

Scouts Announce Website

On behalf of the Vernonia Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Vernonia Northern is announcing a website: www.vernoniascouts.org.

This site is open to the public, so girls and boys can look at the web site and see the activities they could be involved in this scouting year. The website gets updated regularly as events get confirmed.

Parents will find useful contact information for the various age groups.

Parents may also discover that many of the trips or events are just as interesting to them as their scout.

Vernonia Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are sponsored by the Vernonia Lions Club. Vernonia Northern (www.vernonianorthern.com) sponsors the scouting web site.

World Famous Concert Pianist to Perform in Clatskanie

World famous Italian classical pianist Antonio Pompa-Baldi will perform on the piano that started it all for the Clatskanie Arts Commission at the Donavon Wooley Performing Arts Center – Clatskanie Mid-High School on Saturday, November 15, 7:30 PM

Born and raised in Foggia, Italy, Antonio Pompa-Baldi first came to the U.S. in 1999 to participate in the Cleveland International Piano Competition. He won the First Prize, and, while fulfilling all the engagements that came with it, he and his wife, Italian pianist Emanuela Friscioni, decided to make Cleveland their home. A top prize winner at the 1998 Marguerite Long-Jacques Thibaud Competition of Paris, France, Antonio Pompa-Baldi also won a silver medal at the 2001 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, as well as the Award for the Best Performance of a New Work.

A passionate chamber musician, Antonio Pompa-Baldi is a frequent guest at events like the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival, the Music in the Mountains Festival (Durango, CO), and the Fort Worth Chamber Music Society Series among others, collaborating with such ensembles as the Avalon String Quartet, the Takacs String Quartet, and distinguished colleagues including violinist Elmar Oliveira.

A pianist virtuoso, Antonio Pompa-Baldi is offered at bargain ticket prices of \$10/Adult, \$8/Senior Citizen & Student and \$5 for Children 12 and under. This program is made possible through the sponsorship of the CAC in their ongoing effort to make family fare available and affordable in the Greater Lower Columbia Region that encompasses their serving area.

Tickets for the show are now available at Hump's Restaurant in Clatskanie (who continue to offer a complimentary dessert to ticket holders who dine at their establishment just prior to the concert) or at the door with the CAC box-office opening at 7:00 p.m. in the foyer of the auditorium on the evening of the show. For more information about this and other CAC offerings throughout the year, please call (503) 728-3403 or visit them on the web at www.clatskaniearts.org.

Columbia 9-1-1 Initiates Registry for Emergency Notification System

Upon the request of public safety and emergency response agencies based in Columbia County, Columbia 9-1-1 dispatchers activate a high speed telephone dialing service to notify citizens and businesses of important information such as: shelter in place, boil water advisory, be on the lookout for a crime suspect, severe weather advisory, situation is resolved, etc. This dialing service is called "C.A.N." which stands for the Columbia Alert Network. Notifications are delivered to targeted geographic areas by a telephone call in which a recorded message is delivered and the answering party is prompted to have the message repeated or to acknowledge receipt of the message.

Until now, only land-line telephone numbers have been used in public notifications using the C.A.N. system. However, many people use cellular phones, or Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services for their primary phone communication and do not have land-line telephone service at all.

For that reason, Columbia 9-1-1 has added a feature to C.A.N. so that citizens & businesses in the community can register their cell phone number, VoIP number and/or other alternate telephone number information. Notifications can also be made in text form to devices capable of receiving text or email messages. The new registry includes email/text addresses.

Contact information provided in the registry will be included when a C.A.N. message is sent to an area that encompasses the address registrants specify.

Please note: registry contact information will take up to 60 days to be incorporated into the notification data base. It is the responsibility of the individual registrant to assure that registry contact information is kept up to date.

Whether you have a land-line phone, or not, you may add or update your cell or alternate phone numbers and email address using the processes described below. There is no need to use the registry for landline phones based in Columbia County, notifications will continue to those landline phone numbers in the target area without registry. This registry is only for cell phone numbers, alternate phone numbers or email.

By internet: click on the following link, or, enter the following URL into your internet browser, complete the form and submit.

<http://www.citywatchonline.com/csbsignup/communitysignupcolumbia.asp>

Questions? Call Sue Reedy at 503 397-7255 ext. 2224 or email at Sue at sreedy@columbia911.com

Homeowners and Renters Need To Insure Now

It's a good time for homeowners and renters to ensure their property against flooding as the fall and winter storm season nears. Not doing so could prove costly as there is a 30 day waiting period before policies take effect after purchase.

Heavy rains and snow runoff can cause river flooding that is common in this area. Flooding in Oregon causes millions of dollars in damage almost yearly and the only way renters and homeowners can insure their property against such losses is with flood insurance.

"The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is one of the best ways to avoid major losses," said Ken Murphy, Oregon Emergency Management Director. "Even a few inches of water can mean thousands of dollars in repair and restoration costs," Murphy said. "Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover floods so you need flood insurance to protect against these losses."

"It is important to buy an NFIP policy now because coverage will not take effect until 30 days after purchase", said Dennis Sigrist, Oregon Emergency Management Mitigation Specialist. "Flood insurance will cover eli-

gible losses regardless of whether the event is declared a federal disaster or not. We often see flooding situations where stream or urban runoff impacts a few homes and therefore does not qualify for any government disaster aid. In those situations, an NFIP policy can save a homeowner or renter considerable financial losses."

Twenty five percent of all claims paid by NFIP are for homes and apartments located outside of mapped high-risk flood zones. Homeowners can insure a home structure up to \$250,000 and its contents up to \$100,000. These are two separate policies.

Renters can cover belongings up to \$100,000. Non-residential property owners can insure buildings and contents up to \$500,000.

The average yearly cost of a NFIP policy is around \$400, which is less expensive in many cases than one month's car payment. Policies can be purchased from your local insurance agent if your county is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program. Call your insurance agent for details.

More information on the National Flood Insurance program and your home's flood risk can be found at www.floodsmart.gov.

"Undie Sunday" in Columbia County

In October, the Columbia County churches in partnership with the Columbia County Commission on Children & Families sponsored "Undie Sunday". The goal was to gather underwear and socks for the children of Columbia County from birth through high school.

Local church, community members, and the Department of Human Services staff donated items and money. Over 3,000 items were collected including diapers, underwear and socks of all sizes. This is more than doubled from last year's collection of 1,435 items.

We would like to thank all of those who participated in this effort.

We especially want to thank our top donor this year, the Church of Christ Denomination. This generous organization literally gave tons of clothing to Vernonia flood victims last year. The items not claimed by flood victims were then made available for distribution through the "Undie Sunday" program.

The Columbia County Commission on Children & Families would also like to thank the Yankton Community Fellowship for heading up this noble effort. "Undie Sunday" is part of the Commission on Children & Families' Advocacy for Children agenda and is an annual event.

The underwear and socks are being delivered by the Northwest Regional Education Service District to Columbia County schools who will give them to students in need.

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