

Greetings

May your holiday season be bright with joy and happiness and may you have a blessed New Year!

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Senior News

The Vernonia senior citizens enjoyed one of their most successful Christmas dinner gatherings in recent memory, as 87 members gathered to share the festival meal. Eight other members, all shut-ins, had the meal delivered to their homes. Capping the occasion was a Christmas carol concert presented by Vernonia elementary school students, who also brought an array of hand-crafted Christmas greeting cards for the seniors to use.

January will be a busy month, according to Nellie

Tipton, beginning with the first meeting of the newly constituted board of directors, on the 6th. On the same day, other members will take Colco to the Forest Grove Residential Center to visit and share lunch.

Anticipated by many is a great social event on the 17th, when seniors will enjoy the opportunity to spend an afternoon reviving and renewing their sense of rhythm, as a threesome of dancers from Portland visit the center to demonstrate and teach both old and new dance steps. Posters and invitations will be

sent to other senior centers in the county, inviting them to join the party. A minimum donation of \$3 per person is suggested to cover expenses for the program.

Seniors will travel to the Hillsboro Senior Center on the 20th to share lunch and visit with members there.

The center will be closed on Saturday, Sunday and Monday of both the Christmas and New Year weekends.

January birthdays are: 9th, Sib Falconer; 14th, Grace Mathews; 15th, Sandy Frantz; 16th, Ora George and Mary Lou Harmon; 20th, Pat Olson and 21st, Myra Baska.

In the Service

Damien S. Cox

Air Force Airman Damien S. Cox has arrived for duty at the Royal Air Force Alconbury base in Cambridge, England.

Cox, a television and intrusion detection systems apprentice, is the son of Gonzales and Dayle Cox of Vernonia. He is a 1993 graduate of Vernonia High School.

Jerry Preston

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jerry Preston recently completed a six-month deployment to the western Pa-

cific and Indian Oceans, with the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu.

During the deployment, Preston and other crew members served three months off the coast of Somalia, helping in the evacuation of U.S. citizens from Rwanda and Burundi.

Preston is the son of Christine Preston of Vernonia. He graduated from Lakeridge High School, Lake Oswego, in 1979 and joined the Navy in 1983.

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Welcome Additions

Nicole J. Greenwood

Nicole Jean Greenwood was born Dec. 6, 1994, at Tuahly Hospital in Hillsboro. The daughter of Lori and Gary Greenwood of Vernonia, she weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long at birth.

Her grandparents are Fran Sloan of Beaverton, Rick Strom of Eugene, Jack Greenwood of Vernonia and Pennie Sweider of Bend.

Evangelical Church Christmas Eve service

A special Christmas Eve service will be held Saturday at 6:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Evangelical Bible Church.

The special service includes singing carols, lighting the Advent Wreath, Scripture reading, special music and a true story about Christmas, said Pastor Grant Williams.

"Please join our church family as we celebrate the birth of Christ," Williams added.

The church is located at 957 State Avenue. For additional information, call 429-6790.

County United Way nears goal amount

Through Dec. 14, cash and pledges for the current United Way of Columbia County campaign, total \$185,669, or 94 percent of the \$197,000 goal, according to executive director Suzanne Arnits.

"We expect to continue gathering campaign information until February, which is typical," she said. Anyone interested in donating can either mail a contribution to the United Way office, 310 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, OR 97051, or contact Arnits at (503) 397-3511.

**Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
from the whole gang**

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