

## Community

### Women's center needs volunteers

Columbia County Women's Resource Center is seeking volunteers to fulfill some important, and self-enriching, functions. Everyone is welcome to attend training. Following are some of the areas where volunteers are needed.

**Crisis Worker** – Offer a listening ear, information and referral to services in the community.

**Youth Service Assistant** – Assist in the schools with a variety of programs such as child abuse prevention, sexual harassment, healthy teen relationships, etc.

**Counseling Service Advocate** – Assist with play therapy groups for children from violent homes, co-facilitate support groups, and provide one-on-one peer counseling.

**Librarian** – Take charge of

our Galen Lewis Memorial lending library.

**Legal Advocacy** – Assist with direct service, TROs, and court watch.

**Child Care Provider** – Help care for children in the shelter while moms attend group, appointments, etc.

**Facility Maintenance Person** – Provide maintenance throughout the shelter, inside and out.

**Receptionist** – Front desk worker, answer phones, greet clients, assist residents and daily operation of the shelter.

Training, support and guidance will be given. All applications are welcome! Sign up now for fall classes.

Call Theresa Connelly at 397-7110 for training dates and further information.

### Auction to benefit Vernonia Cares

A fundraising auction for Vernonia Cares will be held Saturday, Aug. 26, at 627

Adams Avenue. Viewing will begin at 6:00 p.m., with the auction to follow at 7:00 p.m. Community members are invited to donate or consign items to be auctioned. Consignments must be registered by 6:00 p.m. Aug. 26. A 20-percent commission on consignments will benefit Vernonia

Cares. All proceeds from the auction will go toward food purchases and holiday food baskets.

Donations will be accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at 627 Adams Ave. If you are not available during Vernonia Cares open times, or cannot deliver, call Lisa Edgar at 429-4103, or Kelley Murphy-Shaw at 429-7026, to make arrangements for pick up.

### Register now for second annual Vernonia Community Yard Sale

The second annual Vernonia Community Yard and Sidewalk Sale is coming! This year the sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Those interested in participating may sign up by calling Helen Bateman at Vernonia Realty, 429-6203, with your name, address and phone number, by Sept. 4.

A city map, marked with all

homes and businesses participating in the sale will be provided to shoppers.

A blanket garage sale permit will be issued by the City of Vernonia for all participants listed in the application. The Garage Sale flyer/permits can be picked up at Vernonia Realty & Insurance Center during normal business hours from Sept. 8 through Sept. 15.

### Poetry contest seeking entrants

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from all areas, particularly beginners are urged to try winning a share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is Nov. 30. The contest is open to everyone and the entry is free.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," said Fran Campos, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition.

To enter, send one original poem of 20 lines or less, any subject and style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19909, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poet's name and address should appear at the top of the page. En-

tries must be postmarked or sent via internet at <www.poetry.com> by Nov. 30.

### Students need more immunizations

All seventh graders in Oregon must have additional shots of hepatitis B vaccine and a second dose of measles-containing vaccine when they start school this fall. These are in addition to requirements for immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, mumps and rubella.

Students will also be required to provide documentation of chickenpox vaccination, or that they have had the disease.

"Children who do not have the required documentation on file at their school risk being excluded from school this winter," said Amanda Timmons, public health educator at the Oregon Health Division.

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## Senior News

By Karen Miller

Our Senior Center was buzzing with lots of activity during Jamboree weekend! My family and I took full advantage of the Sweet Adelines Breakfasts they served, and I do mean full! Blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage filled us up over the top Saturday and Sunday mornings. Of course I don't know why my family fusses at me so, as I give them two choices every meal — Take it or leave it. Also, one could hardly get through the aisles with all the people taking advantage of thrift store prices. Willie and Fyrne worked extra hard.

Alright already! All of you who describe me as being "pushy" may rest your case. Except when our COLCO van broke down in the parade. I only managed to push it four inches before Tom Carlile of the Union 76 station (how's that for service?) and Paul Klabouch jumped right in and took over. Thanks boys. We also thank Kalee and Tori Dale-

### Dickey to celebrate 25th year as pastor

Members of Grace Reformed Baptist Church of Vernonia are inviting friends and family members of Pastor DJ Dickey to the celebration of his 25th anniversary as a pastor.

The reception will be Saturday, Aug. 19 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., at Grace Reformed Baptist Church, 500 North Street, in Vernonia.

### PCC Intro to Writing offered in Vernonia

Portland Community College is offering Writing 115 – Introduction to Expository Writing, in Vernonia this fall.

The class will be held on Monday nights from 6:30- 9:20 p.m. at Vernonia High School. The three credit class will run from Sept. 15 through Dec. 11.

For more information, call Glenda DeLemos at 429-4074.

broux along with Wayne Fogel for throwing candy.

Lorraine Pace will start sign language classes at the center on August 16 at 9:30 a.m. She has teaching credentials from the University of Oregon and Dandridge State. If you are interested, call the Vernonia Senior Center at 429-3912 and leave your name and phone number. If you have an ITT number, give that information also.

The center has lost its buyer for newspapers and has been unable to locate a new one. We can no longer accept newspapers here as we would have to pay to dispose of them. Our apologies for any inconvenience and thank you for your past support.

Alas, no one won the guess-the-baby contest because...no

one entered. The photos are in the lunch room at the center if you would like to see who's who. Candy Olson, you did a good job!

A trip to Long Beach is planned for Friday, Aug. 25, to see the Kite Festival. Please sign up in the COLCO Office by Thursday, Aug. 24. The cost is \$12 for this all day event. Grab a friend and come along!

One final announcement: Except Wednesdays, the Senior Center will be closing at 1:00 p.m. until further notice. We will be closed Labor Day, Sept. 4.

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