

Community

Open wide for visiting dental van

Northwest Medical Teams has again offered to help the Vernonia area. Four years ago, they donated many hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars in personal and household supplies, building materials and other items for the community's recovery from the flood. NWMTI serves all over the world to ease suffering and need in tragic situations.

Now they would like to include Vernonia in a service they furnish to low-income outlying communities — a dental van for those who cannot afford and are in serious need of dental care. People with pain, swelling, abscess, and broken teeth are the target population for this service.

The guidelines require family income to be less than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Medical history forms, with parental permission where needed, are to be filled out prior to the scheduled clinic

Art of stamping is demonstration topic

The public is invited to attend a demonstration of rubber stamping, February 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the Margaret MacDonald Thiele Petti Meeting Room in the Vernonia Public Library.

Tracy Fletcher will lead the session and introduce the use of rubber stamping as a crafting art. Rubber stamps and a variety of inks can be used to create unusual and lovely cards, stationery, paper and other items.

The Vernonia Society of Arts and Crafts is sponsoring the demonstration. The Society meets for luncheon on the second Thursday of each month at the New Hong Kong Restaurant at 1:00 pm. At that time, they conduct business, plan for future events and socialize. All are welcome to attend.

Register now for 55 Alive driving class

A driving class, "55 Alive," for adults age 55 and older, will be offered March 13 and 14 at the Vernonia Fire Hall. There will be two four-hour sessions, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. Instruction will be in the classroom only.

This class is sponsored by AARP, and costs \$10 per person. Class size will be limited and pre-registration is required. To register, or for more information, call W.L. Biller at 503-357-7535.

Participants may qualify for automobile insurance discounts. Future classes will be scheduled if there is enough demand.

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day and the patient or family must not show evidence of recent treatment by a private dentist or other provider.

The NWMTI volunteer medical personnel reserve the right to refuse treatment to patients they determine cannot be treated safely in a mobile health care environment.

This clinic will be offered on a trial basis March 3, at St. Mary's Church, 960 Missouri Ave. To apply for treatment, call Lani Vandehey at 429-8841 or 429-7252 (evenings).

Good child care in short supply

Many communities in Columbia County are currently faced with a shortage of quality child care.

Especially needed in all areas of the county are state registered Family Child Care providers who are willing to care for children on evenings and weekends, or those who will care for infants to toddlers from six weeks of age to two years.

A stable base of child care providers does several things:

1. It helps decrease the incidence of child abuse by lowering the stress level of parents who must find care for their children while they work outside of the home.
2. It helps decrease juvenile crime by providing the availability of quality supervision.
3. It helps local employers by reducing absenteeism resulting from child care problems.
4. It also creates self-employment opportunities for those interested in the business of child care and therefore strengthens our economy.

For more information about state registered child care businesses or child care in general, call Caring Options, a program of Community Action Team, 503-397-3511, or toll free, 1-800-404-3511.

Senior News

By Patricia Olson

Shhhh!! I think I heard a special sound in the air. Or maybe it's not really a sound, but a sharpening of the senses, a fragrance of...dare I say it?... SPRING? I haven't heard a frog, or seen a robin, but the stirring of the earth stretching and yawning as it rubs winter out of it's eyes, even though a few snow flurries lurk behind a cloud.

Anyway, the Center is into its spring cleaning mode, with much rearranging and freshening up going on.

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LDS women find joy helping others

In South Dakota, there are children living on a Native American Indian reservation who do not have enough resources to meet some of their basic needs. Last month, St. Vincent's clothing bank set out to help them. They asked for volunteers to provide them with the necessities.

About six local women responded to the call—members of the Vernonia congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints decided to help the children. They got together to sew new fleece hats, desperately needed in the cold South Dakota winter.

The fleece was donated by a member of the LDS church in Washington. It was sent to Vernonia, where the hats were cut and sewn. Although a few of the women were not seamstresses, together, they sewed about 30 hats, which were sent in time for Christmas.

The hats turned out beautifully, too. In fact, some of the women liked the hats so much that, when the project was completed, they bought their own fleece and made hats for the members of their families.

"We were able to accomplish more than we had

the dispatcher your name and telephone number so the driver can make any necessary calls back to either verify or rearrange your ride time. Many times we give the driver a message, and there is a schedule conflict. But if you refuse to give your name and number, she can't call to explain it to you.

Our new cook, Linda Miller, wishes to announce that there will be a special Valentine dinner on Monday, February 14, and the public is welcome to bring your sweetheart or a friend and have dinner with us. As usual, we will need help with serving, if you are avail-

planned," said Linda Johnson, one of the participants. In addition to doing something for children they would never meet, they created a special bond among themselves. And they are not through; now they are working on fleece mittens to send to the same reservation.

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able. Come in, meet Linda and enjoy her culinary talents with us, and we will share her with you.

Recently several Seniors enjoyed a shopping trip to Wal Mart. At this time there are no planned outings on the books, but keep in touch for any future plans.

We have had the help of several volunteers to keep the thrift store open. Pat Lloyd has been away for a few days, and Tessie Aldrich has filled in for her, with others helping out as they can.

The games are enjoyed every Thursday. Golden Oldies have moved their time to Wednesday afternoons, the crochet/knitting classes are progressing nicely. Faith Reynolds is holding down the fort alone in the quilting corner, as Louise Hamnet has been away.

We rounded up a few February birthdays as follows: 13th, Larry Doppke; 14th, Etta Russell; 20th, Fyrne Taylor; 23rd, Louise Hamnet; 24th, Pat Orlando. If your name has been overlooked, please let us know. We need to update our birthday calendar.

Keep warm and healthy 'til this flu wave passes on into history. Drop in and visit us. Friendly faces are always a joy to see.

DEADLINE 2000 DOG LICENSE

Elizabeth E. Huser, Columbia County Clerk, reports that the deadline for licensing dogs in Columbia County is

MARCH 3, 2000

You may mail your rabies vaccination certificate (if not on file in our office) along with the appropriate fee to Columbia County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, St. Helens, OR 97051. Commercial and non-commercial kennel licenses are available. Contact Clerk's Office for information.

To All Columbia County Dog Owners
\$10 Penalty after March 3, 2000
\$25 Penalty after April 2, 2000 (Without Citation)
\$50 PENALTY IF CITATION IS ISSUED
Dog License Fees are due on all dogs with permanent teeth or that are six months of age for year of 2000.

FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

On or Before March 3, 2000	
REGULAR, NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....	\$26.00
DOG SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....	\$10.00
SENIOR CITIZEN-DOG NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED...	\$15.00
SENIOR CITIZEN-DOG SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....	\$5.00
(Senior Citizen is 65 Years or Older - 1 per Household)	
REPLACEMENT TABS.....	\$5.00

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Owner: _____
Residential Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Zip: _____
1999 License No.: _____ Phone: _____
Dog's Name: _____
Breed: _____
Sex (Check one): Male _____ Female _____
Neutered: _____ Spayed: _____

A VALID (Good through Oct. 31, 2001) Rabies Vaccination Certificate MUST accompany this application or be ON FILE in the Courthouse, along with a spayed/neutered certificate if applicable.
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