

Community

Friends of the Scout Cabin celebrates first full year of operation



Shirlee Daughtry presented Tom Holce with a plaque for his generous donation toward the rehabilitation of the Scout Cabin. Holce grew up in Mist and Vernonia, and belonged to a Boy Scout troop that met in the cabin.

After more than a year of planning, a full year of construction time, and another year of actual operations, Friends of the Scout Cabin took time out for a well-deserved celebration. The January 27 celebration of the renovated cabin's first anniversary was held, of course, in the Scout Cabin.

Shirlee Daughtry, president of the Friends of the Scout Cabin, spoke briefly about the difficulty of organizing the project, and the pleasure of seeing it start to fulfill the group's goal of increasing use of the building by youth groups, without any fees, while operating costs are being derived from rental fees for other functions.

Special recognition went to Tom Holce, Don McLean and Norm Brown, but Daughtry made it abundantly clear that there were too many volun-

teers — businesses, unions and individuals — to name. A surprised Daughtry was also the recipient of special mention, from other members of the Friends group.

There were a few other speakers, including Jim Tierney, Tony Hyde, Synda Allen, Corey Colburn and Noni Andersen, but the speeches were brief and heartfelt. The purpose of the day was to enjoy the accomplishment.

Hundreds of people were involved in one way or another, in the all-volunteer fund raising and construction effort. Though fund raising barely reached \$100,000, the building has been appraised in the \$300,000 range. It is owned and operated by the Friends of the Scout Cabin on property leased from the City of Vernonia in Hawkins Park.



Norm Brown supervised the reconstruction and was one of several people who devoted nearly every Saturday to the project for a whole year.

Time to make nominations for My Fair Lady Pageant

The My Fair Lady Pageant is accepting nominations for the 2001 My Fair Lady Court. The pageant is held each year during the Columbia County Fair to recognize senior women for their outstanding service in our community. Each senior citizen's center in the county selects a woman to represent them in the pageant.

This year's pageant will be on Wednesday, July 18, as part

of Senior Day activities at the Columbia County Fair. A panel of judges will select a queen by rating the women on community service, appearance and their responses to questions asked during the pageant.

For more information on how to nominate your favorite "Fair Lady," contact the senior center in your community or Nancy Harwood at the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program in St. Helens, 1-503-397-5655.

Nominees must be 55 years or older, but do not need to be a member of RSVP or their local senior center. Nominations are due by Feb. 19. The court will be selected by the My Fair Lady Pageant Committee and announced in late February.

Drug panel opening

Columbia County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants for a local alcohol and drug planning committee.

The Board is particularly seeking senior citizens, consumers of treatment and youth who can assist with the planning for prevention and treatment.

For more information, call the Board of Commissioners office at 503-397-4322.

Fair Board will meet

The Columbia County Fair Board will hold their regular Board meeting February 23 at 7:00 p.m., in the 4-H Building on the Columbia County Fairgrounds, 58892 Saulser Road, St. Helens, OR 97051.

A Budget Workshop will be held February 7, at the Fair Office, at 6:00 p.m.

UW recognition fete

Donations for the 2000/2001 campaign totaled \$335,000 it was announced at the annual volunteer recognition banquet of United Way of Columbia County. More than 100 people attended the February 1 banquet honoring the efforts of volunteers. The St. Helens High School Jazz Band provided pre-dinner entertainment and plaques were awarded in recognition of outstanding campaign achievements.

Campaign Co-Chairs Dick Long, Chief of the Clatskanie Fire District, and George Dunkel, Chief of the St. Helens Fire Department, expressed thanks to everyone for the positive support

Senior News

By Karen Miller

The Vernonia Senior Center patrons and COLCO staff wish to express our deepest sympathy to Donna and the family of Don Foster, who passed away suddenly on January 28. Don and his wife, Donna, owned and operated Rising River Adult Foster Care in Vernonia.

Don, a civic-minded citizen with administrative abilities,

had been an invaluable asset here at the Center, filling a leadership role, especially in our current remodeling project.

Don will be missed by his family, friends and the community in which he served.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

COLCO Transportation 429-4304
Senior Advocate.. 429-9112
Senior Center..... 429-3912

In the Service

Juanita J. Johnson

Army Pfc. Juanita J. Johnston is now stationed at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida.

Johnson, a software analyst with the U.S. Central Command, is the daughter of Marion G. and Linda W. Johnston of Vernonia. She is a 1997 graduate of Portland Community College.

Get ready for Make Vernonia Shine day

Mark your calendar for this year's Vernonia clean up day, Saturday, April 21. Although there will not be a free dumping day, there will be a free hazardous waste day on May 12.

Watch *The INDEPENDENT* for more information. If you or a group would like to become involved, contact Vernonia Pride at 503-429-5201.

Annual quilt show at Warren church

Bethany Lutheran Church will hold their 20th annual Quilt Show on Friday, Feb. 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Old and new quilts will be on display. There will be a raffle, silent auction and quilts will be for sale.

Lunch will be served both days from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and a pancake breakfast

will be served Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church is an historic country church located at 34721 Church Road in Warren.

Quilts will be received for display on February 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For more information, call 503-543-5645 or 1-503-397-5085.

Buds & Blooms

Valentine's Day 2001

Make it one they won't forget!



We have a great selection of gifts for your sweetheart this year, from Carnations and Roses to Cards and Balloons.

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Flowers by Wire

Come in February 14th or order early for Valentine's Day delivery (Only \$2.00 in Vernonia)

859 Bridge St., Vernonia

503-429-9273

Serenity Gardens Herbals



A Unique Shop Celebrating our Spirit Within

We're back...

and we invite you to visit us at our new home, 998 Bridge Street
Saturday, Feb. 10th • 10 am - 5 pm
Re-Opening Celebration

We have the same wonderful selection of unique jewelry, soothing ointments, herbs, candles, essential oils, and more, plus some exciting new merchandise. Stop in and enjoy our celebration with us.

Thank you for all your love while I was gone!
Peace, *Linda Grace Spry*

Hours: Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm, Sat 10 am-5 pm
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