

Columbia County health needs partnership slates first meeting

The first meeting of the Health Partnership, a health planning process sponsored by the Columbia Health District and others on behalf of the citizens of Columbia County, will be held May 22 at noon at the Trojan Plant in Rainier.

Coordinator Pam Rahn will describe the Community Health Improvement Process (CHIP) that the group will be undertaking.

The Health Partnership is composed of volunteers who represent various sectors of community life in the county, from the arts through utilities. They will be working together for up to a year to assess

Nehalem Valley Pioneer meeting

The annual meeting of the Nehalem Valley Pioneer Association will be held Sunday, June 10 at 11:00 a.m. at the Natal Grange Hall.

Rain or shine, there will be a potluck picnic and live entertainment. It's a great time to meet old friends, eat lunch and have fun.

health needs in the county and the needs for health services. Each county clinic will be represented on the committee as well as every geographical area.

The project will receive ongoing technical assistance from Paul McGinnis, of the Office of Rural Health, who created the rural health organizing process. He has assisted with the process in 120 communi-

ties across the country during the past 14 years.

The Partnership will gather as many opinions and as much data as possible from people in the county about their view of health needs. Participation is available at many different levels and all are welcome.

Partnership members who have signed up as of May 11, include:

Mario Leonetti, Darcy Bell and Carolyn Keasey, Vernonia; Jerry Tilley, Sandy Cooper, Donna Tewksbury and Bob Short, Scappoose; Joyce Ervin, Wayne Kostur and Lori Piercy, Rainier; Wayne Weigandt, Barbara Fordyce, Lori Peterson, Don Courtain and Janet Spain, St. Helens; Charlene Pruett, Randy Larson and Annie Carmack, Clatskanie; Brian Burright, Columbia

City; and Linda Lagraff and Todd Dugdale from Columbia County.

Rahn expressed delight with the diversity of the group and the geographical balance. She told the group, "I am quite impressed with the quality of people on the Partnership and especially the dedication to community that I have experienced from you," Rahn said.

Women's Health Fair and Fashion Show, May 31st

The annual Women's Health Fair and Fashion Show will be held May 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commons at St. Helens High School. The event is sponsored by the Women's Health Awareness Committee (WHAC).

More than 20 vendors will be on hand with women's health and fitness related items. Special guest speakers will share information related to breast cancer, and the evening will be capped off with a spring fashion show, featuring clothing from local merchants.

Dr. Mark Livingston, a local physician, will talk about wad-

ing through the many studies and research projects that are publicized, and how to educate yourself about breast cancer.

Sharon Pickthorn and Becky Olson, of "Breast Friends", will discuss their personal experiences with breast cancer, and give guidance on how to cope if you or someone you love has been diagnosed. These women have committed themselves to teaching others how to become strong support for loved ones who have been diagnosed with cancer.

"It's great to see the increasing awareness of women's health issues in our community," said Doreen Hocraffer, chair of WHAC, and coordinator for Public Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer program. "Women are usually the caretakers of the family, so health issues that affect women also affect their families and communities. Events like this provide an easily accessible way for women to increase their

knowledge of health issues, and along the way we'll have some fun."

The event is free to the public, through a grant from the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Women are encouraged to bring daughters, friends, and other loved ones along for an evening of fun and learning.

The Women's Health Awareness Committee is funded through Columbia County Public Health. WHAC's mission is to promote health awareness among women in our county by providing information about health risks, detailing methods of prevention and advising alternatives for treatment.

Info requested on old graveyards

The Oregon Pioneer Cemetery Commission is asking for help to collect up-to-date information on more than 3,000 historic cemeteries in a statewide survey.

"We're asking Oregonians in every corner of the state to help locate and determine the condition of all cemeteries and gravesites of individuals who died prior to February 14, 1909," said Mirra Meyer, commission coordinator. "This is a long-term project, but we're hoping citizens concerned

about our historic cemeteries will help get the survey off to a fast start by filling out forms for the cemeteries they may be visiting this Memorial Day."

Information from the survey will help the commission determine the use of funds and services to protect and preserve Oregon's historic graveyards.

Survey forms may be obtained from the State Historic Preservation Office by calling 503-378-4168, ext. 335, or e-mail: Mirra.Meyer@state.or.us



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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church w/Nursery
Evening Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
Nursery Care
AWANA, Wednesday 3:15 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Men's Group, Thursday 7:30 p.m.

GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

D.J. Dickey, Pastor
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Sunday Services: Adult Prayer & Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service:
All Family Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

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Joel Stith, Pastor
410 North Street
Vernonia, 503 429-6522
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.

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John Cahill, Pastor
359 "A" Street
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

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Juanita Dennis
960 Missouri Avenue
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Mass Schedule
1st & 3rd Saturdays 4:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays 12 Noon
Religious Education
2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30 a.m.

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Roger Kruger, Pastor, 397-6883
2nd Ave. and Nehalem St.
Vernonia, 503 429-1941
Sabbath School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Lee Knowlton, Branch President
1350 E. Knott Street
Vernonia, 503 429-7151
Sacrament Meeting, Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Primary 11:20 a.m.
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Young Women, Sunday 12:10 p.m.

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The Rev. Robert Grafe, Pastor
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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3rd Saturday each month

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Darwin Harvey, Pastor
662 Jefferson
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.



Paul Pastor Jr. and Del Allen (on ladder) at work on the new front of the Vernonia Foursquare Church. The congregation has been steadily improving their facility, starting with a new sidewalk last year, then remodeling and extending the front to create space for a new church office. The roofed front entrance and pillars create an inviting structure.

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