Community

Senior News

By Karen Miller

When someone asked me what my newest patchwork project was, I told them it was going to be trying to patch up a lovely glass dish that I knocked off someone's desk here at the office. It didn't take me long to figure out that they meant tiqngiul. That's "quilting" jumbled up because that is what would happen if I tried that. It takes patience and steady hands to join our faithful senior quilters Faith Reynolds and Louise Hamlet every Tuesday here at the center. Come on down.

PLEASE if there are any of you men or women who could donate your time and/or physical strength to help out here with the flea market and unloading of bread on Tuesdays and Fridays, please call us.

The Golden Oldies have announced they will be performing at Anderson Park during Jamboree on Friday evening at 6:00. Come listen with a little hand clapping and feet shuffling.

At this writing, 31 pictures have been turned in for our "Guess the Baby" contest. Beginning Tues. Aug. 1, they will be exhibited in the lunch room at the senior center. Please stop by and put in your 25 cents a guess. Winner with the most guesses gets $25! This contest ends at the Jamboree.

A big hello to Pat and Eric Olson. We miss you a lot. For interested parties, drop them a line at 583 Canyon Oak Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97526.

The Sweet Adelines will be serving breakfast here at the center from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5 and 6. Cost is $2.50 for children under eight years of age and seniors, $4 for adults. The thrift store will be open.

Is there anyone in this readership willing (and able) to deliver Meals-on-Wheels to two clients in the Birkenfeld/Fishhawk Lake area? We need a driver on Mon, Wed and Fri. to deliver from Vernonia, or to meet a driver in Mist who will pick up lunches. Please help so we can continue this service. Call 429-9112 or 429-3912 and leave your name and number if you can help. Sorry, this is not a paid position, other than a reimbursement of 32 cents per mile.

I can feel it in the air; the town's gearing up for Jamboree! Have fun everyone.

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

Time to sign kids up for COLCO

Children who live too close to their school to get regular school bus service, yet too far to walk, can get COLCO bus service to and from school at reduced rates. We are asking Vernonia parents to sign up in advance for this service by calling 429-4304.

Tickets are $1 per trip, one way, or $25 for a 30-punch pass. Drivers can hold the passes for the children. Children must remain in seats with seatbelts on, and there is to be no eating, swearing or other rowdy behavior while on the COLCO vehicle.

Again, interested parents can call 429-4304 to sign up. A printed copy of the rules will be provided after signing up.

County seeks AmeriCorp person

The Columbia County Teen Pregnancy Prevention Team (TPPT) has been awarded an AmeriCorps Member position for the 2000-2001 year, and is looking for applicants for the position.

Whoever is selected for this position will be required to commit one year of full time service in pregnancy prevention projects in Columbia County. In return, they will receive a living allowance of $750 per month, and an educational award of $4,725, after one year's service, which can be used to pay off student loans or for future college or vocational school expenses.

The Federal program supports 10,000 AmeriCorps members throughout the country.

"This is a great way for someone who is interested in the social sciences to get their feet wet, make contacts and work off some education loans," said Pam Powell, health educator with Columbia County Public Health. "Some AmeriCorps members move into full time jobs when their year of service ends."

The AmeriCorps member will work with the S.T.A.R.S abstinence mentoring program through Public Health, and will also work with other pregnancy prevention and self-esteem building programs throughout the county.

Ths year, Melissa Thorne of Rainier served as the TPPT AmeriCorps member. In addition to S.T.A.R.S., Thorne worked with the Clatskanie CYCLE after-school program, Scappoose Mid-School OSSOM, the Scappoose bike rodeo, Rainier Together, Community Action Team, Adult and Family Services and the Prevention Relay Around the Track.

"This year I have learned what it means to serve my community," said Thorne. "I have also gained valuable work experience and have had a great time meeting people in the area," she said.

Anyone interested in applying for the position may call Powell at 397-4651, or 1-800-244-4870. The position begins Oct. 1.

Band formed for Praise and Worship

A Praise and Worship service will be held at Vernonia Community Church on Friday, Aug. 4, at 7:00 p.m. The service will feature a newly formed praise band, composed of members of various churches in Vernonia. Everyone is invited to attend the service. Vernonia Community Church is located at 957 State Ave.

Time to get sports physicals

Students planning on participating in extracurricular sports at Vernonia schools may schedule the required physical exam at Providence Family Medicine-Vernonia from Aug. 14 through Aug. 18. Call 429-9191 to make an appointment.

Mobile dental van to be in Vernonia

The NW Medical Team's Mobile Dental Van will be in Vernonia on Friday, August 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for a one day clinic for qualifying people who need dental work. Local dentist Dr. Scott van Dyken is donating his services for the clinic.

The van will set up at St. Mary's Church, 960 Missouri Avenue. Qualifying applications may be picked up at St. Mary's. Appointments may be scheduled by calling St. Mary's Church at 429-8841.

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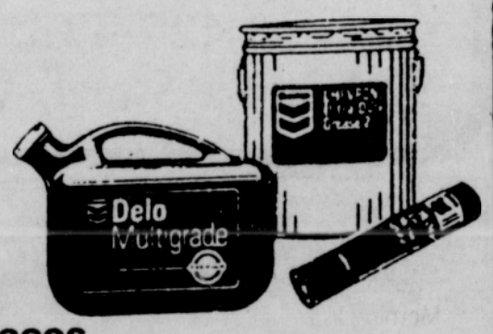

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