

Mayor, council filing deadline approaches

The deadline to file nomination papers for the positions of Vernonia mayor and two council seats is August 23. The mayoral term is two years, and the council positions are for four years each.

The open positions are currently held by Mayor Josette Mitchell, Councilor Randy Parrow, and Councilor Kim Tier-

ney. They will be on the November 6 General Election ballot.

Although no nomination papers had been filed as of Monday morning, July 30, Mitchell has indicated that she will seek a second term. Tierney, who was appointed to fill a council vacancy, has said she will run for election to the council. Par-

row, who has served as a councilor for 12 years, has said he will not seek reelection.

Election packets with all necessary forms and information are available from city hall. For more information, call Vernonia City Recorder Joann Glass at 503-429-5291, ext. 106.

Non-profits can apply for programs

Enlightening and stimulating, provocative and informative: that's what people are saying about the Conversation Project, which offers Oregon nonprofits free, humanities-based public discussion programs about provocative issues and ideas. The Conversation Project is a program of Oregon Humanities.

Conversation Project programs bring people together for thoughtful and inspiring discussions that are designed to improve understanding of diverse perspectives on a given subject. Conversations are free to host, last between sixty and ninety minutes, and are led by humanities experts who have undergone training as conversation facilitators.

The 2012-13 Conversation Project lineup features twenty-four programs. Topics include censorship in literature, the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, black history in Oregon, rethinking downtowns, science and democracy, Native American art in Oregon, and many more. Themed discussion series and programs offered in Spanish are also available.

Through September 30, 2012, Oregon nonprofits may apply for Conversation Project programs that take place between November 1, 2012, and February 28, 2013. The catalog, instructions for host organizations, and downloadable application form are available at oregonhumanities.org. See the website's events calendar for Conversation Project programs currently happening in counties around the state.

For more information about the Conversation Project program and how to apply, contact Oregon Humanities Program Coordinator Annie Kaffen at 503-241-0543, 800-735-0543, ext. 116, or a.kaffen@oregonhumanities.org.

Oregon Humanities is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and a partner of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

"Old Grad" picnic set for Aug. 19

The annual picnic of the Vernonia Society, "Old Grads" and Oregon-American Alumni will be held Sunday, August 19, at Anderson Park. Registration starts at 10:00 a.m.

Coffee will be provided.

Bring a picnic lunch or buy a hot dog, chips and drinks from members of P.E.O., who offer this service as a fundraiser for girls' and women's scholarships. All current and former Vernonians are welcome.

Vernonia Community Church has set date for Vacation Bible School

"High Seas Expedition – Exploring the Mighty Love of God" is the theme of the Vernonia Community Church 2012 Vacation Bible School (VBS).

VBS will be held August 13 through 17 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the church, 957 State

Avenue. Kindergarten through last year's 5th graders are welcome to attend. There will be a family barbecue on Friday, August 17.

For more information, contact Corrie at 503-701-2080 or Cathy at 503-816-5388.

Fishing Derby cancelled

The Izaak Walton League Kids' Fishing Derby has been cancelled for the 2012 Vernonia Friendship Jamboree & Logging Show.

The cancellation is due to the condition of the lake, which has been taken over by weeds this year. Watch for the Kids' Fishing Derby to return in 2013.

Senior Center News

August is a busy month at the Vernonia Senior Center, just as it is for the rest of the community.

With the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree starting this Friday, the senior center will again be the site of the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit Vernonia Cares food bank.

The center's Thrift Shop will be open every day during Jamboree, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from Noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Connie's regular Friday morning breakfast will also be available from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m., at just \$3.50 for all ages.

Maple bars are made fresh daily for \$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.

The center will also be involved in two more August events: the Senior Picnic on Friday, August 17th, and the City-Wide Garage/Yard Sale on Saturday, August 25th. The center will have tables to rent for the city-wide sale at \$10 each. This is a great way for people to participate with others during the event. Call Pauline Coffman for more information, at 503-429-3912.

Lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon. A \$4.00 donation is suggested for those 60 and older, and \$5.00 for those under 60. If you prefer lunch to go, for only \$5.00 you can call ahead and place your order.

Remember, free Bingo with lunch on Mondays; needle workers gather on Tuesdays, poker (chips only) after lunch on Thursdays, and other games on Fridays after lunch.

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.

The Board of Directors meet on the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m. Don't hesitate to bring questions or suggestions for their consideration.

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

Welcome Additions



Amelia May Jean Stencil

Amelia May Jean Stencil

was born July 1, 2012, to Rhannon Meyer and Doug Stencil of Scappoose. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Debra Meyer of Vernonia, Roger Meyer of Grangeville, Idaho, Stan Stencil, and Debra Stencil, both of Scappoose.

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