

Christmas Bazaar this weekend

The annual Vernonia Christmas Bazaar will be held in the new school commons on December 8 and 9. Saturday hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The commons will be packed with handmade and homemade goodies and gifts, so don't miss this chance to get a big headstart on your Christmas shopping.

Harlem Crowns play against the Vernonia Scepters this Saturday

The Harlem Crowns are bringing their showmanship and basketball skills to Vernonia for one game, on Saturday, December 8.

The doors open at 6:15 p.m. in the Vernonia High School gymnasium. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. The Crowns will be playing against the Vernonia

Scepters, a team made up of Vernonia community members. The Crowns are considered "Comedy in Motion" so this will be an evening of entertainment.

Tickets are \$9.00 advance, or \$10.00 at the door. This is a Class of 2014 prom fundraiser.

Free Christmas Dinner at Vernonia Senior Center, starting at 1:00 p.m.

A free Christmas Dinner will again be served to families and friends in Vernonia. The dinner will include turkey, dressing, ham, cranberries, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, bread, dessert and beverage. Dinners to go are also available.

The dinner, provided by The James Gang, will be held on December 25, at the Vernonia Senior Center, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. No gratuities or donations are required.

Join in this celebration of the Spirit of Giving.

There will be a Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Community Church, 957 State Ave.



Vernonia RFPD seeks volunteer PIO

The Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District (VRFPD) is seeking a volunteer to act as a Public Information Officer (PIO).

VRFPD is primarily a volunteer organization. THE PIO will serve as a liaison between VRFPD and the media, will write news releases, plan news conferences and respond to inquiries from the media. The

PIO will also maintain an archive of news clippings about VRFPD and respond to open records requests. The PIO will have other duties, such as keeping the website and Facebook pages updated, handling newsletters, brochures, and posters.

The PIO will need to be able to commit 5-10 hours per week to the position and must have a

valid ODL and reliable transportation.

For more information about the qualifications and duties of the position, pick up an application at 555 East Bridge St., Vernonia or contact Deputy Chief Dean Smith at 503-429-8252.

The deadline to apply for this position is January 1, 2013.



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Are you making a safety list and checking it twice?

For many families, a fireplace is the center of holiday traditions. Some dress it up for Santa's visit, while others cozy up in front of it with cocoa and stories. However your family celebrates, make sure you've prepared your fireplace, and your home, for seasonal safety.

Chimneys should have an annual check up to make sure they are clean and functional inside and out. Burn small, hot fires using seasoned hardwood, and make sure you have a spark screen. Don't forget to install smoke detectors on every level of your home, and change the batteries at least once a year. For more home safety tips, go to www.homesaver.com or www.redcross.org/homefires.

Columbia 9-1-1 wants to make sure you and your family stay safe and healthy throughout the holiday season. Here are a few items on our holiday safety list:

- **Get a flu shot.** There's plenty of vaccine this year, so the Center for Disease Control encourages everyone to take this preventive step.
- **Dress for the weather.** Wear layers so you can add or subtract to suit the conditions and your activity level.

From all of us at Columbia 9-1-1, we hope you have a happy and safe holiday season. We thank you for your continued support. Please enjoy your holiday traditions and know that if emergencies arise, we're here connecting the people who can help with the people who need them. Remember, when seconds count, call 9-1-1 first.


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