

Community

Senior News

By Karen Miller

Raise your hand if you have spent any time lately observing an anthill. I didn't see too many hands out there, but I must admit, while I was observing one last week way out back on our property, I found it quite enlightening. Perhaps we can learn a few lessons from those busy little creatures.

I was particularly fascinated by watching two ants work together to carry a stick much larger than themselves, up a steep dirt pile. As one would drop out, another would appear and take his place. This continued on as they replaced and helped each other reach their goal. No bickering, no accusing and no competition. They just worked...together. Hmmm.

Say, do you like our new

paint job as much as we do? We have Bobby Joe Sumpter, Vance Sumpter and Scott Johnson of Portland to thank for it.

Our new bus is here and running. As of this writing, our first trip was Friday, June 22, to the new Oregon Gardens in Silverton. We will have a more complete report next time. We'll keep you posted on future trips. Want to travel in style? Come join us!

ColCo welcomes aboard two new drivers: Diane Forrest

and Candy Olson, both very capable, dependable and familiar faces about town. Candy also works as our Senior Advocate and Diane, in that department, as well.

Enjoy the sunny days and hope it is nice for Jamboree days...coming soon!

INFORMATION NUMBERS

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

Shelter second anniversary noted

Columbia County Women's Resource Center and The Starting Place will hold an Open House, July 27 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., to celebrate the second year of providing shelter to victims of domestic violence and to thank the community, Columbia County United Way and the Day of Caring volunteers for making a difference in the lives of your neighbors.

V Pride will sell *Pocket in Woods*

A Pocket In The Woods, a book about the history of Vernonia, will be on sale for \$16.00 per copy, during Jamboree at the Vernonia Pride booth in front of the mental health office, 622 Bridge St.

For more information, call Donna Gehrke at 503-429-5201.

For more information, call Cathy or Yolanda at 503-397-7110.

Welcome Additions

Penelope Grace Costley

Penelope Grace Costley was born July 4, 2001, at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland, to Penelope and Brett Costley of Vernonia. She weighed seven pounds and was 21.25 inches long.

Grandparents are John and Penelope Palinkas of Porter, Texas, and Mike and Sandra Costley of Covington, Georgia.

Great-grandparents are Mildred Costley of Covington, and William and Gloria Womack of Kennesaw, Georgia.

Book sale planned by "Friends"

Friends of the Vernonia Public Library will hold a book sale fund-raiser during Jamboree, on Saturday, August 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the old library building, 919 Bridge Street.

In addition to the book sale, raffles will be held for items such as gift certificates from major bookstores, new books from the bestseller list, a poster from Christopher Burkett, re-

Children's panel is seeking members

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications from county citizens interested in serving on the Columbia County Commission on Children and Families. This 20 member volunteer committee makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the expenditure of state and federal funds for programs and services for children and their families in Columbia County. Lay representatives are needed from the Clatskanie, Rainier and Vernonia areas.

For more information, call the Commission on Children and Families at 503-397-7211.

gional books including *Punk, Rotten and Nasty*, by Paul Michael Clock and *Deadfall*, by James LeMonds, children's books and beanie babies.

Only a few months old, the Friends of the Vernonia Public Library is moving forward in their efforts to assist our local library. Membership is at 37, with many people involved in various committees. A constitution, by-laws and vision statement have been adopted, and an application for non-profit tax status is underway.

Membership is open to Vernonia residents for an annual fee of \$5 per individual or \$10 per family, renewable in January of each year.

Presently, members are involved in fundraising, helping with the summer reading program, promoting the ongoing efforts of the library to expand current circulation and increase general knowledge of its services to the public.

Last minute donations for the book sale will be accepted Wednesday, July 25 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the old library building.

For further information, call 503-429-1818.

Final Jamboree meeting slated

The next Vernonia Friendship Jamboree meeting will be July 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Washington Grade School Library. Non-Profit groups interested in an opportunity to earn money by emptying refuse containers should send a representative to this meeting.

Since this will be the last meeting before the event, all event coordinators are asked to attend. As always, the public is welcome to attend and bring your suggestions.

For more information, call Randy Parrow at 503-429-3811 or 503-429-1093.

Welch will replace Edgar as next director of Vernonia Cares

Sandy Welch has been appointed director of Vernonia Cares Inc., to replace Lisa Edgar, whose resignation will be effective August 1.

Welch has lived in Vernonia all of her life and is married to Ron Welch of Cornerstone Construction. They have three children and four grandchildren, all presently residing in Vernonia.

As the new director, Welch will be using leadership skills developed over the years while teaching women's bible study classes, as president and vice-president of Women's Aglow, accountant for Cornerstone Construction and many other

activities.

Vernonia Cares board members feel that Welch's skills and positive outlook will help further the many positive steps taken to help local people in need.

Women' v'ball weekly at VHS

Girls and women interested in playing volleyball are invited to participate in Open Gym, Tuesdays from 7-9:00 p.m. at Vernonia High School.

Brooke Van Meter will be holding open gym through July.

Church Directory

VERNONIA FOURSQUARE CHURCH

Pastor Paul Pastor
850 Madison Avenue
Vernonia, 503 429-1103

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Evening Service
Youth Ministry
Children's Ministry
Nursery Available

Men's Ministry 7:45 a.m.
3rd Saturday each month

VERNONIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Grant Williams, Pastor
957 State Avenue
Vernonia, 503 429-6790

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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
Grant & North Streets
Vernonia, 503 429-3110

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.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Darwin Harvey, Pastor
662 Jefferson
Vernonia, 503 429-4615

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays 7:00 p.m.
Family Night

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

John Cahill, Pastor
359 "A" Street
Vernonia, 503 429-1161

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

NEHALEM VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

Jerry James, Pastor
500 California Ave
Vernonia, 503 429-5378

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Nursery available
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastoral Associate
Juanita Dennis
960 Missouri Avenue
Vernonia, 503 429-8841

Mass Schedule
1st & 3rd Saturdays 4:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays 12 Noon

Religious Education
2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30 a.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.

Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women, Sunday 12:10 p.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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.

ST. AUGUSTINE (CANTERBURY) EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Robert Grafe, Pastor
375 North St. (Vernonia Grange Hall)
Vernonia, 503 429-3700

Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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.

We wish to thank the following merchants and individuals for their donations to Vernonia's annual July 4th Fireworks Display.

—Vernonia Pride

Fred Skidmore & Son Trucking • Holce Logging
Cindy Naillon • Vernonia Realty & Insurance
Cub Scout Pack 201 • Buckner Land Salvage
Gardner Farm & Home Supply • Bill & Faye Sword
Vernonia Lions Club • Bridge Street Mini Mart
Western Auto • Cedar Ridge • Dennis Electric
Cedarwood Timber & Farm • The Independent
Lew's Place • Johnston Company • Allied Logging
Technetwork, Inc. • Grey Dawn Gallery • Jo Ricker
Vernonia Chamber of Commerce • Vernonia Boosters
Curl's Transportation • West Oregon Electric Co-op
Vernonia Providence Employees • Vernonia Sentry
Loren & Robin Dennis • Keenon Land Services, Inc.
Vernonia Country Kitchen • Daniel E. Koch, Inc.
Archie Dass Logging, Inc. • Cedar Side Inn
Ruby Construction, Inc. • Gwin & Sons Logging
RSG Forest Products, Inc. • Weller & Sons Trucking