## **Power of the People**

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## **Project Updates**

A flurry of activity has obviously been taking place in Vernonia. Lots of construction involving the new school project, the new Vernonia substation project, and completing the new headquarters project, have all been going on simultaneously.

Here is a brief update on each project.

WOEC Headquarters: We excavated the site next to our new building to create the remainder of the new section of Cougar Street. Cougar Street and the shoulder section of Rose Avenue have now been paved and the stop sign placed on Cougar. All that remains to be done for us to open Cougar Street to through traffic, is the painting of stripes and stop line, and a bike lane on Rose Avenue. We are working with ODOT to get this completed and approved as quickly as possible.

Vernonia Substation: The Project is going well. All

## Letters

## From page 3 Next Jamboree car show will be in 2013 To the Editor:

Dear Car Show Participant: We are sorry to announce the Vernonia Speed and Beauty Car Club will not host our 20th annual Jamboree Days Cruise' this year. The event is normally held on the school grounds in downtown Vernonia. Due to extensive damages from flooding, the schools in Vernonia are in the demolition stage and will be moving up to a new location and new building. During this demolition process, we do not have parking space available

We are asking for your support to help make next year's event (2013) even more successful than the previous years. The purpose of this event has always been to help grow and diversify the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree.

Please mark your calendar for the 1st full weekend of August 2013. Help us provide a drugs and alcohol free event that will be enjoyed by our families, your family and the people of the community. Watch for your car show registration flyer in the spring of 2013.

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We trust you will join us next year and help in our efforts making this a successful event. Thank you so much for your

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major conduit/vault installations have been completed (at the substation site, along Hwy 47, along the Linear Trail, and inside Anderson Park). The distances have been measured between the vaults/poles and the substation, and the primary conductors have been ordered. A good portion of the site work (the actual substation footprint) has been completed and almost all of the footings and foundations have been poured and inspected. The substation control building has been framed and has a roof on it. The new electric gate has been installed at the entrance to the pole yard and the new substation. The estimated time/date of completion is August 31, 2012.

Vernonia School District (New K-12 Complex): WOEC's work on the project is probably 80% complete, and the most difficult portions of the job have already been done. The underground primary conductors from the primary metering to the transformers (two) have been installed, along with the secondary conductors from the transformers to the District's Main Distribution Panels. All WOEC overhead distribution facilities, in and around the Missouri Avenue/Bridge Street (Hwy 47) Intersection, have either been placed underground or relocated. Beginning last Monday, June 4, and for the rest of this week, our contractor (Michels Power) will be installing the new overhead distribution line along Missouri Avenue, transferring the new school service to it, installing the new primary metering cabinet/transformer (adjacent to the job shack), and removing the old overhead distribution line.

The work next week will be more difficult than planned due to a change of plans by the ODOT Contractor, who really had little choice. Frontier Communications didn't get their facilities, in conflict with the Project, relocated or placed underground, in and around the Missouri Avenue/ Bridge Street (Hwv 47) Intersection, therefore the VSD/ODOT Contactor (Eagle/Elsner) was forced to postpone their work at the intersection and begin work on Missouri Avenue instead. This puts our contractor (Michels Power and the VSD/ODOT Contractor) working in the same area, at the same time, but fortunately both companies have agreed to be flexible and each should be able to complete their work without a great deal of conflict. Hopefully, Frontier Communications will complete their work before the VSD/ODOT Contractor is ready to begin work at the intersection.



Vernonia Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 as approved by the Vernonia School District 47J Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 475 Bridge Street, Vernonia Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is consistent with the basis of accounting used during the preceding year. Major changes, if any, and their effect on the budget, are explained below. This budget is for: Annual Period.

County: Columbia	a City: Vernonia Chairperson of Governing Body: Jim Krahn		Telephone Number: 503-429-5891		
FINANCIAL SUMMARY					
			Approved Budget		Approved Budget Next
			Next Year: 2011-2012		Year: 2012-2013
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS					
	1. Total Instruction			3,644,391	3,585,509
2. Total Support Services			2,863,387	2,577,009	
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