

Schools farewell dinner/dance planned

by Bill Langmaid

The Vernonia School District will soon be removing the old schools from Bridge Street. Certain architectural elements have been integrated into the new school, but the actual buildings must go. No matter how good it will be for the community to have a new school, it will be with a heavy heart that we watch the current school disappear. Accordingly, we welcome the community to join us, one last time, on the campus for tours and a dance.

Starting at 4:00 p.m., June 23, the community is welcome to visit the Bridge Street cam-

pus for the last time. The school buildings will be open for reminiscing and there will be an all ages dance from 7:00 to 10 p.m. in the Washington Grade School gymnasium. Be prepared to dance to tunes from throughout the history of the building, or just sit and relax and catch up with old friends.

Beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Green Building there will be a dinner for guests. Diners will have the opportunity to bid, via silent auction, on many items which have been donated by businesses and individuals all around the Pacific Northwest. In addition, at 6:00 p.m., follow-

ing a few words from Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Cox and other community leaders, there will be a live auction of several choice items. The dinner will have limited seating, and tickets are available at Vernonia Florist and Vernonia Auto Parts, or online at www.vernoniaschools.org

The Vernonia Education Foundation would like to thank the community and the district for being given this opportunity to express their deep appreciation for the continuing support of the capital campaign to rebuild Vernonia's schools.

Now is the time to get Community Garden plot

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At the Grand Opening of the Vernonia Community Garden last Friday, the first seedlings were planted at the garden, while across the street the Senior Center held its plant sale. There were several Master Gardeners in attendance, able to answer questions and lend

assistance.

Fortunately, there are still spots available in the garden for new members. It's a very simple process to join. All you need is the rental fee of \$20 for the summer, and the commitment and desire to grow your own fresh produce.

Applications are available at Vernonia Cares, Made in Ver-

nonia, and at the Vernonia Pharmacy. For those without transportation, arrangements can be made by calling Penny Costley at 429-0196. Penny, along with Allison McLeod and Jill Hult, are spearheading the Community Garden project as an extension of the Ford Family Foundation Leadership program.

Nehalem Valley Pioneers set annual meet for June 10

The 89th annual meeting of the Nehalem Valley Pioneer Association is scheduled for Sunday, June 10, at Natal Grange on Highway 47 east of Mist.

Nehalem Valley Pioneer Association was founded in 1924 by pioneers who settled the Nehalem Valley and has been

carried forward by their descendants. All past, present and future residents of the area are welcome, as is everyone interested in local history.

Doors will open at 10:00 a.m. and the business meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. A potluck picnic at noon will be served buffet style in the grange dining

hall (bring dishes that are ready to eat and easy to keep at a safe temperature). The afternoon program begins after lunch, around 1:00 p.m., followed by more time for visiting and viewing the association's scrapbooks. The Natal Schoolhouse will also be open for visitors.

Open Air Market seeks vendors OSU announces local graduates

Vernonia's Open Air Market, is scheduled to start Saturday, June 16, at 10:00 a.m. in the space next to Black Bear Coffee.

New vendors are now being recruited. Interested parties may contact Bill Langmaid at 971-998-3705 for more information.

Oregon State University has announced the students who will attend their commencement ceremonies on June 17.

Graduating from Vernonia are Jessica L. Kintz (Art B.A.), Kortni L. Papineau (Teaching M.A.), and Torin A. Tierney (Management B.S.).

Vacation Bible School set to start

The Vernonia Christian Church will hold Vacation Bible School, from June 18-22, at the church, 410 North Street.

Vacation Bible School theme is Adventures on Promise Island. Children four years of age through those going into sixth grade can attend. Activities start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:15 p.m.

Children can be registered online at vacationbibleschool.com/vernoniavbs or by calling Sue Robertson at 503-429-

4901 or Kari Hough at 503-429-0911.

Senior Center News

Hey Dads: Your day is coming up on June 17th, but you can also enjoy a special Fathers' Day lunch on June 13, right here at the Vernonia Senior Center. Join us for a great meal...and some surprises!

In spite of grey and, sometimes, rainy weather, another successful plant and garden sale raised more than a \$1,000 for the senior center. It couldn't have happened without all of those who donated sale items, those who organized, picked up donations, set up everything each day and manned the two-day sale, and especially those who bought nearly everything that was available. This is another example of how our community responds to help others. Thank you!

The center's board of directors meets on the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m. Why not attend this Friday, June 8th?

This is the first week of the month, which means that everything in the senior center thrift shop is half price. The thrift shop is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

You don't have to be a member to enjoy companionship and good food at the center. Dinner 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 your meal to go, call ahead and place your order. Meals to go are \$5.00.

Don't forget that, if you enjoy bingo, you can have fun while you eat lunch. Diners play free Bingo each Monday starting at 11:45 a.m.

Breakfast is available every Friday 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.

Every Friday after lunch is game time. Relax with others while you sharpen your poker or pinochle skills. You can also bring along your suggestions for other Friday activities. A little bird whispered that Scrabble players are wanted; if you're interested, put your name on the list.

Vernonia Senior Citizens Center: 446 Bridge Street
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