

Vernonia Community Reads starting now

The Vernonia Public Library is pleased to announce the books and activities that will be included in the Vernonia Community Reads for 2012. Funded by a joint grant from the Columbia County Cultural Coalition and The Friends of the Vernonia Library, the ultimate goal of the project is to create and perpetuate an ongoing love of books, the arts and the humanities.

Youngsters will be reading and participating in an activity related to Addie Boswell's

book, *The Rain Stomper*. Ms Boswell will be at the library Tuesday, April 10, at 3:30 p.m. to do an interactive reading, talk about how the book was made and lead a drawing activity on character development.

Young adults will be reading *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. The activities relating to this book are a joint undertaking between Vernonia High School and library staff, and will include a food drive, discussions and art projects.

Adults will be reading Craig

Lesley's books – especially *The Sky Fisherman* with Mr. Lesley reading from and discussing his writing on Saturday, April 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the library.

Several copies of each of these titles are available in the library. The public is encouraged to read the selected books, take part in the associated activities and enjoy the art work and projects displayed during National Library Week – April 8-14.



Vernonians awoke on March 1 to find that March had come in like a lion.

Tai Chi class registrations are now being taken

Simple Tai Chi classes are forming now. The classes will be 1-1/4 hour for eight weeks. The cost will be \$60 plus \$20 for the book. The class will be taught by Steve Marsh. Days and times to be determined, based on interest. The class

will be held at the Banks Performing Arts building.

If interested, call Karen at 503-707-1570.

Vernonia Lake stocked this week

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) will stock Vernonia Lake with 3,500 trout sometime this week and

will stock another 4,000 next week. Additional trout are scheduled to be stocked in April.

Mission Conference starts March 23

Are you an "armchair traveler" dreaming of distant lands, amazed with Africa and captivated by the world's wonders? If so, Vernonia's Missions Conference, March 23-25, may speak to your soul with its theme of "Go Into All the World".

Unfold your map and come meet Bob and Katherine Rodgers on Friday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nehalem Valley Bible Church. And, Bob's inspirational message at the Saturday very popular and delicious Men's Breakfast, at 8:00 a.m.,

will be better than any airline food for nourishment and "lift".

Robin Rempel, recently returned from Uganda, Africa, will share alongside Katherine Rodgers at the Saturday, 12 noon, luscious Ladies Luncheon, known for its beautiful, bountiful tables of tasty treats. Ladies, do come relax and refresh with terrific tastes and talks.

Saturday at 7:00 p.m. spotlights Robin again with messages of other African adventures. All three speakers will share on Sunday at 10 a.m.,

with a question and answer time for curious minds needing to know. At 11 a.m., Bob will speak with depth and detail during Worship Service. The 12:30 p.m. Potluck Lunch of culinary creations will close the Conference.

Everyone is invited to all free events and reservations are helpful for meals, so contact Pastor Gary Taylor (503-429-5378) to be warmly welcomed to this wonderful weekend.

This may just be your ticket to travel ...to ..."Go Into All the World".

Senior Center News

Two stalwarts of the Golden Oldies made their last appearance today; Duke Gortler and Ellie Thompson are retiring from this ensemble of senior citizen musicians. After many years of entertaining at our center, they certainly deserve a huge expression of thanks from all of us.

It's almost time for the wearin' of the green! Yes, St. Patrick's Day is March 17, and diners at the Vernonia Senior Center will enjoy the traditional hearty meal of corned beef and cabbage on Wednesday, March 14 at noon. Join in the fun — *everyone* is Irish at this time of year.

It seems too soon, but Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 11! Remember to set your clock ahead by one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

It's time to renew your membership in the Vernonia Senior Center. If you are 50 or older and live in the Vernonia area, come check us out. The center has many activities and services, and all for a membership fee of just \$15.00 per year. To find out how the center operates, why not attend this Friday's board of directors meeting at 10 a.m. Your questions and suggestions are welcome.

Don't forget to take advantage of the center's thrift shop, open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Great bargains are available at all times, and during the first week of every month, everything in the store is half price. If the cost of a Prom dress is a concern, come in and take a look at formal gowns. Remember, a little skill with a sewing machine or needle and thread can transform an ordinary garment into the latest fashion!

You don't have to be a member to enjoy companionship and good food at the center. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon, with a \$4.00 donation suggested for those 60 and older, and \$5.00 for those under 60. If you prefer lunch to go, call ahead and place your order. Meals to go are \$5.00.

Breakfast is available every Friday 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, call 503-429-3912 a day or two ahead and place your order.

Foot Care is scheduled 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.

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

Alumni game

The Vernonia Alumni Basketball game is this Saturday, March 10, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Vernonia High School gymnasium. There will also be a raffle, concessions, and baked goods for sale.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for sixth grade through high school, and \$3 for kindergarten

through fifth grade. The game is sponsored by the OSEA Classified Employees of the Vernonia School District.

Library book sale

There will be a Book Sale at the Vernonia Library on Saturday, March 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Library.

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