

Community

Senior News

By Karen Miller

The seniors who received the free tickets to "Follow that Rabbit" wish to thank whoever purchased the tickets and made them accessible. Thank you, again. The play was a joy and very well done!

Don't forget BINGO every third Thursday of each month. The time is 1:00 to 3:00. We have lots of fun and free prizes.

From the cook: We had a nice size crowd for our Father's Day lunch on June 13. Along with a hot meal, we had hot music! Linda, our head cook will be going on a much needed vacation and her position will be filled in by another good

cook, Bobbie Jo.

Call in or sign up for our five area lunch on Monday, June 25. We will be taking a van to Clatskanie.

Bill Yeo, our COLCO and Senior Center Dispatcher, wishes to thank the community for all the visits, cards and flowers during his four day stay in the hospital. We are glad to have Bill back!!

From our COLCO office:

Regrettably, we bid a fond farewell to our Colco driver of over four years, Debbie Benedict. We will miss her, but are

happy she will be relocating back to her home state of Virginia. Believe it or not, not only the same former home state as mine, but the same home town! I'm just hoping she doesn't run into any of my old friends. She would undoubtedly have some REAL Karen Miller stories to tell!! Good-bye, Deb. Sign up for E-mail!!!!

INFORMATION NUMBERS

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

WRC schedules volunteer training

Come and share your skills and talents. Many volunteer opportunities take only a few hours of your time. Some special events require many, many volunteers to be successful (such as dessert dances and annual golf tournaments, for example). You are needed!!

Volunteers are being recruited now as an integral part of the Columbia County Women's Resource Center. Male and female volunteers of all ages are needed. Many volunteers have made both long and short term commitments over the years to Women's Resource Centers'

advocacy programs, support groups, community education programs, outreach services, fundraising, court watch and special projects.

The Columbia County Women's Resource Center offers volunteer training twice a year. The training is designed to prepare you for working at the office and/or The Starting Place shelter and to raise community awareness. This training is an eye opening and enlightening experience.

For more information, call 503-397-7110.

NV Pioneers re-elect '01 officers

More than 100 people gathered at the Natal Grange, June 10, for the annual meeting of the Nehalem Valley Pioneer Association.

In addition to renewing acquaintances, the pioneer descendants enjoyed a picnic lunch, heard the history of the Birkenfeld family, and were entertained by a band from the Cowlitz Valley Old Time Music Association.

Ona Libel and Raymond Johnson, both 93, were the

oldest members attending. Traveling the farthest was Mildred Rimstead of Alaska.

During the business meeting, members re-elected the present officers - president Verne Ferguson of Mist, vice-president Randy Hansen of Mist, and secretary/treasurer Myrtle Slinger of Jewell - for the coming year. They also selected June 9 for the 2002 gathering, which will be held in Jewell.

County Fair seeking talent entries

The 1st Annual Talent Show at the Columbia County Fair will be Friday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Stage 1. Tryouts are Wednesday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m. and semi-finals will be Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Official rules, regulations and entry forms may be picked up at the fair office.

The talent show is open to

Columbia County residents only, in two age brackets: Ages 15 and under and Ages 16 and above.

Prizes in both age groups are: First place is \$200 and qualifies to compete at the Oregon State Fair; Second place is \$150, Third place is \$75.00.

For more information, call Sheryl Mathews at 503-397-4417 or Evelyn Hudson at 503-397-4231.

Evening Vacation Bible School

The Vernonia Community Church will hold Vacation Bible School evenings from June 25 through 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There will be Bible stories, music, puppets, food, games and fun for ages four through

the fifth Grade.

All children are welcome. For

more information, call Pam Weller at 503-429-3400 or Vernonia Community Church at 503-429-6790.



Stars and stripes run throughout Vernonia's business district to remind everyone of the parade and fireworks coming up on Independence Day, thanks to the creative volunteer efforts of Bonnie, Doreen and Adam Buchan.



Isabelle McDaniel and Glenn Purvee combine efforts to continue landscaping around the new sign welcoming people to the City of Vernonia.

Join the Fun at

Vernonia's JULY 4th Celebration

Parade, 7:30 pm*

Concessions

Fireworks Display at Dusk

*Parade will assemble at 7:00 p.m. adjacent to Vernonia City Hall. It will go along Bridge Street and disband at Washington Grade School. All are welcome and there is no registration fee.

Please help fund this annual community event with a generous donation to:

Vernonia Pride
c/o Enid Parrow
842 2nd Avenue
Vernonia, OR 97064

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