

Bridge Street Bits

By Karen Miller

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS! In that case, we should have plenty of flowers if this equation proves to be true. No promises here, but hoping I won't be writing "MAY showers bring JUNE flowers" next month, but the tune of Here Comes the Sun will be sweet music to our ears!

THE SENIOR CENTER BOARD would like to extend our heartfelt sorrow to the family of Rosy McCoy with her passing. Rosy was a valuable contributor to our Center and to the Food Bank for many years. Please note: On April 23rd at 5:00 pm at the Grace Family Fellowship Hall there will be a Celebration Of Life and potluck afterwards. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

THANK YOU TO Anonymous Donor and to Dick and Kathleen Gwin for their generous

donations to our Support Our Seniors (SOS) meals program. Thank you to the Vernonia City Council for their support of the program. To date \$1,555 has been donated. These donations from the community are what help feed our seniors in need of a nutritious meal. Thank you to our three local restaurants for their participation in preparing meals: Mariolino's, Black Iron Grill, and Subway. To make a donation please send a check made out to Vernonia Senior Center, 939 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064. Upon request a tax deductible receipt will be issued. Please write SOS Program in the memo on your check.

VOLUNTEERS are always needed at our local thrift store on Bridge Street. Please come in and see store manager Pam.

OUR AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS held at the American Legion Hall was a great refresher

class for those in attendance, especially since a review of the law changes are always important and beneficial to increase our safe driving habits on the road, at ANY age. Call for information on an upcoming class near you. Thanks Rod Price for the use of the building.

NOMINATIONS FOR MY FAIR LADY PRINCESS are being taken. Call me with any suggestions.

MICHELLE MOORE, Columbia City Benefits Group is always available to Medicare clients. Call her at (503) 366-9550.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 12, 10:00 am American Legion Hall. Come join us. Call me for any senior questions or concerns, (503) 429-0273.

SENIOR SIGN OFF: Speaking of "safe driving," The straight and narrow path is the only one that has no traffic problems.

Vernonia Senior Center • 939 Bridge Street • (503) 429-3912

Banks Plant and Book Sale

The Friends of the Banks Public Library are gearing up for their Annual Plant and Book Sale. The sale will include local crafts and garden art in addition to a broad selection of plants and used books.

The sale will be held at Schlegel Hall in Sunset Park on Friday, May 12 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday, May 13 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Friends of the Banks Library will be able to shop early at 1:00 pm Friday. This sale is a perfect opportunity for last minute Mother's Day shopping. Credit cards are accepted.

Plants are coming from local nurseries and gardeners and will include vegetable starts, annuals, perennials, planters, herbs and trees. The Banks Garden Club will be on hand to share their expertise and experience as well as offer items for sale that they produced. Local nurseries, Our Little Farm

and Nursery, Parry's Tree Farm and Nursery, Woodstock Nursery, and Jim Dandy, will provide a variety of ornamental plants and planters, perennials and vegetable starts. The Friends of the Banks Library receive a portion of all sales.

Books for all levels of readers will be offered for sale as well as some videos and other materials. Items for sale will include private donations as well as withdrawn library materials.

If you wish to donate plants or books for the sale please contact the Banks Public Library at (503) 324-1382.

The Plant and Book Sale is a major fundraising activity for the Friends of the Banks Public Library. The Friends' funds are used by the library to purchase bestsellers and current titles, CDs, DVDs, equipment and programs for the library throughout the year.

Public Certification Test and Drop Sites for the Special District Election to be held Tuesday, May 16, 2017

The last day to register to vote in this election is April 25, 2017. Ballots will be mailed beginning April 26, 2017. The Public Certification Test of the counting equipment for the Oregon Special District Election to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. The testing will begin at 10:00 am in the County Elections Department. The public is welcome to attend.

Ballots must be received by the county

VERNONIA LIBRARY

701 Weed Avenue
May 1-15, During Library Hours
May 1, 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

RAINIER CITY HALL

106 B Street West
May 1-15, During Office Hours
May 16, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

CLATSKANIE LIBRARY

11 Lillich Street
May 1-15, During Library Hours
May 16, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

SCAPPOOSE CITY HALL

33568 E. Columbia Avenue
A 24-hour Drop Box is located at this address

clerk no later than 8:00 pm on May 16, 2017 - postmarks do not count. The U.S. Postal Service has stated that ballots could take up to 5-7 days to reach county elections offices once they are put in the mail. It is advised that if you can not put your ballot in the mail before May 11, 2017 you should plan on returning your ballot to a dropsite.

Drop sites for the election will be as follows:

MIST BIRKENFELD RFPD

12525 Highway 292
May 1-15, During Office Hours
May 15, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

COUNTY COURTHOUSE

ELECTIONS DEPT.
230 Strand Street
St. Helens, OR 97051
Mon. - Thu. 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
May 16, 7:00 am - 8:00 pm
A drive-by drop box is located in the lower parking lot.

Church Directory

Assembly of God

Sunday School: 9:45 am
Morning Worship: 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Prayer: 6:00 pm
Wayne Marr, Pastor
662 Jefferson Avenue
503-429-0373

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sunday Schedule:
Sacrament Meeting: 10:00 am
Sunday School & Primary: 11:20 am
Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women: 12:10 pm
Roger Cook, Branch President
1350 E. Knott Street
503-429-7151

Grace Family Fellowship

Sunday School: 9:00 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Thursday Prayer: 6:00 pm
Greg "Mac" McCallum, Pastor
957 State Avenue
503-429-6790

Nehalem Valley Bible Church

Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am
Tues. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 am
Wednesday Service: 7:00 pm
Sat. Men's Prayer Meeting: 6:30 am
Gary Taylor, Pastor
Grant & North Streets
503-429-5378

Open Door Gathering Place

Service: Sunday 6:00 pm
Grant Williams, Pastor
375 North Street
503-702-3553

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Wednesday Religious Education: 3:15-4:30 pm
Sunday Mass: 12:00 pm
Rev. Luan Tran, Administrator
960 Missouri Avenue
503-429-8841

Vernonia Christian Church

Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service in Youth & Family Center: 11:00 AM
www.VernoniaChristianChurch.org

Sam Hough, Pastor
410 North Street
503-429-6522

Vernonia Foursquare Church

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 am
Children's Sunday School
Carl Pense, Pastor
358 A Street
503-429-1103

Vernonia Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath (Saturday) Services
Sabbath School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am
www.VernoniaSDAC.org
Larry Gibson, Pastor
2nd Avenue and Nehalem Street
503-429-8301