

Senior News

By Karen Miller



Thanks to one and all who took part in making our fourth annual Senior

Moments Bazaar a great success – shoppers especially seemed to appreciate our thrift store being open both Saturday and Sunday, but...the best news: That beautiful hand-stitched quilt brought in over \$1,000 and was won by Sandra Avannesian from Edmonds, Washington. Congratulations, Sandra, from all of us envious raffle ticket buyers! GOOD JOB quilters.

This note from head quilter and organizer, Louise Hamnett, "THANKS to all the set-up people: Sue Goodhope, Faith Reynolds, Sharon Gibson, Fran Hendrix, Ilene Grady and Romanna Manusos and to all the extra help after closing from husbands and all. Thank you to all the customers who helped make a successful quilt raffle."

Louise, we can't express our appreciation enough for all your time and effort in heading up this project every Tuesday all year long, and during the finale: The Bazaar, you and all your helpers, Faith, Susan, and others who help. Your generous donation from the raffle will be put to good use at the Vernonia Senior Center.

It is people like them and ALL our volunteers that make the Center run: The Center's Board is all volunteer; Bill James, Carl Holsey, Bill Yeo, Pat Derrick, Dick Rosin, Necia

DeWitt, Gail Snethen, Floyd Ragner, Gene Baska, and George Gans.

• Thank you to all our volunteers who come in to help do things, run the thrift store, odd jobs, etc.; Sharon Gibson, Pat Lloyd, Romanna Manusos, Susan Fudge, Linda Teleff, Marie Due, Neil Vandehey, Larry Bernardi (SPECIAL THANKS, Larry!), Allen Russell, Russ Taylor who washes lunch dishes every day, all the band members that come faithfully every Wednesday, Tessie Aldrich who makes great pies, Bill Yeo for all the extra things you do, Gladys Gans, Gene Winningham and family, Bernice, Donnie and Elsie Frey, Elaine James on computer, and all of our lunchtime servers from various local organizations.

Thank you to the Bill Yeo Family for their kind monetary donation at Thanksgiving.

Seems like thank yous continue to be in order; we'd also like to thank Metro West Ambulance Vernonia Volunteer Association and Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District as they faced off against one another at a basketball fundraiser game December 5 and their generous donation to the Vernonia Senior Center from that fun evening!

Thrift Store News: Remember 1/2 price day is the LAST Friday of the month, plus a few surprise 1/2 price days in between. Come in and shop; it could be your lucky 1/2 price day!!

Thank you to Community Action Team for funding for seniors to come in and get their feet pampered by Judy of "Happy Feet!" Judy is here the last

Friday of each month; an appointment IS needed; slots fill up fast. Call my office at 429-9112 to sign up. Need a ride? Metro West can bring you in. Call their office at 429-4304.

Community Action Team, an organization dedicated to investing in your community is now on the web: Click onto their services at <www.columbia-center.org/cat> and see where they may be of service to you!

LEGAL AID SERVICES:

Community Action Team has limited funding for seniors 60 years old and older residing in Columbia County. Call my office at 429-9112 to see if this service can meet a need for you.

Happy Holiday Season to one and all! Take note of the Center's holiday hours:

- Dec. 24 – CLOSED
- Dec. 25, 26 – CLOSED

REMEMBER:

- Pastries and bread Wednesday and Saturday a.m.
- Bingo, Mondays at lunch.
- Music with the Golden Oldies on Wednesdays.
- Games on Thursdays.
- Willoughby Hearing every second Friday at 11:00 a.m.
- Sign language class on Mondays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Free blood pressure checks the first and third Tuesdays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

If you know of a senior who would like a visit from the Senior Advocate or has any senior needs and concerns, call our office.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

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



Scene from the "Christmas in the Country" Bazaar at Washington Grade School on December 4, 2004. See page 11 for additional pictures from this bazaar and the "Senior Moments" Bazaar held at the Senior Center on the same day.

Special Christmas church services

Christmas Eve Services

Everyone who would like to celebrate Christmas is invited to the following services.

Nehalem Valley Bible Church

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m., corner of Grant and North Streets, Vernonia.

Vernonia Community Church

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m., 957 State Avenue, Vernonia.

Christmas Mass

St. Mary's Catholic Church

A mass celebrating the Miracle of Christmas, December 25 at 10:00 a.m., 960 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia.

To the many friends who have been asking, **Barney Phillips** may be contacted at **Lorna's Place, Inc.**

11460 SW Viewmount Lane Tigard, OR 97223
It will please him to hear from all of you.

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