

Community

Senior News

By Patricia Olson

Just like you, we like surprises. Just imagine our pleasant surprise when Nellie Tipton dropped in to spend part of a day with us. It was just like old times for us, but for her, she was taken aback by all the changes in the place. She now lives in Dallas, Oregon, so we don't get to see her very often.

We have changed our fiscal year to start and end in July. I am reminded to tell you that dues are to be in soon so we can start our new year off on the right foot. We also are hoping for new members. Four new people joined us this month and we want to welcome them aboard. If you are fifty or better, you qualify to be counted as a senior.

On April 24th we are invited to attend the five-area lunch at the Rainier Senior Center. It will be a fun time and they serve a good lunch. COLCO will be running a van and the cost will be \$5.00.

There is a trip to Canada on

New state rules for child care

Extended training and scheduled activities for indoor and outdoor play are just two of many new rules governing providers of family child care. The rules, in effect since April 1, are the result of a comprehensive, year-long process by the Oregon Child Care Division in cooperation with other agencies and the public.

"We needed to raise the floor on the minimum standards," said Linda Stern of the Child Care Division. "We are very pleased that the Legislature, our partners, and many providers agreed with us."

Among the additions in the rules is an increased emphasis on training. Previously, family child-care providers needed only to attend a two-hour overview session. Now, in addition to the session, providers must provide proof of a current certification in infant and child first aid and CPR, current food handler certification, and completion of two hours of training on child abuse and neglect issues.

Another new section provides some guidance and criteria regarding the kinds of programs children should have in a family child-care home. "There have to be activities that will help the children grow and develop," Stern said.

The new rules affect all in-home child-care providers currently registered. All providers must be registered with the division if they provide child care, other than on an occasional basis, to more than three children from more than one family at any one time, other than the person's own children.

Copies of the new rules may be obtained from the Oregon Child Care Division, or on the Internet at www.WorkingInOregon.org.

the planning board for June 20th. Sign-up time is NOW. The cost of \$225.00 will cover travel up and back, a room for two, and the ferry. All other expenses will be your own responsibility. Call 429-4304 for further details.

Vernonia's clean-up day is April 29th. If any of you needs a chore done, you should sign up now at the Center. If you are also a volunteer for the clean-

up detail, your project will be free.

April birthdays are as follows: 8th, Dick Herrold; 9th, Norbert Pelster; 14th, Dot Yadon; 18th, Duanne Garvin; 23rd, Mary Steele, Louise Pelster. Happy Birthday friends.

This is a beautiful month of new beginnings. Keep your sunglasses in the pocket of your raincoat. Have a Happy Easter.

County resource directory printed

Community Action Team and the Columbia River PUD, have teamed up to produce a new Resource Directory for Columbia County.

The Directory lists all social services available to county residents including substance abuse treatment, child care services, counseling programs, education programs, emergency services, employment

services, health and medical services, housing services, legal assistance, senior services, transportation services, and recreational activities.

Copies of the directory are available at Community Action Team, 310 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, and the Columbia River PUD, 64001 Columbia River Hwy., Deer Island.

For more information, call Darlene Smith at 503-397-3511.

Free infant immunization clinic

Columbia County Public Health will offer free immunizations for infants at sites around Columbia County as part of a national effort to increase the number of children younger than age two who receive vaccinations against preventable illness.

The Free Infant Immunization Clinic will be held in Vernonia on April 20, 1:30-3:00 p.m., in School District Office,

475 Bridge Street.

It will be May 8 in Clatskanie, at a time to be announced, at Faith Lutheran Church, 1010 NE 5th Street.

No appointments are necessary for the Free Infant Immunization Clinics. Parents must provide records of past immunizations. For further information call Jodi, Columbia County Public Health, 503-397-4651 or 1-800-244-4870.

Welcome Additions

Haley E. Green

Russell and Kay Green have announced the adoption of Haley Elizabeth Green. Haley was born March 6, 2000. She weighed seven pounds, five ounces and was 20 inches long.

She joins siblings Melissa, Jordan and Allison at the family home.

Russell Green is general manager of West Oregon Electric Cooperative.

Madison A. Zavales

Born to proud parents Bob and Melissa Zavales, Vernonia, was Madison Anne. She was born March 28, 2000, at Tuality Hospital in Hillsboro. She weighed six pounds, seven ounces.

Grandparents are Robert and Debbie Makepeace of Ver-

nonia; Barb Fulmer of Mercer Island, Wash.; Randy and Aileen Zavales of Kirkland, Wash.; and Fred Fulmer of Vernonia.

Great-grandparents are Robert and Doreen Chase of Kirkland, Wash.

Meagan H. Smith

Meagan H. Smith made her appearance February 25, 2000, at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland. The daughter of William and Darcy Smith weighed eight pounds, four ounces and was 20-1/2" long.

She joins a two-year-old sister, Devin, at their Vernonia home.

Grandparents are Velma Cathey of Laurel, Montana, Allen Cathey of Bozeman, Montana, and Mr. and Mrs. William L. Smith of Newberg.

Ridge Riders plan beach trail ride

The first of monthly trail rides by the Ridge Riders Saddle Club will be held Saturday, April 22, at Delora Beach in Seaside. The ride will start promptly at 11:00 a.m., with a potluck to follow. This ride is open to club members and their guests. For more information about the ride, call Vern or Beth Weaver at 503-738-8805.

The next club meeting is April 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ver-

nonia library. For information on the Ridge Riders, call George Bellingham, 429-9523.



Easter Sunrise Service scheduled

The Vernonia Ministerial Association will host its annual Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 23, at 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service will be held at Vernonia Memorial Cemetery, at the upper end of Bridge Street.

Musicians and pastors from our local churches will partici-

pate in this joyful event. The service will last approximately 30 minutes.

Everyone is welcome to join in the Celebration of Christ's Resurrection. If you have questions regarding the service or need a ride, call Vernonia Community Church, 429-6790.

Get ready for a Fifth Sunday Sing

The Vernonia Ministerial Association invites you to attend the Fifth Sunday Sing on April 30, at 6:00 p.m. The Assembly of God Church, located at 662 Jefferson, will host the community sing this month.

Plan now to be a part of this great community praise and worship sing. If you have a special song to sing, an

instrument to play, or enjoy sharing a poem, you're invited to share your talent with everyone!

The churches of Vernonia alternate hosting the sing whenever there is a month with five Sundays, so be watching for the next service.

The Jamboree Community Service will be on Sunday, August 6th.

Garden Fair and Plant Sale ready

The fourth annual Columbia County Master Gardeners' Town & Country Garden Fair and Plant Sale will be held Saturday, April 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the St. Helens High School Commons. The garden fair and plant sale is free, and no registration is required.

The event will also feature free seminars, a Master Gardener's Plant Clinic, and more.

The seminar beginning at 9:30 a.m. will deal with growing a prize-winning tomato. The second seminar, at 11:00 a.m., will focus on "Planning the perennial garden," with Eliza-

beth Howley of Clackamas Community College Horticulture Department.

The Master Gardeners plant sale will feature a variety of tomato plants, perennial and annual flowers, miniature roses, shrubbery and trees.

Garden-related items for sale at the fair will include herbs, books, baskets, greeting cards, planters, handmade soaps, local honey, mason bee houses, and cut flowers and fiber crafts.

Train up a child. It's your responsibility.



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