue of the year courtesy of the Lions Club, and enjoy the Maypole Dance starting at 6:30 p.m.

The June 4 First Friday will

feature a student art show and an auction of the Jr. Salmon (small salmon blanks customized by local students) as a fundraiser for the VHS art program and local art student projects. Last year this event raised

\$250.00 for Vernonia High School.

For more information on upcoming events or to participate, contact Erika Paleck at 503-704-5970 or epaleck@gmail.com.

Help make Robin Hood come to life

Are you interested in bringing a production of Robin Hood to life for a Vernonia Friendship Jamboree presentation? If so, plan to attend a theater/performing arts meeting at the Blue House Cafe on Wednesday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m. This production will be open to ages

10 and up.

Many volunteers are needed to make this play come to life. Hope to see you there! Questions can be emailed to Mark Brown at mrmrbrown@hotmail.com or Kinnell Steward at mt.skys@verizon.net.



Left to right, back row: Jan Kenna, Shannon Fitzgibbons, Mary Kucera, Nancy Harwood, Paulette Lichatowich, Gina Harrington. Front row: Mary Dahlgren, Elaine Widmer, Sally Norbom, Dena Chesney, and Carmel Chatterton. Picture courtesy of Janet Wright. See article on page 15.

New weight limit on Pebble Creek Bridge

A weight limit of three (3) tons has been posted by the Columbia County Road Department for the Pebble Creek Bridge. An additional sign will be posted warning trucks of the weight limit at the intersection of Highway 47 and Pebble Creek Road.

The Pebble Creek Bridge is a 176-foot long, 28-foot wide, 7 span structure on Pebble Creek Road in Vernonia 0.75 miles from Highway 47. During the last bridge inspection serious deterioration was found in one of the piles supporting the bridge. Pebble Creek Bridge has been Load Rated by ODOT stating that the Bridge needs to be posted at a weight limit of 3 tons.

Returning the bridge to an operational load capable to handle emergency service vehicles and school buses is the Road Department's priority. The department plans to begin repairs on July 1 and expects to have them completed on August 1, 2010, in time for the beginning of the new school year

in September. Repairs will involve the replacement of two piles and support of the substructure to return the bridge to a working condition. Repairs cannot be started until July 1 because of Oregon Department Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) fish protection regulations for in-stream work.

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Vernonia Senior Center News

Calling all Crafters and those who want to be crafters: Watch this column for information on craft lessons of all kinds. If you are a crafter who would like to teach others, call Rosie McCoy. You'll always find the phone number for the Vernonia Senior Center in the box at the end of this column.

Needleworkers of all kinds enjoy the company of others as they work on their projects, every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to closing.

Free hearing checks are offered by a representative of Columbia Hearing Aids on the second Monday of each month. Call here for an appointment.

Lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon. A \$3.00 donation is suggested for those 60 and older, and \$4.00 for those under 60. If you prefer lunch to go, simply call ahead, 503-429-3912, and place your order for only \$4.00.

And if you want to trip the light fantastic while the Golden Oldies entertain on Wednesdays, be sure your feet are in good shape. Foot Care is available on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at \$15 per person. Call Marilyn Albro, R.N., for an appointment, at 503-429-0406.

Breakfast is available Fridays at the Senior Center, from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at \$3.50 per person, regardless of age. Maple bars, made fresh daily, are \$1.00 each. If you want maple bars for a gathering of any kind, you can order them by calling a day or two before you need them.

Volunteers are needed at the Vernonia Senior Center, and they don't need large chunks of time. If you have even an hour or two a week, your help will be greatly appreciated.

A good way to learn more about your Senior Center is to attend the Center's Board of Directors meetings on the second Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

The senior center's annual Plant Sale will be held June 4 in the courtyard of the Vernonia Community Learning Center, during First Friday. Any remaining plants will be sold the following Monday at the senior center. Watch here for more information!

Vernonia Senior Citizens Center: 446 Bridge Street

Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thrift Shop Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Phone: 503-429-3912

Happy Mother's Day

Jewell Memorial Scholarship Fund 31st Annual Smorgasbord

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*Tickets are available at the door or in advance at:
Elderberry Inn, Bakers General Store,
or Jewell School office.*

For info call Faith Samuelson at 503-717-2234

*All monies raised go to a fund to facilitate
scholarships to deserving seniors of Jewell School.*