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We will be needing a secretary as, due to other commitments, Jacqueline Ramsay is resigning. So we will be looking for a new secretary at our February 11th meeting. Our meeting will be held at the museum that evening at 7:00 p.m. We have been asked by the Cedar Milers Volkssport Club to allow them to use the museum as their start/finish point on Saturday, April 17 and Sunday, April 18 for their walk. I would like to discuss this with our members at this meeting. Please try to attend this meeting.

**Enid Parrow
President
Vernonia Pioneer Museum**

Food Bank thanks all for support

To the Editor:

Columbia Pacific Food Bank (CPF) would like to extend many thanks to all the individuals, schools, businesses, civic and community groups that set aside their time and resources to our cause this year. Through your personal donations, your volunteer commitment and your support at CPF food and fund drives, we have witnessed your dedication to eliminating hunger in our community.

In 2003, CPF provided over 732,000 lbs. of food and household products to 20 local hunger-relief agencies throughout our community. At CPF Emergency Food Box Pantries throughout Columbia County, 25,031 of our neighbors were assisted with emergency food that helped them get through hard times.

CPF was also able to serve over 140 members of our Brown Bag food program, monthly, due to the service of a group of dedicated volunteers and the continual generosity of our community.

This year CPF has seen a community that has taken a sincere interest in the hunger issue. Without a community that gives, Columbia Pacific Food Bank would not have been able to meet the growing need for emergency food throughout our county.

Thank you,
**Tracie Smith
Executive Director
Columbia Pacific Food Bank**

Ed. Note: Vernonia Cares is one of the emergency food pantries served by CPF.

Did you know...

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answer can be one or all.

My experience shows me that we are only helping to perpetuate more criminal activity by ignoring the facts of drug use. Many people think that drug use is a victimless crime. It is not. The impact of drug use ruins lives, families, and destroys personal trust and integrity, the very basis of our individual dignity.

Do drug users a favor. Report them to the police. If you know a relative has stolen from you to pay for a drug habit, do them a favor, call the police. You will see that many of the thefts that have occurred this month were likely articles that could be fenced for cash and

turned into drugs. If you are afraid, tell another family member or good friend so they can help. Don't sit on your hands and let it end in tragedy. If you know where the person is getting his or her drugs tell the police. We can only help if you get involved, too.

The police department recently raided a well-known drug house here in town. Just think of the stolen property and family dignity that was lost due to the activities there.

We can see each day in our community how drugs have affected families and the family unit. Let's all work together to reverse this horrible trend that continues to hurt moms and dads, brothers and sisters.

If you hear a voice within you say, "you cannot paint," then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced.

*Vincent Van Gogh,
Dutch painter (1853 - 1890)*

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Obituary

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2000. She worked at the Mist Store and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Kerri Allen and Samantha Francisco, both of Hillsboro; one brother, Michael; five grandchildren; a niece and a nephew.

Remembrances are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

Wherity Family was in charge of arrangements.

MARJORIE NELL EVERETT

Marjorie Nell Everett, 78, Vernonia, died January 19, 2004. Private services were held.

Mrs. Everett was born July 12, 1925, in Dunmor, Kentucky, to Loren Jackson and Lena L. (Martin) McPherson. She was raised and educated in Pontiac, Michigan.

In 1951, she married Leo B. Everett. They made their home in various cities in California until moving to Vernonia in 1999. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Homer and Alton McPherson.

Survivors include her husband; one

daughter, LaDonna Perigo of Garibaldi; one brother, Lenny McPherson of Denver, Colorado; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Westside Cremation and Burial Service was in charge of arrangements.

VEDA C. MAAG

Veda C. Maag, 87, Birkenfeld, died January 26, 2004. Private services were held.

Mrs. Maag was born November 28, 1916, in Balfour, N.D. Her maiden name was Riebe.

In 1937, she married Arthur Maag. They moved to Portland in the early 1950s. She moved to Birkenfeld eight years ago.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include four daughters, Barbara Smith, Sherrill Hoepner, Marilyn Ring and Patricia Rice; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

Mt. Scott Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DEADLINE 2004 DOG LICENSE

Elizabeth E. Huser, Columbia County Clerk, reports that the deadline for licensing dogs in Columbia County* is

MARCH 6, 2004

You may mail your rabies vaccination certificate (if not on file in our office) along with the appropriate fee to Columbia County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051. Commercial and non-commercial kennel licenses are available. Contact Clerk's Office for information.

**To All Columbia County* Dog Owners
\$10 Penalty after March 6, 2004
\$25 Penalty after April 5, 2004 (Without Citation)
\$50 PENALTY IF CITATION IS ISSUED**

Dog License Fees are due on ALL DOGS IN THE COUNTY* with permanent teeth or that are six months of age in 2004.

*Does not apply to the City of St. Helens, which will handle dog licensing for residents within the city limits.

FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

On or Before March 6, 2004
REGULAR, NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....\$30.00
DOG SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....\$12.00
SENIOR CITIZEN-DOG NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED...\$15.00
SENIOR CITIZEN-DOG SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....\$5.00
(Senior Citizen is 65 Years or Older - 1 per Household)
REPLACEMENT TABS.....\$5.00

2004 APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE

Owner: _____
Residential Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
_____ Zip: _____
2003 License No.: _____ Phone: _____
Dog's Name: _____
Breed: _____
Sex (Check one): Male Female
Neutered: Spayed:

A VALID (Good through Oct. 31, 2004) Rabies Vaccination Certificate MUST accompany this application or be ON FILE in the Courthouse, along with a spayed/neutered certificate if applicable.

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