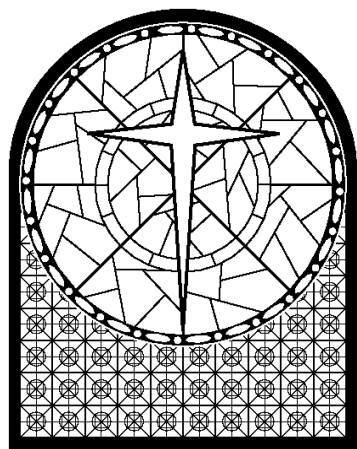


## Community

### Community Church holiday services



Vernonia Community Church has scheduled special services for the holiday season. On Christmas Eve there will be a service at 7:00 p.m., on Christmas day there will be a service at 11:00 a.m. and on New Year's Day, there will be a service at 11:00 a.m.

The Vernonia Community Church is located at 957 State Ave., Vernonia. Call Grant at 503-429-6790 with any questions.

### Holiday potluck at Vernonia Grange

There will be a holiday potluck dinner, main entree provided, at the Vernonia Community Grange on Monday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. The potluck is to thank those who have used and supported the Community Grange building over the past year, but everyone is invited.

Anyone interested in using the building for upcoming meetings or activities is encouraged to come on down, enjoy the food and see the fa-

cility firsthand.

The Community Grange building has been a part of the Vernonia landscape since it was built in 1907. Over the years it has been used for many activities and programs beside the regular Grange meetings and has provided hall space for numerous clubs, groups, churches and labor boards, etc. Everyone is invited to check it out.

The Vernonia Grange is located at 357 North Street.

### Pioneer Museum holiday offerings

Catch the holiday spirit at the Vernonia Pioneer Museum by celebrating with hot cider, Christmas cookies, and music on Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18. The museum has been decorated for the holidays by Debbie Larson, who loaned her decorations and expertise to help make the museum look festive. Don't miss this opportunity to visit the

museum in its holiday decor.

The museum will be closed on December 24, 25, 31, and January 1 for the holidays.

The next meeting of the Pioneer Museum committee will be January 11, at 7:00 p.m. when election of officers will take place. All board positions are up for re-election. Community members are invited to participate.

### Live nativity offered in St. Helens

A "Community Celebration of the Savior's Birth" will be presented Friday, December 16, and Saturday, December 17, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in St. Helens, on Sykes Road just a half-mile west of Hwy 30.

Everyone is invited to participate in this beautiful expression of the true meaning of Christmas. Ponder that long ago night of nights as you visit the live nativity and enjoy beautiful music while you stroll past the indoor displays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each night.

Then join the members for an evening of sacred music at

the free Christmas Concert beginning at 7:00 p.m. featuring three choirs – adult, youth, and children – from the surrounding communities. A nursery will be provided. The live nativity will run nightly, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

## Senior News

By Karen Miller



the nation's first and largest classroom refresher for motorists. Although it is intended to target those of us age 50 and over, any age can be a part of this course; learn how to avoid driving hazards, save on auto insurance discounts, minimal fee (only \$10) and NO TESTS!!!! January 12 and 13 here at the Vernonia Senior Center, 12:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call my office to sign up, Karen Miller, 429-9112.

THANK YOU to Willie Brewer for organizing this year's Christmas Bazaar. We appreciate all our volunteer helpers who put their time, effort and talents to work in helping promote the center's events. It is because of people like you that we are here and a part of this community.

Thank you to Laura Buckner, John and Vicky Brewer, Bill and Dorothy Howard and Connie, our cook, for donating their delicious homemade goodies to sell to benefit our center; helpers Joyce Vaughn, Peggy Cone; our talented sign maker, Pat Lloyd; our quilters, Faith Reynolds, Susan Goodhope, Louise Hamnett, Fran Hendrix; and thrift shop helpers, Roman-na Manusos and Marie Due.

Thank you to the high school personnel for working with us in sending your students over on our lunch hour to help serve. The seniors enjoy seeing the young adults!

TAKE NOTE: Our election

day has been changed to December 23 for elections of new officers. Members, be here at 1:00 p.m. to cast your vote!!

MEDICARE PART D: Call my office if you need guidance on working through this new prescription plan. Have internet? Log onto <www.medicare.com> or call 1-800-MEDICARE.

Note from President Bill James: We are going to put on a trial breakfast December 16, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., here at the Center. We will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon and/or sausage, fruit, juice and coffee for the unbelievably low price of \$2.50. So, don't eat your Cheerios that morning, come in for a hot breakfast instead.

Northwest Medical Team will be at the Scappoose Senior Center this month for emergency dental work seniors may need at that time. Call for information.

Don't forget blood pressure checks here at the Center at around 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month. These are free.

Next up Footcare: December 30. Your feet are worth a \$15 pampering!

PARKINSON's support group will now be available at the Scappoose Senior Center. Call me for details.

Attorney Madelynne Sheehan shared with seniors here on Wednesday, November 30,

concerning her new practice and looking forward to developing an elder law specialty. Come in for information.

Cool Cyber Resource: Check out: <oregon.networkof-care.org>.

It's been a honor to serve the center and the senior community through this Senior News column in *The Independent*. Thank you to Noni, Dirk, Clark and Rebecca for this opportunity. May I conclude this final 2005 column by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas with friends and family and thank you to those serving our country here and abroad, for our land of the free, BECAUSE of the brave.

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.

#### 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 at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays.

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



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