

Community

Senior News

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Brrr - Spring rain, sun, wind. Mt. Hood or the polar ice cap? I hope your

heating systems are in working order. Mine was and then it wasn't, 7:00 p.m. Monday night till 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday. The house got down to 45 degrees before I allowed myself the privilege of the electric heater. Then, all I could see was \$ going round and round.

Meanwhile, at the senior center things are flying high

and good. Lots of things coming in from you good folks. Computer desk, chairs, materials, yarns, plastic canvas books, books, cute clothing for little folks and small, medium and large folks. Newspapers for OHSU cancer research, knickknacks and much, much more. We are even rearranging again. Come look.

Our Mother's Day Lunch and program was enjoyed by a large group of folks. Music, visiting, birthdays and program. Even a few glitches in drawing for prizes - ho, ho. Best laid plans of mice and men, etc. Oldest Mom: Margret Berndt. Youngest Mom: Alice Behnke. Most grandchildren: Louisa Pelster. Most children: Jennie

Dennis. Newest Mom: Candy Olson (raising her grandson). Five fun drawings. Main door prize (a Lottery ticket donated by Gladys Gans) winner: Cory Tatum. Winner of the Barbie Doll was Carol Ostrander. Lastly, four centerpieces went to the number 8. If you didn't make it, come in and sign up for our Father's Day lunch program on June 12.

What's coming up now :

Spelling Bee - Saturday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Must be at least 50 years old. Come sign up for the fun. User-friendly words this year.

June 12 - Father's Day, sign up for food and fun.

July 3 - Our lunch with

music + ??

July 4 - Auction, Senior Center, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Includes a child auction (only kids bidding). Then cross over to the school for the fireworks at dark. If you wish to donate anything toward our fun fund raiser, feel free to come in and tell Ruth about it. The County fair is in July also. Support our Princess, Ruth Bell, by going.

Hello! Remember to vote May 21. You can't say much if you don't. We all need to participate in "Our" government governing us even if you disagree.

Shock of shocks. I met a couple of ladies last week who did not know we were still serving lunch five days a week. Please pass the word. Perhaps this will pique your palate: "What do homemade blackberry cobbler, peach right-side-up cake, Apple Brown Betty and Strawberry Cheese Cake have in common?" Well, if you ate with us on Tuesdays and Thursdays, you'd get in on Rosie's great deserts. "Delicious" (from a participant).

Now, back to our events:

August 9 is the Senior Picnic at Anderson Park.

August 14 is Grandparents Recognition day.

Now, I want everyone to understand, I am infallible (ho, ho, ho). ColCo phone number is 503-429-4304 and the city bus is in business Monday through Thursday, not as stated in the last paper. Sorry for the

goof. Several of you folks caught it.

If you're feeling left out, come, join the fun. Become a member of the Senior Center. The only requirements are dues of \$10.00 a year and admitting you still have birthdays.

Oh yes, August is Jamboree time. There are more fun things planned.

Don't feel your age and stay home. Come out and meet a friend, old or new. Enjoy the day. Time is fleeting. It's almost time for school to start up again.

Say, one of our seniors accidentally put a metal iron garden stake in the back of someone else's green pickup at Sunnyside on April 20. If the party reads this, please return it to the Senior Center on Bridge Street across from the High School.

From Senior Advocate Karen Miller:

The Senior Wheels USA Program's goal is to develop public awareness that there are assistance options that allow senior citizens (as well as the permanently disabled) to remain independent in their own homes. Stop by or call our office to see if you qualify.

Seniors will honor volunteers for saving lunches

An appreciation "Thank You" will be held May 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center in Vernonia.

Welcome Additions

Joseph Ian MacDiarmid

Joseph Ian MacDiarmid was born March 27, 2002, to Lee MacDiarmid and Mary Roumanos-MacDiarmid of Vernonia. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

He will join his brother, Jacob, and sister, Katherine, at the family home in Vernonia.

Grandparents are Robert and Patsy Roumanos of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Ivan and Sandra MacDiarmid of Port Orchard, Washington.

Great-grandparents are Mary Roumanos of Monroe, Conn., and Harold and Louise Newland of Naples, Florida.

ia. When cutbacks allowed lunches for the Senior Center to be prepared only on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Carol Davis saved the day by stepping forward and volunteering her time and energy to provide lunches on Tues-

days and Thursdays.

Rosie McCoy has been Carol's faithful helper, and many organizations have provided behind the scenes items.

Come and share cake and coffee and meet these two wonderful volunteers!

Invitation to meet exchange students

The community is invited to visit with exchange students from around the area and learn about their countries, cultures and lifestyles on Monday, May 20, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Scout Cabin in Vernonia.

Germany, France, Slovakia, Portugal, Kyrgystan, Japan, and others, will be represented.

Refreshments will be served. This is not a fund raising event. It is an evening for fun and education.

For more information, call Don or Nona Skinner at 503-429-8401.

Swim Lessons

at

Cedar Ridge



Sessions start Monday, July 8. Pick up Registration Forms at Creative Impulse or call Dana Hyde for information at (503) 429-9351

**Remember to vote
and return your
ballot by May 21st**

NOTICE

The INDEPENDENT is published on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Four months of each year, there are five Thursdays, but the publishing schedule is not changed.

There are five Thursdays this month, so there will three weeks between this May 16 issue and the issue of June 6. Deadline for submission of materials for the June 6 issue will be May 31.



VACATION

BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 17-21

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

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