

Community

Senior News

By Karen Miller



What a great trip I had down to northern California last week. The beautiful fall

leaves in Plumas County, Quincy (where my dad was born), Butte County, Chico (where my great grandfather was a stage coach driver along some of the northern California routes. He lucked out though and never got held up by stagecoach robber Black Bart), and Lassen County, Susanville, where I found some cousins I never knew existed. But, I kid you not, the most dangerous road I traveled in all those 1,400 miles was leaving town here at 6:00 a.m. on Highway 47! Now granted, most people speed up to pass, but...in the dark?...on corners?...on double yellow lines? Yikes!! Looks to me like the safe driving class that will be coming here soon ought to be filled! I would like to say, this is a very informative class NOT JUST for those senior drivers; there is a lot of good information that all of us need to be reminded of; so call here and join up for a very well spent \$10 for AARP Safe Drivers Class. Remember, NO TESTS!

Our sincere condolences to Ron Nordstrom on the passing of his mother, Helen Nordstrom from Birkenfeld. Also, our sympathies to Alan Russell on the passing of his oldest son in Seattle, Washington.

Thank you to those who donated money toward our new bread hauling trailer. We have not quite reached our goal of \$4,400. We are looking for a responsible person with a vehicle to pick up the bread at Oregon Food Bank at Cornelius Pass and West Union Road; this person will be reimbursed for gas. Thank you to George Gans and Larry Bernardi for taking some turns picking up the bread. Without volunteers, this will be a difficult service to continue.

Many thanks, once again, to the ladies from The Grove Assisted Living in Forest Grove for bringing all the ice cream and trimmings, at no charge, here at lunch time every LAST

Wednesday of the month. We have a great crowd here on Wednesdays thanks to our band, The Golden Oldies, which consists of Al Schaeffer, Art Isakson, Bob Eastman, Delores Varner, Eleanor Thompson, Duke Gortler, Dorothy Schmidlin, Mike Yeman, Pat Wheeler, Ron Durham, and whoever else gets a yearning to jump in once in a while!!

Don't forget our blue light specials: When the light is on, read our eraser board to see what's half price!!

If you are in need of guidance through the maze of new information coming out now on Medicare Part D, please call my office, 429-9112.

REMEMBER: Safe Driving Class will be available soon. Call me to reserve your spot!

COOL CYBER RESOURCE: <www.worstpills.org> for an expert, independent source for prescription drug information.

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.
- Jazzercise class at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.
- Sign language class at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

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

Medicare D information November 10

A public meeting on the ins and outs of the new federal program for prescription drugs, Medicare Part D, will be held Thursday, November 10, at 1:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Senior Center.

Greg Russo, of the Oregon

PEO again offers Xmas wreaths

Christmas wreaths are being offered for sale by PEO as their annual scholarship fundraiser. All wreaths and products are hand-tied using a variety of high grade Oregon-raised greens, dipped in a biodegradable preservative.

Prices for the 12" ring, 25" outside diameter wreaths will remain the same as last year at \$18.00. Shipping boxes will be available for \$3.00 each. Special orders for swags, garlands, crosses, and trees will be taken until November 15.

Call Mary at 503-429-4814 (True Value) or at 503-429-7214 in the evenings. All orders must be prepaid.

Concert features Grammy winner

Steve Archer will be in concert Sunday, November 6, at 9:45 a.m. at Vernonia Community Church, 957 State Avenue. Archer is a Grammy Award winning performer with a passion for Christ.

Please come for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and stay for the concert that follows. A free will offering will be taken. Call Pastor Grant at 503-429-6790 for more information.

Department of Human Services, and Nancy Harwood, of Columbia County RSVP, will present information and answer questions about the program.

The meeting is open not just to those on Medicare and Med-

icaid, but to all who are interested, including caregivers or family members who will be needing the information. Community members who would be willing to help seniors through the maze of information are also invited to attend.

Enjoy entertainment for good cause

Enjoy an evening of entertainment with music, dance, comedy, and surprises of all sorts, November 18, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Washington Grade School gym.

Vernonia Hands on Art is sponsoring this community variety show to benefit Habitat for Humanity's housing program

for hurricane victims. Sally Harrison will emcee a great show of local talent presenting Broadway show tunes and gospel music, instrumentalists and vocalists, tap dancing and folk dancing...and much more.

Tickets will be \$5.00 at the door. Childcare will be available.

Help make 50th Jamboree special

Community members are invited to join in the planning for Vernonia's 50th Friendship Jamboree at a Jamboree meeting on Tuesday, November 8, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Fresh ideas and lots of enthusiasm will be welcome, so

join the committee and be part of the history of this special Jamboree.

There will be election of officers for the positions of president and secretary. Plans for a new rodeo and live music will also be discussed.



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Holiday Open House November 12 & 3, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.