

Bingo fans have fun while raising money for two good causes

The June 1st opening of Bingo games at Crazy Charlie's restaurant drew about 17 enthusiastic bingo aficionados. For some of the uninitiated, it was also a learning experience.

Locals accustomed to the procedures of previous bingo systems had expected to play one card at a time, at \$1 per game; some did not fully understand the "new" system, which requires purchase of a

packet costing \$15. The packet, however, contains 15 sheets, each of which has six cards and, over the three hours of play, actually costs less than the one dollar per card system. Participants may also buy into 5 to 10 "special" games at a dollar each, each of which has three cards. Adding to the excitement and enjoyment, raffle tickets are available at 5 for a dollar for a drawing during the evening.

Lori Foster, a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, researched a number of bingo operations throughout Oregon to become acquainted with the different ways in which bingo games are conducted. The system adopted for the joint fund raising effort here is one that is commonly used and successful, providing a fair payback to participants.

While players must purchase the \$15 packet at the outset, they need not stay for the full three hour session. They may leave and return at any future session to use their remaining sheets, but they must return at the same hour they left since the sequence of the games cannot be altered. Anyone leaving early may transfer remaining



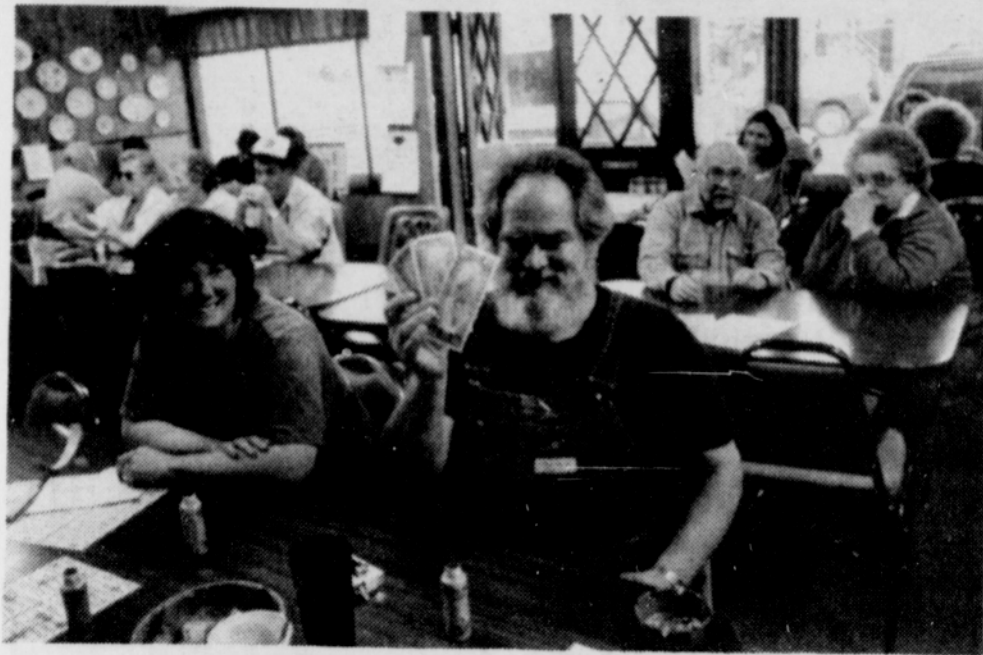
Debbie Sturdefant presides over the Bingo calling

games to another person who, also, must enter the games in the required sequence.

The grand finale of the game is a "black-out" with only 50 numbers called. If no one registers a win, the money in that game carries over to the next scheduled black-

out game, providing a cumulative fund which, over many weeks, may yield a significant win for a lucky player.

The good news is that, while enjoying the games, the participants are also helping with fund raising for the Senior Citizens Center and the eventual development of a community center.



John Naron is a happy Bingo winner!

