

Community

Senior News

By Patricia Olson

We are getting lots of good responses about our many changes of appearance at the Center. There is a comfortable sitting and TV viewing area. The craft and fabric department still has work to be done on it.

Our Monday quilters are busily doing a beautiful quilt top and would welcome new people to help or learn.

We need someone who would be dependable for our "Meals On Wheels" delivery. Eric Olson has been doing this with either Gerald Russell or Willie Brewer as his back-up. This would be a satisfying and fulfilling volunteer job for someone with a reliable car.

Good news for the party who lost their keys when they brought in newspapers. We found them! Just come in and identify them.

The Senior Center dining room will be the location of a benefit dinner for Habitat For Humanity on May 15th. Watch for posters soon. Advance ticket purchases are encouraged and are available from Pat Olson. Call 429-2581 for further info.

The Thrift Store welcomes your good quality, reusable items and encourages you to bring them during business hours or to use the drop box outside the east entrance after hours.

We would like to remind you that the term "seniors" indicates that we are older people. When you leave heavy bundles of newspaper or bags of clothing in the entry, one of us has to carry them in. Could we ask you to make the few extra steps to bring them inside, please?

I have not heard of any planned trips just now, but sev-

eral possibilities are being pursued. Keep in touch.

Our cook, Chris Johnson, had surgery on April 16th. She is taking two weeks off to recover. In her absence, Jamie Peura will provide our meals.

April birthdays are: Wally Noakes, 4th; Dick Harrold, 8th; Norbert Pelster, 9th; Dot Yadon, 14th; Duane Garvin, 18th; Mary Steele and Louise Pelster, 23rd. Happy birthday to our dear ones.

Enjoy the sun and grab the sunscreen. Come see us and share your favorite flower with us, or sit in for a few hands of cards. You're always welcome.

Welcome Additions

Hayden Elton Cieloha

Hayden Elton Cieloha was born March 28, 1999, at Meridian Park Hospital in Tualatin. He weighed nine pounds, one ounce, and was 20-3/4 inches long.

He is the first child of Amy and Frank Cieloha, both graduates of Vernonia High School. The new parents reside in Newburg.

Natal Grange roast beef dinner readied

The public is invited to enjoy the annual Roast Beef Dinner at the Natal Grange on Sunday, May 2, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. In addition to a full roast beef meal, there will be great homemade pies for dessert.

Prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 6-12, free for ages 5 and under.

Natal Grange is on Hwy. 47 between Mist and Vernonia.

Vernonia PTA sets election of officers

Election of officers for the Vernonia Community PTA will be held at the April meeting on Thursday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Washington Grade School library.

Planning underway for second 24 Hour Relay event

Planning for the Second Annual Columbia County Relay Challenge is underway! It will be held in October at Rainier High School.

The purpose of the Relay Challenge is to bring people from throughout Columbia County together to have fun and raise money to support positive youth activities.

The Relay Challenge will be held from 11 a.m. on Friday, October 8, to 11 a.m. Saturday, October 9. Schools will not be in session on October 8 because of teacher in-service.

Leading the event are Diane Croisant manager of the Prevention/Intervention Team for Columbia County Mental Health, and Jan Kenna, director of the Columbia County Commission on Children and

PEO elects officers for the coming year

The Vernonia chapter of P.E.O. recently held election and installation of officers for the next year. The new officers are President Carolyn Keasey, Vice-President Mary Tolonen, Recording Secretary Judi Gwin, Treasurer Claudine East, Chaplain Diane Waltrip, Guard Carol Davis, Corresponding Secretary Audeen Wagner and Historian, Alvilda Hearing.

Two new members, Louise Hamnett and Darlene McLeod, were welcomed into the P.E.O. Sisterhood, with Initiation held at a recent meeting.

P.E.O. is an international organization of women focused on education for women. The local group gives a scholarship to a graduating senior girl from Vernonia High School every year, and also helps returning college women finance their ongoing education through scholarships and loans.

Anyone interested in serving on the executive board of the PTA is encouraged to attend this meeting.

Families.

Last year, in the first 24-Hour Relay Challenge, there were nearly 200 participants and over 200 volunteers who helped with the event. The participants ran or walked a total of 1,703 miles during the 24 hour period. This year our goal

is to have close to 500 community members participating in the event.

Anyone interested in participating in the event or being involved in the organization of the event, contact Jan Kenna from the Commission on Children and Families at 397-7211.



Cindy Ball steadied the ladder last Saturday as Michelle Blum used a paint brush to spruce up signs at the south entrance to Vernonia.

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