

Community

Senior News

By Patricia Olson

Do you know what the thing is that I like least about snow? The "after the storm stops" thing. Brown, muddy snow residual. Mucky carpets and porches, the constant drip-drip as everything thaws. I must admit, however, that the freshly fallen snow was beautiful. Most of all, my yard looked as good as my neighbor's.

We are back on a regular schedule, weather permitting. We want to remind you that if weather closes the schools, we are also closed.

We are still without our cook. The flu hit her really hard, and we want her completely well before she tries to come back.

The two men that had Christmas coronaries are both home and doing well. In the same line of thought, it has been stated that we should not report hospital stays. People of shady character may find that a

Saturday Night service starting

At last, a new service for those who have not given up on God...but who have given up on church. Saturday night, January 22 at 6:00 p.m. you will want to attend the First Baptist Church's praise and worship service designed specifically with you in mind.

Pastor John Cahill, inspired by Rick Warren's best selling book, "The Purpose Driven Church" is prayerfully seeking God's direction to tailor a church whose program is totally decided by the needs of those attending. This "Seeker Sensitive" approach targets believers who are unchurched for whatever reason and unbelievers who are honestly seeking answers to God's plan for their lives.

Glenn Hughes and a praise team will lead music. The dress is casual, and child care will be provided. First Baptist Church is located on the corner of "A" Street and Washington Avenue, in Vernonia. For further information, call 429-1161.

Consider this notice a personal invitation to our first Saturday night service. If you don't have a church home, give us a try.

convenient time to rob the house of the patient. I feel I am expected to report any Senior news I am made aware of. However, if it will help, I will delay the news one issue to give the patient time to return home or arrange for someone to watch his house.

During all the remodeling and changing of things, we have lost the birthday calendar. We have retrieved all we had except February. If you want your birthday listed, and have a February birthday, will you call 429-3912 and tell us?

The birthdays for January are: 1st - Terri Baska; 6th - Linda Miller; 14th - Grace Miller; 15th - Barb Franz; 16th - Ora George, Marylou Harman; 20th - Pat Olson; 28th - Mary Doppe, Alan Russell.

We had a very productive business meeting under the leadership of new chairman, Fred Oviatt. Our future is looking quite promising. Keep an eye on us. We think you will like the changes.

We want to express our sympathy to Necia DeWitt on the loss of her husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with

Special advocates needed for kids

CASA of Columbia County is seeking local volunteers to speak for children who are in the court system due to abuse or neglect. Volunteers do not need any legal or special background. The most important qualifications are common sense, objectivity and the ability to work with others.

CASA, (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is a nationwide program in which more than 40,000 people participate on behalf of hundreds of thousands of children. According to Columbia County CASA program director Patrick Birkle, there are nearly sixty children in Columbia County in need of the services of a CASA volunteer, while there is only one active CASA volunteer in the county.

Training for new volunteers

you.

If the lady who wanted to learn Spanish would come in to the Senior Center, we found the book she was looking for, plus some learning video tapes.

Our many volunteers help keep this the kind of place that it is. We always can use extra hands, whether to work or play. Maybe just come chat or shop. You can't have too many friends, can you?

Meyer grant will aid Scout Cabin

The Meyer Memorial Trust has approved a grant application by the Friends of the Scout Cabin for \$8,300 toward completion of the rehabilitation project.

The funds will be used to purchase tables and chairs for the main room, kitchen equipment, deck furniture, and landscaping materials.

"We are really grateful for the help," said Shirlee Daughtry, president of Friends of the Scout Cabin, "The support of organizations like the Meyer Memorial Trust gives us a real boost."

will be held in early 2000. The 40 hours of training includes classroom sessions, interviews with CASA staff and observation of courtroom procedures. Volunteers undergo a criminal background check, take an oath of confidentiality and are sworn in by a judge. CASAs can expect to spend 10-15 hours a month on a case. CASAs are parents, grandparents or just a person concerned with the welfare of children. Many CASAs hold full-time jobs. All make a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children.

Columbia County CASA is funded by the Columbia County Commission on Children and Families. To volunteer or for more information about Columbia County CASA, call Patrick Birkle at (503) 397-4988.

Singers, actors needed for drama

Easter will be here before you know it, and the Vernonia community choir has begun practicing for the annual Easter Cantata (a musical drama). Choir practices are on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church

on the corner of "A" and Washington. We especially need tenors and basses, and there are a few acting parts that don't require singing talents. If you would like more information, call Lynda Cahill at 429-1161 or Tammy Smith, 429-4023.

Benefit auction for Vernonia Cares

An auction to benefit Vernonia Cares Food Bank will be a bargain hunter's heaven, with many nice items. The auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, at 627 Adams Ave. (behind West Oregon Electric). Registration and viewing will begin at 5:00 pm, with the auction starting at 6:00 pm.

Anyone wanting to make donations for the auction may take items in salable condition to Vernonia Cares between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, or call Lisa 429-4013 or Kelley 429-7026 to make other arrangements. The value of your donations will be tax deductible.

Clothing will not be accept-

ed. Some articles may be accepted on a 25-percent consignment basis.

Concessions will be available thanks to LEAP (Loggers Educational Alternative Program) students and Heidi Herb. Volunteers are needed; please call 429-1414.

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Lisa Edgar, Director
Vernonia Cares Inc.

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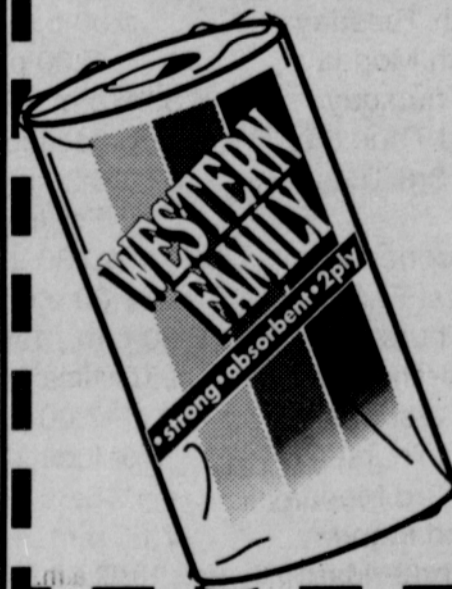
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Incorrect dates given for the Rabies Clinic at Valley Veterinary Clinic in the January 5, 2000, issue of *The INDEPENDENT*, were not the fault of Valley Veterinary Clinic. *The INDEPENDENT* regrets the error and the resulting inconvenience for those who appeared on the incorrect dates.

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