

Scouts hold Blue & Gold Banquet



Photo by Kinnell Steward

Wednesday, February 16, 2005, was a very special evening for Cub Scout Pack 201. It was the annual Blue and Gold Banquet, which, this year marked Scouts 75th Anniversary.

Pat Lloyd spoke about his memories of Cub Scouting and Boy Scouts and how commitment to earning his Eagle rank benefited him in many aspects of his life. He even shared his Eagle award in the original box, Scout books, his merit sash hats and stories.

Bob Burnett also spoke about life in the early 1930's and shared that his children and now his grandson enjoyed and are enjoying Scouting. Bob brought an issue of a 1934 Boys Life magazine that he shared with everyone.

Scott Rethwill, a Lions mem-

Providence gift to zoo for kids

The Oregon Zoo Foundation has received a \$25,000 gift from Providence Health Plans to support education programs that help underserved children grow and thrive.

"Providence Health Plans was impressed with our programs that give disadvantaged youth real opportunities to learn, improve their communication skills and increase their self-esteem," according to Tony Vecchio, zoo director.

The zoo has nearly 30 years of experience in the development and implementation of educational programs and community service opportunities for children and teenagers.

"The Oregon Zoo's programs have made a positive difference in the lives of Portland-area children," says Jack Friedman, chief executive,

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ber, brought his Cub Scout uniform, a photo album of pack memories and crafts that he had made.

True Value donated the balloons and helium that were used to help decorate the event. Vernonia Community Church and Pastor Grant Williams donated the use of the gymnasium and the kitchen facilities.

Several of the boys earned their ranks and many hard earned awards. The Pack also presented a special framed certificate to the Lions for their commitment and support of scouting.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



lawn.

I'm still upset. Read the Letters to the Editor.

Did you go to the Donkey Basketball game? It was a fun evening and Chief Workman, you have a pleasant voice – to me that was the highlight of the evening.

Shadow has assessed the duck feed problem and is sure we won't need a Cracked Corn Drive till next fall. Thank you to each person that gave this winter. They, the ducks, are all fat, sassy and happy and getting bread from kids and adults alike. Duck feeding used 25-26 bags, 50# each.

While everyone has Social Security on his mind – Have you heard of Notch Babies??

I'm one and so are a lot of my friends, we are already short-changed every month.

The robins are back, getting fat on worms, so it won't be long before the hummingbirds show up. Get your sugar water ready.

Attention: Anyone that likes Bingo – Vernonia American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m. on the 1st

and 3rd Saturdays at least thru May. Cost for three games – \$1.00. Prizes are cash. Monies made are divided three ways; Vernonia Senior Center, American Legion and prize cash. The Legion is building a fund so they can start a Junior Baseball League as well as sending youth to Boys & Girls State.

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