

## Senior News

Ruth Steers, who has served for many years as bookkeeper for Colco Transportation in Vernonia, was honored for those years of service with an engraved plaque on June 23rd. The plaque was presented by Nancy Harwood, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, at the annual RSVP program at the Vernonia Senior Center.

Most of the 40 plus guests were volunteers who have helped out at the senior center throughout the past year. Each received a certificate of appreciation for their contributions.

Gathering at the senior center on June 22 were 27 members and guests of the Vernonia Doll Club, to exchange ideas and learn about doll repair from Dorothy Beason of Bea's Little People in Scappoose.

A large number of seniors travelled to the Columbia County Fair to share Seniors Day and to support their candidate for Queen of the My Fair Lady Court, Scotty Weimer.

Unfortunately, Scotty didn't win, but the judges' selection, Esther Adams of Scappoose, was a deserving winner. Etta Russell, last year's queen, did the honors, crowning her successor.

August will be a busy month for the seniors. They

will be entertaining guests at the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree on Aug. 7, 8 and 9.

On the 12th, they plan to attend the RSVP picnic at Trojan Park and on the 18th, they will journey to Hillsboro Senior Center for lunch.

The Quilting Ladies will have their annual fabric on Aug. 19, 20 and 21.

Please bring your newspapers to our center, along with any usable household goods and clothing.

### Vernonian is top baker at county fair

As she has done many times, Jan Fisher of Vernonia again finished with many ribbons and awards at the open baking contest in the Columbia County Fair.

She earned blue ribbons for pineapple upside-down cake, carrot bundt cake, chocolate-orange cheese cake, decorated cupcake basket, apple pie, cocoanut cookies, chocolate chip cookies and Swiss Biberi cookies, which also took a sweepstakes award.

In second place were her biscuits and coffee cake, while her blueberry muffins placed third.



Named to represent their senior centers in the My Fair Lady pageant at the Columbia County Fair are from left, Esther Adams, Scappoose; 1991 Queen Etta Russell of Vernonia; Margaret Hietala, Rainier; Scotty Weimer, Vernonia; Dorothy Green, Clatskanie and Doris Gartman, St. Helens. Russell later crowned Esther Adams as the new Queen.

### In the Service

#### Jason Hess

Airman Jason E. Hess has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Thomas W. and Debra A. Hess of Vernonia and was a 1991 graduate of Vernonia High School.

### Meeting set on health care reform

An informational meeting on health care reform and access to health care for all Oregonians, will be held at the Vernonia Health Center on Thursday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m.

Jim Pittman, PhD, F.N.P., a family nurse practitioner at the health center, will discuss reforms needed to provide quality health care. He will

also show a video and answer questions.

Pittman is involved with the Oregon Nurses' Association Campaign for Better Health Care and with Oregon Health Action.

The meeting is free; anyone interested in the topic is urged to attend.

### Five generations at 95th birthday



Pat Knight assists his mother at the food table.

Eighty-nine guests, nearly all of them relatives representing five generations, gathered recently at the Vernonia home of Pat and Darlene Knight to celebrate the 95th birthday of Effie Knight,

Pat's mother.

Mrs. Knight, here on a visit with her son and other family members, now lives in Riverside, California, with a daughter.

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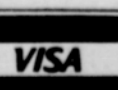
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