

Business Notes

RV, picnic, shower facilities in Anderson Park near completion



Visitors who stay in Anderson Park will no longer have to deal with old RV hookups and restrooms. More than \$300,000 in grants has made it possible for the City of Vernonia to replace the 15 old RV hookups with 19 new ones, complete with water, sewer, electricity, telephone and cable TV. Additional

improvements include new restrooms with showers, all handicapped accessible, and a new, covered picnic shelter. A ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate completion of the park improvements and publicly thank the agencies that provided funding, will be held Friday, Aug. 3, at 1:30 p.m.

Elephant Garlic Festival prepares for another year of stinky fun

FUN STINKS! Again. Garlic chips, garlic ice cream, garlic sausages, garlic pizza and garlic corn-on-the-cob. These delicacies are among the many reeking food dishes at the World's Fourth Annual Elephant Garlic Festival, August 17-19, in North Plains. The ample food offerings can be

washed down with garlic lemonade, garlic lattes, garlic beer and even garlic wine. Admission is free to all festival events.

And, if you have a physique which most closely resembles the herb for which the festival is named, then you'll be poised to win the coveted title of Mr. or

Ms. Elephant Garlic 2001!

The festival opens at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 17, and will run until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 19. A Grand Festival Parade, continuous entertainment for all ages, including live music and puppet shows from two stages, a car show, arts and crafts, pony rides and

much more, is offered to festival goers.

The North Plains Area Chamber of Commerce is the general sponsor of the annual family-friendly World Elephant Garlic Festival. Building on its three-year successes and now into its fourth year, the festival

has been called the fastest growing community event in the Northwest. The Oregonian, the Northwest's largest daily newspaper, is the Presenting Sponsor.

For more information, call the festival hotline at 1-888-771-3708.

Boating safety starts with the owner and operator

Summertime is here, which means that about 17 million boats are hitting the water. Boating is a terrific family activity and is one of the fastest growing outdoor recreations in America.

While safety advancements are continuously being developed, nothing can replace

common sense and good judgment on the part of boaters. No one should take the helm of a boat without boating education.

Remember to use these safety guidelines:

Boat owners:

1. Make sure your boat is in good running condition, includ-

ing fuel, electrical and engine system.

2. Check the weather forecast before you go.

3. Know and watch your boat's passenger capacity.

4. Maintain enough life jackets and personal flotation devices in the right sizes for everyone on board. Make sure everyone wears them.

5. Understand and follow federal and local boating rules and regulations. The U.S. Coast Guard offers refresher courses.

6. Don't drink and drive, and don't allow anyone who has been drinking to drive your boat.

7. Be courteous of other boats and personal watercraft.

Passengers:

1. Wear a life jacket that fits properly and make sure your children do, too.

2. Listen to and respect the captain of the boat.

3. Do not distract the driver or allow your children to do so.

4. Do not insist that boat owners let you drive, especially if you have been drinking.

Free car seat safety clinic slated

The Child Safety Seat Resource Center and Tuahly Healthcare will hold a Car Seat Safety Clinic, July 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Tuahly Community Hospital, 335 SE Eighth Avenue in Hillsboro. Enter the parking garage from SE Eighth Avenue between Baseline and Oak.

More children in the U.S. die from traffic accidents than from any other cause. Six out of 10 of these children die unrestrained in the vehicle. Tragically, nearly half of them would survive if they were restrained properly.

Yet, even when child seats are used, about 85 percent of

them are installed incorrectly, most often with multiple installation errors that actually cancel the injury-prevention advantages of safety seats.

If you transport children in your vehicle, take time to drive through the safety clinic inspection area. It will take just a few minutes for a certified technician to check the safety seat(s) in your vehicle, confirm how to install an infant seat securely, the way to use locking clips properly and when it is safe to switch to an appropriate booster seat as children grow.

The clinic is free and no registration is required.

Sustainable Forestry is topic for Upper Nehalem Watershed Council

The next meeting of the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council will feature a presentation on "Sustainable Forestry" by Charles Laird, a University of Washington professor and small woodland operator in the Vernonia area. The meeting will be July 26, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Mist-Birkenfeld Fire Hall, 12525 Hwy. 202.

A work session will follow the presentation, with a vote to

prioritize actions for the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council "Action Plan."

For more information, call Maggie at 503-429-2401 or e-mail smoothie@vernonia.com

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