

Community

United Way readies 2001 campaign

United Way of Columbia County has set \$330,000 as the goal for the 2001 campaign, according to Dave Dupuis, president of the board of directors.

"The Year 2001 goal reflects a 1.56 percent increase over last year's goal. We see the need for increased funding every year as we work to allocate these dollars. I feel that by working together as a community we can help United Way help our neighbors," Dupuis said.

United Way supports 25 not-for-profit health and human service organizations that help Columbia County citizens. The scope and range covered include children and youth, domestic violence and sexual assault, seniors, emergency and basic needs, and assistance for people with disabilities and

special needs.

George Dunkel, Chief of the St. Helens Rural Fire District, and Dick Long, Chief of the Clatskanie Fire District, the Year 2001 Campaign Co-chairs encourage people to help their communities by supporting United Way. People who donate to United Way are truly helping their neighbors, the co-chair stressed, as they ask everyone in Columbia County to join in achieving the goal of \$330,000.

Kathye Beck, Executive Director, reported that Wal-Mart will be the "pacesetter" for this year's campaign. Their goal is to increase participation to 100 percent. This year's United Way campaign runs from Sept. 1 through Nov. 17. For information about donating or volunteering, call 503-556-3614 or email <unitedwy@aone.com>

St. Mary's schedules 30th quilt fair

"The Church that Love and Scraps Built" is the theme of St. Mary's 30th Annual Quilt Fair, September 14 - 17. The show is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and has something for everyone, including a carnival booth for small children. There will be a colorful palette of beautiful quilts on display and for sale, and a multifaceted Craft Bazaar.

A lunch of delectable soups, rolls and pies will be served daily from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each day there will be two choices of hearty soups, fresh

cinnamon and dinner rolls and a variety of mouth-watering pies.

Those who live outside of Vernonia, a town nestled in the woods, will enjoy a scenic drive into the coast range as leaves start donning their fall colors during this beautiful time of year. Vernonia is just 50 minutes from Portland.

St. Mary's Catholic Church is located at 960 Missouri Ave., look for signs. For more information, call Juanita or Mary at 503-429-8841.

Red Cross plans disaster training

Training is scheduled in Columbia County for new Red Cross volunteers.

The Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross offer a day of free volunteer training at the St. Helens Technology Center, 375 South 18th Street, on Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The training includes a look at the basics of Red Cross disaster response, the roles played by various government and non-profit agencies in times of disaster and an overall view of Red Cross services.

The training provides basic information on emergency assistance to help volunteers define and meet the emergency needs of those affected by disasters. This includes information on what resources are available and how to complete casework.

When floods rage, earthquakes hit and fires blaze, volunteer Red Cross disaster re-

VHS fall sports

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says that he's going to try and prepare a cross country course and hopefully, have a meet here this year.

The District Preview meet is Sept. 11 at Tualatin Hills, followed by a meet Sept. 18 at Neah-Kah-Nie. Both events start at 5:00 p.m.

Senior News

By Karen Miller

Last week, I had the honor of attending my parents' 60th wedding anniversary. Dad, 83, is a retired Navy pilot, Mom, 82, the dutiful retired Navy wife, which leaves me, as we all know, the Navy "Brat." I can see, as they are getting along

Radweller, Davis wedding plans

Heather M. Rodweller of Carrollton, Ohio, and Matthew L. Davis, of Vernonia, have announced their engagement.

The future bride studied publications at the Adanced Training Institute in Chicago, Ill., where she and her future husband met in the early '90s. She is an executive assistant at Barbour Publishing Inc., in Uhrichsville, Ohio. Her parents, Dave and Sue Rodweller, live in Carrollton.



Matthew Davis and Heather Rodweller plan fall wedding.

Matthew Davis, the owner of Buds & Blooms Florist and Gift Shop in Vernonia, attended high school in Chico, Calif., and studied architecture at Advanced Training Institute in Chicago. He is the son of Gary and Patricia Davis, also of Vernonia.

Wedding vows will take place October 7 in New Philadelphia, Ohio. Later in October, a reception will be held in Vernonia, where the newlyweds will reside.

questions. The hotline is operated by Oregon State University Extension Service and the OSU College of Home Economics and Education.

in years, it has made me more aware of the needs of our blessed senior citizens. Meeting some of those needs is our goal here at the center with our daily food program, senior advocate, COLCO transportation trips and various senior activities. Call us if we can help.

As we inform you of upcoming events, please contact our office to see if we will be providing transportation. Also, if you have an idea for an event and/or trip, please let us know.

Senior Safari Day will be a day of fun and sun, safari style, for seniors and their companions at the Oregon Zoo. There will be live music, entertainment and refreshments - all of it free. Wheelchairs will be available to those who need them. So mark September 19 on your calendar, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and join us for a great day. The COLCO fee is \$10 per person, and you can sign up here at the center.

September 13 at St. Vincent Medical Center, representatives from the many services available through Providence Plus membership will be available. Providence Plus is a

health and lifestyle program for adults age 55 and over. Their phone number is (503) 216-2076.

Many of our seniors enjoyed the Old Timers picnic held at Anderson Park in August. Kathleen Tiffney shares that she enjoyed the miniature trains, replicas of the trains that used to run at the old mill sight. Kathleen's dad was chief of police in Vernonia for some 30 years, from around 1939. They called him "Ace" and she recalls the town took up a collection to purchase his uniform.

Community input is desired at a public meeting to discuss potential plans for a new senior center to be built in Vernonia. Please attend Friday, September 8, at 1:00 pm in the dining hall at the center. There will also be a Public Hearing on Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall.

Looks like the new school year has begun; drive safely!

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

St. Mary's 30th Annual

QUILT FAIR

Sept. 14-17, 2000 • 10 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Quilts on Sale & Display • Gift Bazaar

Gourmet Soups, Rolls & Pies

Served 11 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Daily

960 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia • 429-8841

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School's Starting - Drive Safely!

School started on September 5th so pedestrian and vehicle traffic are very heavy in the mornings from 7:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., and after school from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

When driving in a School Zone while children are present, the speed limit is 20 MPH. If you need to be somewhere on time, remember to leave a little early. Remember, too, traffic fines are doubled for infractions in school zones.

Because younger children may be a little excited the first few days of school, they may not always pay attention to what they are doing. Let's watch out for them and drive carefully.

Jim Walters
Chief of Police
Vernonia Police Department

Join us in celebration of
Ruth Steers' 90th Birthday

Sunday, September 17, 2000

Scout Cabin, Hawkins Park, Vernonia

Open House 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cake - Coffee - Punch

RSVP by Sept. 13: (503) 429-4840
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