

**Community**

**Davis is new museum president**

Carol Davis was elected president of the Vernonia Pioneer Museum Association at their January business meeting. Ralph Keasey will serve as vice-present, Barbara Larsen as secretary and Ilene Grady as temporary treasurer.

Items from the Lois Clark and Malmsten estate were received for the museum. Included are news articles about births, marriages and deaths of Vernonia people dating back to the 40s and earlier, plus some very old year books from Vernonia High School, and very old toys and clothes. The items also include a quilt that came with the Malmsten family to Vernonia in the 1870s.

Museum talks are scheduled for most of the year. On January 29, Nancy Dailey will speak about her grandmother, Nettie Lloyd, who was a midwife in Vernonia.

The media center is ready for use. The computer has articles previously printed by former Vernonian Bob New. The television and DVD player can be used to watch museum talks and oral histories. New will give a presentation and introduce the media center during his talk on February 26.

Because this year will see

**Old voter cards worth 1¢ apiece**

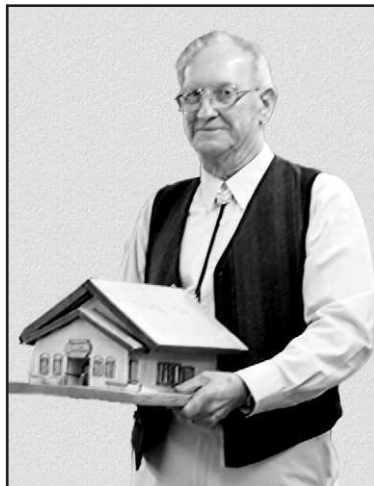
Secretary of State Bill Bradbury announced on January 11, the release on new voter registration cards and a program to collect old voter registration cards and benefit schools.

The Secretary of State will pay each Oregon public K-12 school one penny for every old voter registration card it collects. An easy way to tell the difference between the old and the new cards is that the new cards have a bar code on them, while the old cards do not. Old voter registration cards collected by schools can be from phone books, donations from voter registration organizations (such as students, unions, and nonprofits), or anywhere else that old voter registration cards may be found.

"I call on Oregonians to bring old voter registration cards to their favorite Oregon public school, and I will pay each school one penny for

the 50th Jamboree, the museum committee will be putting together a display of what Vernonia looked like 50 years ago. If anyone has pictures to give or loan, they would be welcome.

The public is invited to visit the museum and enjoy the museum talks. During the January 29 museum talk, you can expect to hear the story of the small, small baby that was kept warm on the oven door.



**Outgoing Senior Center president, Bill James, shown with the birdhouse the center presented him in thanks for his service. The birdhouse is a replica of the Senior Center made by Jim Coen.**

every old registration card it collects." said Bradbury. "This is an easy way to provide a few extra pennies for Oregon education, while making sure that voter registrations are accurate and up-to-date." The penny-per-card payments will use federal Help America Vote Act funds, not state funds.

Under the federal Help America Vote Act, voter registration  
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**Senior News**

By Karen Miller



As of this writing, late s t breaking news in town: If you own an amphibian

car you might be in luck with all this rain. Speaking of... I'll never forget, I was with a friend on a drive, only he drove right into Lake Washington up in Seattle, was that ever a startling event! After we paddled around for awhile, we drove up the ramp, and on down the road we went. More "break"ing news: Join us for "break"fast every Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. for pancakes and eggs and more trimmings'. Only \$2.50. What a deal!

Thanks and a hat tip to more helpers around here at the Center: Bill Yeo, our auctioneer, and I mean REAL auctioneer, does a great job when we need him, and for others also. Bill has been overseer of our bread donation days for a long time, and is MetroWest dispatcher. Thank you to board member Jim Coen for taking a load of excess items over the hill for us every Wednesday; the thrift area gals are most appreciative.

If anyone is in need of rags, personal or for business, please call or come in here. We get an excess of rags which come in handy for many things.

Programs form Community Action Team:

PEER COUNSELING: This is designed to give supportive mentoring to anyone age 60 and over living in Columbia County. Currently, here in Vernonia, we have one very capa-

ble person volunteering to be trained with Columbia Mental Health. Call my office if you know of anyone who may be in need of this confidential service.

RESPIRE CARE: If you are caring for anyone 60 and up, we have a program of relief care for the caregivers. Also, if you are a grandparent taking care of grandkids; this program might be for you!

OPI (Oregon Project Independence): This is a program for seniors who meet the guidelines for receiving help in the home.

Please call my office for information on any of these programs.

FOOTCARE: Judy, our foot-care nurse, is now coming to Vernonia twice a week when clients dictate. Judy does a great job for only \$15.

MEDICARE PART D: Call my office if you need guidance through this maze of information.

We would like to remind the community of the illegal dumping of certain items like T.V.'s,

appliances, mattresses, etc. in our parking lot and request your help in policing this any time of day. Informants will remain confidential.

Call my office to sign up for the next AARP Safe Driving class.

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.

**INFORMATION NUMBERS**

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

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