

# Community



Lei Williamson, above, serving up chicken pieces during the Vernonia Cares Food Bank BBQ Chicken Meal fundraiser on July 29. Vernonia Cares cleared just over \$1,000 and had only a few pieces of chicken left over of the 300 that were barbecued for the event.

## “Old Grad” picnic on August 20

The annual picnic of the Vernonia Society and “Old Grads” will be held August 20 at Anderson Park in Vernonia. Registration starts at 10:00 a.m.

Hot dogs and soft drinks will be on sale by Vernonia Pride,

or bring a picnic lunch. Coffee and cups will be provided.

All former Vernonia residents and their families are invited to visit with old friends or meet some new ones.

## Arts & Eats in St. Helens Aug. 12

The Riverside Arts & Eats Festival will be held Saturday, August 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Historic Riverfront District of St. Helens, Plaza Square, The Strand & Columbia View Park. The event is free.

The Riverside Arts & Eats Festival is an experiential art and food festival, showcasing local and regional artists demonstrating how their art is created, culinary art demonstrations, a wine and beer garden featuring Columbia River wines and wineries, a Children’s Art Pavilion where kids can try lots of different art styles, and live music (jazz, Celtic, bluegrass & swing) at the Columbia View Amphitheater in Historic Riverfront St. Helens.

The NW Steam Society will have its annual steam meet

adding the ambience of steam boats whistles, and also allowing tours of many of the boats. The Oregon Maritime Museum will dock its Sternwheeler Portland at the City Docks for three days (Friday-Sunday) with free tours of the sternwheeler museum.

For more information see <http://www.sccchamber.org/arts/index.html>.

## Time to sign up-community sale

The Vernonia Community Wide Yard/Garage Sale will be held September 16. Clean out your closets, shops, garages or barns and turn your clutter into cash.

To sign up, or for more information, call Helen at 503-429-6203.

## Senior News

By Karen Miller



The Vernonia Senior Center would like to express our condolences to Tessie Aldrich and Warren Aldrich and family on the passing of their husband, father, grandfather and brother, Edison Aldrich. We will miss his smiling addition here on Wednesdays, when he loved to come listen to the Golden Oldies Band.

I would like to express my heartfelt thank you to the Vernonia Senior Center for their kind expressions of sympathy and concern upon my return after my sudden departure to be at my dad’s side during the passing of his beloved wife of 66 years and my dear mother for 58 of those. Dad and Mom were married in 1940 in San Jose, California, where she began her marriage as a dutiful Navy wife, taking care of the home front as Dad went off to war, like many others, flying his fighter planes in the South Pacific; following him and his Navy career with us 4 kids for the next 25 years; and still more moves to come after his retirement. True to form, I watched my mother maintain her demeanor with the same sweetness and class that characterized her whole life. Good bye Mother. I will miss you.

Thank you to senior member Dorothy Howard for graciously (and beautifully!) representing our Center at this year’s Columbia County Fair’s My Fair Lady’s Court. Traditionally, all five centers choose a senior to represent them for the coronation. Be sure to turn out at our Vernonia Jamboree to welcome Dorothy and ALL our previous queens (Louise Hamnett, Etta Russell, Ruth Bell and this past year’s queen, Nacia DeWitt) from the Vernonia Center in the parade route!

The Sweet Adelines will be serving breakfast here as usual, during Jamboree weekend.

HUNTER’S DINNER and RAFFLE sponsored by the Vernonia Senior Center: Come purchase your tickets here for a Remington 17HMR rifle and a Remington 7MM magnum, also Nikon binoculars, hunting vest, hunting knives, Leupold spotting scope, game backpack, camouflage gear, rifle cleaning kit and much more. Tickets at only \$1.00 each are on sale at Vernonia Hardware, Sporty’s in Clatskanie, and the Vernonia Senior Center. The evening will start with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Sept 22, \$6 per person for Hunters Stew, biscuits and dessert. Drawing will be at 7:00 p.m. (Must be 18 years or older to win rifles.) Contact Bill James 503-429-2072 for info. (PS. If I win, anyone out there game for a target shooting match?!)  
How do you like our new sign out front: Connie’s Fabulous Breakfasts here for only \$2.50. Thanks to Bill James’ daughter, Jeri Cropp, for the great artwork. See you Fridays.

From the Senior Advocate’s Office:  
1) Swimming passes are still available through Community Action Team. See me for details.  
2) AARP Safe Driving Classes are available at the Center.

\$10, no tests, lower insurance rates. Call my office to sign up.

3) Are you a caregiver in need of some relief? Do you know of a senior who might need some housekeeping help? Call me for information on programs offered through Community Action Team.

Cool Cyber Resource: [www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org). National Council on the Aging – Locates specialized benefits programs for the older person.

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 a.m.
- Bingo, Mondays at lunch.
- Music with the Golden Oldies on Wednesdays.
- Games on Thursdays.
- Willoughby Hearing every first Friday at 11:00 a.m.
- Sign language class at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays.
- Breakfast every Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., \$2.50.

### INFORMATION NUMBERS

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

## Meet New Friends



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