

Community

Nehalem Valley Pioneers annual meeting to feature school reunion

The Nehalem Valley Pioneer Association's 77th annual Pioneer Meeting and Potluck Picnic will be at the Natal Grange Hall on Sunday, June 11, at 11 a.m.

A *Gathering of Classmates* is the theme of this year's event. Students from every school that ever held classes in the Upper Nehalem Valley between Braun and Elsie are invited. These schools include Braun, Kist, Pleasant Hill, Keasey, Washington Grade, Lincoln Grade, Vernonia Hlgh, Wilark, Pittsburg, Big Eddy, Apiary, Natal, The Burn, Mist,

Silver Tea will benefit new library

Vernonia citizens have been fortunate through the years in having a public library available to them since the early 1920s. One of the first things identified during the period when the Oregon-American Lumber Co. mill was established, was the desirability of a public library.

Accordingly, in 1925, a small library was established. A board of directors and committees were appointed to "advertise, solicit books, subscriptions, money, and the general support of the people of Vernonia." Space in the City Hall was set aside and a librarian was appointed.

Through the years, extensive support, both financially and physically, has been freely given by local citizens and groups. It was once customary

Riverside, Fishhawk, Thompson Siding, Birkenfeld Grade, Winema High, Sunnyside, Deep Creek, Nelson Creek, Vesper, Berg Grade and High, Jewell, Denver Point, Vine Maple, Buster Camp, Spruce Run, Camp McGregor, Mishwauka, Elsie, and all others in between.

Classmates are encouraged to bring and exhibit old photographs and school announcements. For more information, call Sheila Sullivan at (503) 728-2196, Myrtle Slanger at (503) 755-2212 or Verne Ferguson at (503) 755-9628.

to sponsor coffees, teas, rummage sales, flower festivals and other events to raise funds for the library.

Vernonia Study Club members were active supporters from the beginning, by sponsoring a "silver tea" or "coffee" almost yearly. This became a welcome social activity among the ladies and gentlemen of the community.

This year, the Vernonia Study Club has decided to honor our lovely new library by sponsoring, once again, a Silver Tea on May 24. The tea will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Margaret MacDonald Thiele Petti meeting room at the library. The public is invited to share in the renewal of this tradition, and a large turnout is expected.

Monument will honor flag donors

A monument will be erected at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery to honor all those who have donated flags in memory of their loved ones. The donors' names will be inscribed on the face of the six-foot high, three-foot wide and six-inch thick monument.

Anyone may purchase a flag to be displayed on one of the

20 foot poles that line the Avenue of Flags around the cemetery.

The cemetery beautification committee is accepting donations for the monument. To make a donation, contact Cindy Naillon at Vernonia City Hall, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or cemetery caretaker Synda Allen on Memorial Day weekend.

Actors sought for Christian drama

STAGES, a Christian theater in the Portland area, is seeking on-fire, born-again, spirit-filled actors and actresses to audition for "Left Behind," a play adapted from the best-selling novel by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins.

Readings will be held at Christian Life Center, 5585 SW 209th Ave., Aloha, on June 9 at 7:00 p.m., June 10 at 1:00 p.m., and June 11 at 2:00 p.m. Casting requirements call for 50 teens and adults. For more information, call (503) 356-8580.

"All you can eat" at Jewell event

The 21st annual "All You Can Eat" Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, May 20, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Jewell School. Starting at 7:00 p.m., following the smorgasbord, there will be a silent auction, oral auction, quilt drawing, multi-raffle and door prizes.

Funds raised will go to benefit the Nehalem Valley Memorial Scholarship Fund. The price for adults is \$7.00; senior

citizens are \$4.00; children under 12 are \$3.00; kindergarten and preschool children are free.



Vernonia Senior Center

By Patricia Olson

We had to do it, didn't we? We bragged about the mild winter we had and how we got very little cold weather and a lower rainfall. Now look what we did! We are having January in May and I, for one, am not liking it one bit. But this too shall pass and warm weather is close at hand (the weather man told me to say that).

We are pleased to announce that oral prayer at lunchtime has been reinstated by a majority vote of the people. On days there is no one to lead in this, a time of silent prayer will be observed.

Starting Monday, May 15th, we are asking you to bring in a baby picture of yourself. We can't tell you why just yet. Be sure your name and address is on the back of the picture so we can return it after we use it. Give it to Willie at the front desk.

We are in need of someone or some ones to work in the Thrift Store. Pat finds she needs to take care of some family situations and is unable to continue at her post. Also, we are still offering a position for janitorial work. This will require one or two hours a week and pay minimum wage. It would provide some senior or teen with extra pocket change for just a wee time investment.

COLCO announces they will be taking a vanload to the Jewell Smorgasbord on Saturday, May 20. It will cost \$8.00 for the van ride plus the cost of supper. The van will leave the parking lot at 4:30 p.m.

The Center enjoyed a special meal for Mother's Day last Friday, the 12th of May. We sure appreciate our cook for all the extra things she does for us.

May birthdays are as follows: 2nd, Edla Dishman; 3rd, Gerald Russell; 6th, John Ha-

ley; 7th, Zada Snook; 8th, Ethel Blackburn; 10th, Elsie Taylor; 11th, Bernice Frey; 13th Florence Akers; 17th, Faith Reynolds; 22nd, Dorothy White; 27th, Bill Yeo; 30th, Henry Anderegg. If I have omitted anyone or listed someone who is no longer with us, call 429-2581 and leave a message. Thanks, and Happy Birthday to you all.

Keep smiling as you wait for the sun, but with closed lips. We don't want anyone drowning. Come by and chat with us. We miss you.

Attention Mist-Birkenfeld area: you can avail yourself of the bread service Wednesday and Saturday afternoons in your area - contact Jepson/Lundquist in Birkenfeld or Cindy Bloomer in Mist.

Never hold discussions with the monkey when the organ grinder is in the room.

- Winston Churchill

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
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