

Community

Senior News

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Well, by George, it has started raining. Good thoughts – no more lawn mowing. Bad thoughts from Shadow (dog walker's pet) – If it's pouring rain, I won't get to walk.

Did you cast your ballot correctly (signing the back of the envelope)?

Even though our Sadie Hawkins Day competed with the weather, two high school programs, the Blazers and a tae kwondo lesson, or if you

just stayed home to keep warm, the stew was awesome, the music was, as always, good. Thank you, Golden Oldies. The Gypsy said, "There was no Vanna White, but the prizes tasted good." Broom Hilda showed up and one gent took a chance and danced with her.

Many thank yous to the following folks for helping to make it a success – donating prizes – Sentry Market, The Independent, Country Kitchen, Leonetti's, Creative Impulse, Bridge St. Espresso, KT's Klutter, Western Auto, the New Hong Kong Restaurant, George Gans and the 4-H Group "All Creatures Great & Small", leader D'Lisa Watts, teen

leader Amanda Watts, Billi Avila and Sheryl Newbury from Buxton and Kim Stringfield of Vernonia and all the seniors who helped make it work. Thanks.

Do you want to have a voice in the Senior Center in 2003? Here's how to make your wishes count. It only takes a \$10 bill once a year to make a difference. See Ruth at the center. Become a member. Your voice counts.

November Business Meeting was the 18th.

December Business Meeting is December 13 at 1:00 p.m. Election of 2003 officers.

Please become interested and involved in your Senior Center.

Forgive me for mentioning this, but we could use some help with our planned Thanksgiving Dinner - Noon on November 22. Come in, sign up for dinner or sign up to help serve or to donate a pie. If you have a spare turkey, we would appreciate that also. Jamie will cook it. Thank you, in advance.

I'm in shock again, so I will try and explain what the Senior Center in Vernonia is all about and how anyone can avail themselves of our friendship and services offered.

#1. The name does not mean its only for Seniors (55 years and older), it is because that's the people that, so to speak, run the business.

#2. You can be pink, white, black or green. Color, nationality or age is not an issue. Your pocketbook is not an issue in the dining room or the thrift store.

To have a voice (one vote), be 50 years of age and pay yearly dues of \$10.00.

#3. Anyone can come and visit, shop, eat Monday through Friday. You can take advantage of the bread, etc. Wednesday and Saturday. It is a donation-only expense.

Want a place to sit and sip coffee? We've a TV area and, honest, none of us bite.

Come in, introduce yourself. We've even got a jig saw puzzle going all the time.

Thursday afternoons, bring in your friends. It's game day, if you can get up a two or four-some. Cribbage, pinochle, even Mexican train (we've got the cards, etc., just no people).

See you in two weeks in print.

P.S. Does anyone around Vernonia have fresh rabbit meat to sell? I'm interested in acquiring some.

One more thing I have to say, but I must change hats here and I am dead serious.

Are you going to have a full, well-rounded Christmas dinner this year? Candied sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, olives, stuffed celery, potatoes and turkey gravy, hot dinner rolls, pumpkin pie and a golden brown turkey with leftovers? I pray that you are. And now, did you know that the folks who count on Vernonia Cares may not be lucky enough to have a turkey in their baskets, or even if they will have a basket. In October, we served 95 families. Last year, 100 baskets were used at Christmas. This year, we figure we will need 150 to be sure we can meet the need.

We can use money donations or 10 to 20 pound frozen turkeys. You can receive a tax deduction, if you wish.

To make your Christmas a blessing, buy two birds, one for you and the other for a friend in need. Take it to Vernonia Cares by December 10. They will be much appreciated.

Arness-Oliver wedding in Colorado



Gabrielle Megan Arness and Ivan Robert Oliver were married May 18, 2002 at Valmont Community Presbyterian Church in Boulder, Colorado.

Mrs. Oliver is working on her doctorate in Music at the University of Oregon and Mr. Oliver is a videographer at Channel

9 in Eugene.

The bride is the daughter of Stanley L. Arness, deceased, and Stephanie Arness of Berkeley, California.

The groom graduated from Vernonia High School in 1991. He is the son of Margaret Oliver of Vernonia.

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