

Community

Senior News

By Jacqueline Ramsay



and good food.

There was a pie and cake auction just before dinner was served. The monies raised went into our New Center Building Fund. If you are curious as to what it is for, dining room furniture, easy chairs and tables for meeting rooms, craft rooms, office equipment, washer, dryer, ironing board and iron and hundreds of things a new building can't be without, like carpet, for one big item, new kitchen items we don't have at present, and so on.

As you noticed, we were closed for several days for

shifting, shoving, building and generally moving everything but the walls. We would have done that too, if we could have. Come in and see. It will be easier to shop. Honest, there is a children's department now (all in one place). The craft area is much more accessible and the clothing area is easier to navigate, even if you're not a sailor.

December events:

December 7, 8, 9 - The Quilt Raffle drawing is at 4:00 p.m. on the 8th. Chances are 3/\$1.00

December 20 - Business Meeting, including election of new officers for 2003.

There is no 5 Area Luncheon in December.

The center will be closed for Christmas Day, December 25, open the preceding days and the following days.

I've cleaned house, baked my pies and mixed up the roll dough, so I'm set for the turkey and trimmings someone else is

going to fix.

See you all at the bazaar.

Lake walking is very invigorating, but worth the peace and quiet the lake provides.

From Senior Advocate Karen Miller:

We at the Senior Center again wish to express our appreciation to all you generous people who donate throughout the year(s) to our auctions and fundraisers. One of our fine business owners and fellow seniors that fits this category is Bridge Street Mall owner Charlie (Barney Phillips). If you missed the chance to win some of his delicious candy at our Sadie Hawkins Dinner/dance, it's not too late to Christmas shop at Barney's "Oh Fudge" in downtown Vernonia.

Thanks, Barney, and thank you to all our local business owners. Community spirit: That's what small town living is all about!

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Winter Gala will feature chamber choir of Columbia Chorale group

Preparations are in full swing for the annual Columbia County Citizens for Human Dignity (CCCHD) winter community dinner event, Kaleidoscope: A Winter Gala. This year's dinner will held January 18, 2003, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Buccini Hall, St. Frederick's Catholic Church, in St. Helens.

The planned event will be an evening of social fun and entertainment featuring a full course dinner and entertainment by the Chamber Choir of the Columbia Chorale of Oregon. The purpose of the event is to raise funds needed to carry on the work of human rights and human dignity in Columbia County as well as to support CCCHD programs and services.

This year's menu has a Southwest theme, with blue corn muffins with chile and cheese, Ancho chicken breasts with Cumberland sauce, fiesta rice and roast vegetables, a Southwest Caesar Salad, and ending with a dessert of lime sauce over fresh fruit.

Tickets for the event are \$25 per person and are available at the following locations: Beds Plus, 52567 Columbia River Highway, Scappoose, St. Helens Book Shop, 1550 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, and the CCCHD/ROP Office, 33421 SW Maple, Scappoose.

Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor or volunteering to help make the dinner a success, is asked to contact Marcy Westerling, Rural Organizing Project; call 503-543-8417, or e-mail marcy@rop.org.

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Enjoy Bazaar with kids at Cheer Clinic

If you would like an opportunity to do a little shopping without your children, Vernonia High School Cheerleaders will be holding a cheer clinic for children ages four to twelve in conjunction with the Christmas in Vernonia Bazaar.

The clinic will be in the east

basement at Washington Grade School on Saturday, December 7, from Noon until 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per child. The girls will be teaching cheers that will be performed at the Valentine's Day Basketball Game. Another clinic is scheduled for February 8.

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