

Community

Senior News

By Patricia Olson

Whew! We feel like we've been on a merry-go-round lately, especially last Wednesday. The Census group was at a table being told how they will be doing their census task, the crochet group was receiving instruction on their projects and

Schmidlin vies in Teen Contest

Marilyn Schmidlin, a local teen, placed in the semi-finals of the 2000 Miss Teen Portland Pageant in the Rose City on February 20. The two-day competition required an interview, competition in casual wear and formal wear.



Marilyn Schmidlin

The Portland competition was held Feb. 19-20 at Benson High School. Having placed in the semi-finals, Schmidlin is now eligible for the national competition, which will take place in Orlando, Fla.

The Vernonia High School junior also works as a ranch hand, shows registered Black Angus cattle and is president of the Oregon Jr. Angus Association.

Schmidlin's placement in the Portland competition earned her \$475.00 in entry fees. Additional expenses for the Orlando trip will include air fare, lodging, photos and clothing. The national winner will receive a \$10,000 savings bond, but there will be many other prizes, including scholarship funds.

Welcome Additions

Clay Matthew Sullivan

Clay Matthew Sullivan was born Sept. 13, 1999, at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland, to Todd and Tamara Sullivan. He weighed eight pounds, two ounces, and was 21-1/2 inches long.

Clay joins a brother, Land, and sister, Meghan, at the family's Vernonia home.

Grandparents are Larry and Sue Sullivan of Madras, and Steve and Sue Minger of Vernonia.

Great-grandparents are Charlie and Irene Minger of Scappoose, Roy and Delores Thomas of Tigard and George Henderson of Hillsboro

the Golden Oldies were wailing out lots of tunes...in fact, they finally had to relocate to another part of the building. They sound good wherever they play.

Our chairman, Fred Oviatt, will be back in just a few weeks and we hope to begin the carpeting of the new floor. However, we are still short of funds to purchase the carpet with. Any help the public can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Get set for the wearin' of the green on St. Paddy's Day. I hope your plans will include lunch of corned beef and cabbage at the Center dining room. Call to be counted.

The new menu announced the fare for the 31st to be a SURPRISE. The cook howev-

er, said it's only a kitchen potluck. Her left-overs are better than most places first-runs. Come in and see if I'm not right.

If any of you have farm animals that will eat bread, we find ourselves with over-aged bread each Wednesday and Friday. Come with a pickup or van and we can help you feed those critters.

March birthdays are as follows; 1st, Jack Hacksma; 7th, Pauline King; 8th, Georgia Enyart; 10th Bob Bright; 18th, Eric Olson; 20th, Barbara Weigand; 25th, Charles Abeyta; 27th, Ellen Moser; 29th, Helen Gamman; 31st, George Black. Have a great one and spend it with us, if possible.

Events celebrate Women's History

In celebration of Women's History Month, the Feminist Studies Program at Pacific University has coordinated several events. All are free of charge and open to the public.

March 7 - April 7 - "Traditional Methods, Transcendent Expressions." Juried art exhibit of nearly 40 Northwest women artists in the Cawein Gallery. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 16 - "Re-

gret to Inform," a documentary about American and Vietnamese women who lost their husbands in the Vietnamese War, based on interviews. Xuan Ngoc Evans, who is featured in the film, will lead a discussion of issues brought up in the documentary. 6:00 p.m., Milky Way (corner of 21st Avenue and College Way).

Thursday, March 30 - Presentations by senior students in the Feminist Studies Program on the results of their theses research. 7:00 p.m., Taylor Auditorium, Marsh Hall.

Open auditions in Forest Grove for both men's and women's roles

Theatre In The Grove has announced audition dates for "The Foreigner", a comedy by Larry Shue.

Roles to be filled will require five men in their 20s - 40s, and two women; one in the 20s - 30s and one in 50s - 70s.

Audition dates are Sunday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. and Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. Call backs will be Tuesday, April 4,

if necessary.

The play will be directed by Michael McDaniel. Performances are scheduled on June 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17 at 8:00 p.m. and June 11 at 2:30 p.m.

The location for auditions and performances is Theatre In The Grove, 2028 Pacific Avenue in Forest Grove. For more information, call 503-359-5349.

OSU seeks partners for program

Through Oregon State University Extension Service (OSUES), there is the opportunity to establish a new program in Columbia County. The Oregon Family Nutrition Program (OFNP) provides food and nutrition education to Food Stamp or food stamp eligible families.

Funding for OFNP comes from the Western Region Foods and Nutrition Service, USDA through a contract with the Department of Human Resources, Adult and Family Services. There is a partnership of other county and community agencies required to support the local program.

To establish a program requires a 1:1 local match of dollars received from the USDA. Sources of the match must be from non-federal public organizations, institutions, etc. (such as city, county, state, public

universities, state-funded hospitals). There are some restrictions on use of private sources or private non-profit sources (501(c) 3).

Counties can design the nutrition education program to meet their county needs and as determined by agency partnerships. Each county conducts regular interviews or focus groups with program participants and the agency partners to regularly refine, revise, and evaluate their program efforts.

Suggestions of local partners in the establishment of the OFNP Program in Columbia County can be made to Jan Pahl, OSUES at 503-325-8573 or faxed to 503-325-7910. Pahl is assessing the community interest and organizing meetings of all partners to determine the nutrition education program and staffing plan for the program.

Mother's Day Bazaar scheduled

Columbia County Habitat for Humanity and the Warren Grange are coordinating a "Mother's Day Spring Bazaar," to be held Saturday, May 6. This event will include an arts and crafts show, with items for sale, refreshments, a quilt raffle, and an opportunity to learn more about Columbia County Habitat for Humanity. Warren Grange will be providing the space for this event, and all proceeds from concession sales and booth rentals will be donated to Columbia County Habitat for Humanity.

Applications are being accepted for vendors who wish to sell their items at this special spring event. Local artists, craftspersons and anyone with special crafting talent is invited to attend and showcase their products. For applications or

more information, or if you would like to volunteer at this special event, call Kristin Renzema at 503-397-9020.

Columbia County Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian housing organization that builds affordable housing in partnership with low income families. It is financed through private donations and utilizes volunteer labor. For information on how to volunteer or apply for a house, contact the Columbia County Habitat for Humanity office at 503-366-4594. Donations may be sent to PO Box 921, St. Helens, OR 97051.

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