

Senior News

By Karen Miller

Don't forget, every Wednesday the center is filled with musical talent from the Golden Oldies. I took piano lessons once. I quit the day my husband informed me that one night he came in to listen to a song he thought he finally recognized, and discovered it was my cat walking across the keyboard. You won't find me on the piano, but anyone else is welcome to come down and join Duke Gortler, Eleanor Thompson, Bob Wiley, Pat Wheeler, Al Schaefer and Ron Bevans. On July 5, we enjoyed vocal and guitar talent from special guest Ed Long.

August birthdays are: Mary Black, 2; Nellie Tipton, 15; Ferris Sylvester, 21; Ed Justice, 26.

We welcome back with open arms and growling stomachs Linda Miller, our Senior Center

cook, who says she is rested up after a much-needed 2 week vacation. Again, we thank JoAnn Carter for the great job performed as fill-in.

We are delighted to announce this year's Columbia County Fair's Vernonia Senior Center Princess Cozy Tatman. Cozy has been an Oregon resident for 44 years, and a Columbia County resident for eight years. Widowed with three children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, she worked for the Pendleton Woolen Mills corporate offices in Portland. These days Cozy fills her time with her family, cross stitching, crocheting and gardening. Queen selection will be on Wednesday, July 19 at 1:00 p.m., at the St. Helens Fairgrounds.

In the past, the center has had a phone tree where volun-

teers called a group of people every morning to see that all was well. We are trying to re-establish this practice, but help is needed. We need volunteers to make calls, and the names and phone numbers of those who want to be called. If you're a senior who lives alone or one who would be reassured by a daily call, please contact the senior center. Also, if you have the time to call a few people from your home or the center, please contact the center.

Columbia County COLCO vans have been in the parade circuit this summer. If you're around, we'll see you at the Vernonia Jamboree.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

COLCO Transportation
..... 429-4303
Senior Advocate.. 429-9112
Senior Center..... 429-3912

Unemployment benefits increase

The amount paid to Oregonians receiving state unemployment insurance will increase slightly. Beginning July 1, according to the Oregon Employment Department, the maximum weekly payment will rise to \$376, while the minimum amount will be \$88.

Under Oregon law, each year the Employment Department recalculates the maximum and minimum amounts paid weekly to those filing for unemployment benefits. The amounts are set as percentages of the average weekly wage earned by Oregonians.

The minimum unemployment figure is 15 percent of average weekly wage, and the maximum amount is 64 percent. Both dollar amounts are rounded down to the nearest dollar as required by law.

The new payment amounts are up slightly from those paid last year. The maximum payment over the past 12 months has been \$360, with an \$84 minimum payment. The change affects new unemployment insurance claims filed on or after July 30. Those with existing unemployment claims will continue to receive the same weekly amount.

There's a miracle
in the making.



Assembly of God

662 Jefferson Avenue
Vernonia, Oregon
429-7058

Mike Jackson - Pastor

Church Directory

VERNONIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Grant Williams, Pastor
957 State Avenue
Vernonia, 429-6790

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church w/Nursery
Evening Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
Nursery Care
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Men's Group, Thursday 7:30 p.m.

GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

D.J. Dickey, Pastor
Grant & North Streets
Vernonia, 429-1919 or 429-8720

Sunday Services: Adult Prayer & Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Afternoon Worship 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday Service:
All Family Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

Every Second Sunday, the 2:00 p.m. Worship is replaced by a Fellowship Meal following the 11 a.m. service.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Joel Stith, Pastor
410 North St., Vernonia, 429-6522

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Every Wednesday:
Ladies' Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
Children's Choir 3:00 p.m.
Family Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Women's Fellowship, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

John Cahill, Pastor
359 "A" Street
Vernonia, 429-1161

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastoral Associate
Juanita Dennis
960 Missouri Avenue
Vernonia, 429-8841

Mass Saturdays 7:00 p.m.
Penance Service 1st & 3rd
Saturdays 6:30 p.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Roger Kruger, Pastor, 397-6883
2nd Ave. and Nehalem St.
Vernonia, 429-1941

Sabbath School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Michael Jackson, Pastor
662 Jefferson
Vernonia, 429-7058

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study,
1st & 3rd Mon. 7:00 p.m.
Women's Ministry,
Alternate Wed. 7:00 p.m.

ST. AUGUSTINE (CANTERBURY) EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Robert Grafe, Pastor
960 Missouri
Vernonia 429-3700

Sunday Services, 10:00 a.m.

NEHALEM VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

Jerry James, Pastor
500 California Ave
Vernonia, 429-5378

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Nursery available
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

VERNONIA FOURSQUARE CHURCH

Pastor Paul Pastor
850 Madison Avenue
Vernonia, 429-1103

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Evening Service
Youth Ministry
Children's Ministry
Nursery Available

Men's Ministry 7:45 a.m.
3rd Saturday, each month

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Lee Knowlton, Branch President
1350 E. Knott Street
Vernonia, 429-7151

Sacrament Meeting, Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Primary 11:20 a.m.

Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women, Sunday 12:10 p.m.

County CASA receives US funds

CASA of Columbia County has been awarded at \$47,000 grant from the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association. The funds will be used to expand advocacy for abused and neglected children in Columbia County.

Of more than 900 CASA and GAL programs nationally, only 101 programs received funds this year from the \$6.5 million allocation from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), U.S. Department of Justice, as authorized under the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

"The process for receiving grant money is very competitive, and many good grant proposals were not funded this year," said Michael Piraino,

CEO of the National CASA Association. "This grant is a vote of confidence that CASA of Columbia County has demonstrated to us a strong capacity for growth and the ability to provide excellent services to the abused and neglected children within their community."

There are 10 active CASAs in Columbia County, representing 25 children. Approximately 50 other children in Columbia County await CASA representation. Applications are welcome from individuals who want to be CASA volunteers. New volunteer training will begin in September. For more information, contact program director Patrick Birkle at (503) 397-4988 or <pbirkle@columbia-center.org>.

Habitat for Humanity fundraiser

The Quincy Grange will hold an afternoon of spaghetti dinners and folk music July 29, 2-8:00 p.m., as a fundraiser for Columbia County Habitat for Humanity

Dinner will include spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. Entertainment will be provided by The Brownsmead Flats, a folk group from the Pacific Northwest that plays a variety of music styles, including bluegrass, folk, blues and celtic.

Quincy Grange is located at 78314 Rutter Road in Clatskanie. Tickets are \$5 each and are available through the Grange, from Habitat for Humanity, or at the door. There is

no charge for children under five. For more information, contact Mary Hales at (503) 543-7240 or Ramona Bell at (503) 728-3396.

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. The Anthony N. Federici Family trust and Catherine A. Federici recently donated two buildable lots to the organization, and construction of the first house will begin as soon as sufficient funds can be raised.

Youth symphony auditions slated

Auditions for new members for the Metropolitan Youth Symphony will take place August 2, 7, 8, 16, 17 and 29. All instruments are needed.

The Metropolitan Youth Symphony was founded in 1974 with a few dedicated musicians and one visionary conductor whose goals were music education and community service. Today, with seven conductors, the Metropolitan Youth Symphony develops, educates

and promotes more than 450 musicians from kindergarten through college, from all over the Portland and Vancouver areas. Each student musician is assigned to one of four levels of bands and orchestras based on ability.

For more information, visit the MYS website at <<http://www.metroyouthsymphony.org>>, or call the office at ((503) 239-4566 to schedule an audition.

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