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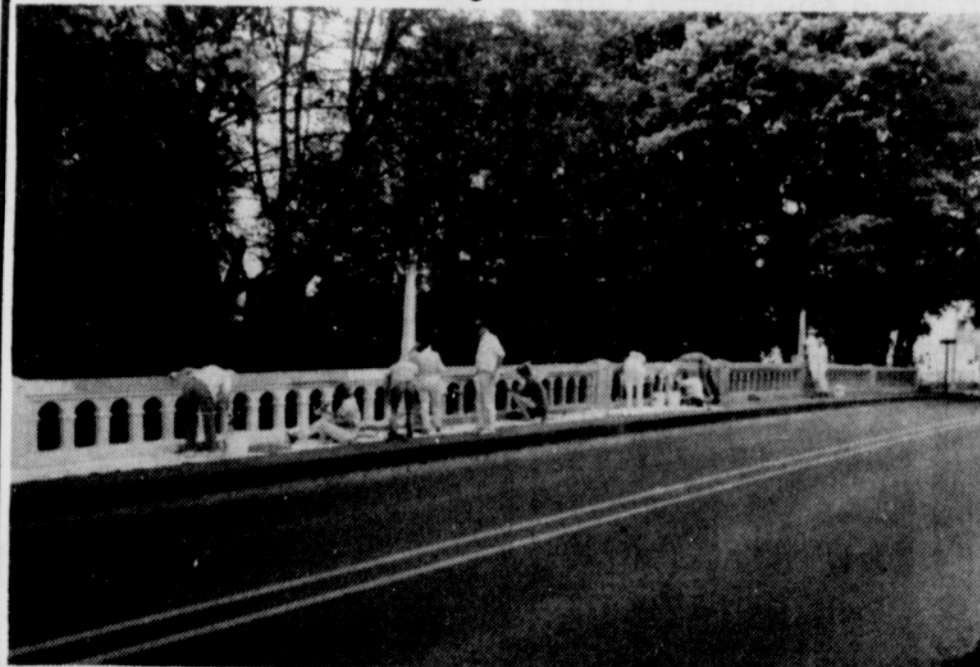
• Streetstock • Sportsmen • Women • Hardtops

RIVERCITY SPEEDWAY

Columbia County Fairgrounds, St. Helens

Time Trials 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. • Race Time 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by CCRA • Rain-out Info. 397-6506 / 397-2393



Vernonia Pride workers paint the Bridge Street bridge over Rock Creek.

Vernonia Pride elects '94 officers

At a meeting of Vernonia Pride volunteers on May 26, a slate of officers was approved to serve on a temporary basis, pending the election of permanent office holders in the fall.

Approved as co-chairpersons were Genny Fisher and Carolyn Keasey; Sandy Welch was selected as secretary and Bob Copley as treasurer.

Among tentative summer projects are cleaning up Ora Bolmeier Park; painting light standards and preparing hanging baskets. A number of hanging baskets have already been donated by Sandra McLean Florist & Nursery along with a half-dozen half-barrels that have been distributed along the Bridge Street business section; volunteers will seek donors to furnish proper plantings.

Fisher reports that Vernonia Pride T-shirts with the logo of the organization in black and white or in color are available at Vernonia Variety at reasonable prices.

Community Calendar

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VERNONIA				MIST-BIRKENFELD				COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)			
AFS	1st Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library		Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st & 3rd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., City Library		Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse	
Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8 p.m., 1st Baptist Church		Vernonia Preschool Directors	1st Tuesday	7 p.m., 627 Adams		Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m., Sunset Park Church	
American Cancer Society	2nd Wednesday	12:30 p.m., Golf Course		Vernonia Rural Fire District	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Fire Station		COLCO Transportation	2nd Friday	10:30 a.m., Courthouse	
AWANA Clubs	Wednesdays	6:30-8 p.m., Evangelical Church		Vernonia School District	2nd Thursday	8 p.m., School District Office		County Council of Seniors	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Courthouse	
Boosters	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library		Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7 p.m., Fire Station		Columbia ESD	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., 800 Port Ave.	
Boy Scouts	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church		WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7 p.m., WOEC		County Fair Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7 p.m., 4-H Bldg., Fairgrounds	
CC Citizens for Human Dignity	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., VHS Commons						County Parks Commission	2nd Wednesday	7 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.	
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	7:30 a.m., Crazy Charlie's						Emergency Comm. Dist.	3rd Tuesday	7 p.m., Courthouse	
Cub Scouts	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., WGS Gym						Historical Society	4th Wednesday	Noon, location call 429-3713	
Girl Scouts	1st Monday	7 p.m., WGS Library						Traffic Safety Commission	1st Wednesday	7 a.m., Village Inn	
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 429-7193									
Jamboree Committee	1st Wednesday	7 p.m., Country Kitchen									
Ladies Golf Club	Tuesdays	5 p.m., Golf Course									
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Vernonia Cafe									
Men's Golf Club	Wednesdays	5 p.m., Golf Course									
Nehalem Valley Car Club	1st Tuesday	7 p.m., Crazy Charlie's									
Preschool Story Hour	Wednesdays	10:30 a.m., City Library									
Ridge Riders	Last Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Library									
Senior Center Directors	1st Friday	1 p.m., Senior Center									
Society of Arts & Crafts	1st Monday	7 p.m., WGS Library									
TOPS	Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., 627 Adams									
Vernonia Cares Directors	2nd Thursday*	7:30 p.m., 627 Adams									
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:30 p.m., City Library									
Vernonia Grange	2nd Saturday	7:30 p.m., Grange Hall									
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Thursday	7:30 p.m., Health Center*									

*January, April, July & October only

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410, or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 1206 State Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064.