

Wagner family loses almost everything to Hurricane Katrina



Above, a "before" Hurricane Katrina picture of Craig and Carolyn Wagner's home in Biloxi, Mississippi. Below, another "after" shot, showing nothing left but pilings and garbage.



Forest Grove Senior Center to hold Mayors' Ball

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with featured wines from Montinor and Elevenglad Vineyards.

Music and dancing will run from 8:00 p.m. till midnight, featuring the D C & S Trio. In preparation for the Ball, Banks Dance Academy will offer three, free, one-hour dance lessons, to be held at the center on September 12, 16, and the 19, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Call 503-357-2021 early to make reservations.

Funds from the benefit will

be used to help meet the needs of seniors in the area, including the Home Delivered Meal Program, Lunch Time Meals served at the center, the Senior Guardianship Assistance Program, (Sr. GAP) plus many more activities and services. These programs provide valuable services that enable older adults and people with disabilities to maximize their independence, self-sufficiency and dignity.

Confirming attendance at this

time are Senator Bruce Starr, representatives from Senator Gordon Smith's office, Mayor Richard Kidd of Forest Grove, Mayor Tom Hughes of Hillsboro, Mayor Sally Harrison of Vernonia, Mayor Rick Lorenz of Gaston, and Mayor Cheri Olson of North Plains. Tickets are still available from the Forest Grove Senior Center, 503-357-2021.

Sponsors for the event are Henningsen Cold Storage Co., Soloflex Inc., Tuality Healthcare, and West Coast Bank.

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anchors got mixed up with a downed pine tree. They also made another, much smaller find...an unbroken vase made by local artist Jeff Patterson, that Carolyn had bought during a visit to Vernonia.

Craig is now working from loaned office space in Picayune. Caroline, a registered nurse, has gone back to the hospital where she works. She sleeps at the hospital and goes to Picayune when off work.

Boxes in local businesses for local donations

Local residents Sonny Thompson, Doug Grant and Ron Grant have arranged for placement of boxes where goods can be donated for Katrina victims.

Acceptable items include nonperishable food, clothing, stuffed animals and financial donations.

Look for the donation boxes at US Bank, Vernonia Sentry, Vernonia City Hall and Vernonia Post Office. The box that was at Bridge Street Mini Mart has now been moved but, as with everyone involved, their cooperation was also appreciated.

Financial donations may also be arranged by calling 503-429-1832.

Banks Scout Troop 581 will hold fundraiser

Banks Boy Scout Troop 581 will hold a fundraiser for victims of Hurricane Katrina, September 16 and 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Jim's Thriftway Market in Banks.

All donations will go to the Northwest Medical Team to help aid the hurricane

A fund has been set up to help the Wagners get back on their feet. Anyone who would like to help may send a check or money order to the Craig Wagner Family Relief Fund, Acct No.1811773232, Washington Mutual Bank, 14700 SW Teal Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97007. The account number should be written on the checks. Donations can be made to that account number at any branch of Washington Mutual.

Cycle Oregon leaves Saturday



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Local volunteers will help serve dinner on Friday and others will rise early enough to help serve breakfast on Saturday.

The riders will leave Vernonia Saturday on the tour's last leg, heading up through Mist and Birkenfeld to Astoria.

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