

## Community

### The Community Orchestra is back

The Vernonia Community Orchestra is starting up again in September after several years' lapse. Violin, viola, and cello players will have a chance to learn and perform music together under the baton of Brit-tany Murray, an accomplished young Vernonia violinist.

The orchestra will offer a challenge to musicians at many levels, although they should have at least one year of experience with their instruments. Practices will be held weekly.

Call Carol Pelster at 503-429-0437 for more information.

### Melodrama coming to Grange

The Shoestring Community Players and the Greenleaf Act-ing Company will be in Vernonia in September with a performance of "Under Cover - a Mys-terious Melodrama!!" a humor-ous and exciting play for all ages, featuring smuggling, priceless jewels and romance.

The performance will be Fri-day, September 7 at 7:00 p.m.,

in the Vernonia Grange Hall, on the corner of North and Wash-ington Streets. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, chil-dren 5 and under free.

"Under Cover" will also be playing in St. Helens and North Portland. For more information or to reserve tickets, go to: [www.sscpmusicals.com](http://www.sscpmusicals.com) or call 503-543-8662.

### Welcome Additions

#### Talia Nicole Ramsey



Talia Nicole Ramsey was born June 30, 2007, to Derek and Kristin Ramsey of Clat-skankie. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches

long.

She joined her brothers, Caleb and Aiden, at the family home.

Grandparents are Paul and Julie Ramsey of Mist, Steve Hoover of Longview, Washing-ton, and Randy and Karen Trass of Clatskanie.

Great-grandparents are He-len Shelter of Birkenfeld, Violet Klein of Forest Grove, Les and Evelyn Pugh, and Richard and Jean Hoover, all of Clatskanie, and Bob and Rosemary Trass of Heppner.

Erma Cross of Oregon City is the great-great-grandmother.

### 85 Years Ago This Month

The August 11, 1922 issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

The New High School The new Union High School building at Ver- nonia is nearing com- pletion. It is a three story and basement, building situated in the best part of the city for such an insti- tution and the cost of completed building will run over \$30,000.

The next article was (typos left intact):

Must Attend to This

One splendid sugges- tion made by a Port- land visitor this week is that Vernonia must immediately "Clean Up" Clear the street of old boards, boxes, brick, cans, overalls, trash, weeds, etc, Show some home pride - We may be use to it here, but it is disgusting to strangers and give us a black eye. Wont the School boys volunteer to aid in a clean up right away. It is very important and not much of a job.

## Senior News

By Karen Miller  
Senior Advocate



Sitting on the side of the high- way, waiting to catch speeding drivers, a state trooper saw a car puttering along at 22 miles per hour. This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder! So he turned on his lights and pulled the driver over. Approaching the car, he noticed that there were five elderly ladies - two in the front seat and three in the back - wide eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, said to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit, what seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am, the officer replied, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower, than the speed lim- it! I was doing the speed limit! Exactly 22 miles per hour.

"That marker," replied the trooper, "was the route number, not the speed limit. But before I let you go ma'am, I have to ask, is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken, and haven't said a peep this whole time," the offi- cer said.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute, replied the bit embar- rassed driver. We just got off Route 95."

All of us could use a driver's refresher course from time to time! Join us for my next AARP Safe Driving Class to be held at the Scappoose Senior Center Aug 23 and 24. Call my office to sign up, 429-9112, or the Scappoose Center, 503-543-

2047.

The date is getting closer for the fun evening on September 22 for our Hunting and Fishing Raffle at the Senior Center in Vernonia. Come one, come all. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Dinner tick- ets \$6.00 each. Raffle tickets \$1.00. Be the lucky winner of a Ruger 300 Magnum rifle, just one of many prizes to be given away that night! Tickets are available in Vernonia at Triple S Service, Napa Auto Parts, Ver- nonia Hardware, Vernonia Se- nior Center and Ol' Sawmill Eatery at the Mill Pond, and at Sporty's in Clatskanie.

If you read this article before noon on Friday August 17, be sure to come join in our senior picnic at Anderson Park with the Golden Oldies Band. If you read this after the picnic, well we missed you and we all had a good time!

Congratulations to Tessie Aldrich and her second place court float ribbon during this year's Vernonia Jamboree Pa- rade. Thank you to convertible owner and driver Mike Justice, better known to some of you as Kid Justice and his juggling around town. Young 'uns got nothing over us, oh seniors of many talents!

President Carl Holsey would like to inform you readers that we depend on you for network- ing for and with us, to keep us informed of senior needs in the community. If you know of any- one sick, or in need in any way, please let us know!

We want to thank The Grove Assisted Living in Forest Grove for the past years of the popu- lar end-of-the-month ice cream

social they most graciously put on here at the center. Those days, sadly, have had to come to an end. But there is good news! Depending on financial support, we plan on continuing this fun ice cream social at least every other month begin- ning on Wednesday, Septem- ber 26.

Still looking for low income seniors to be a part of a Senior Companion and Foster Grand- parent program. Earn a non- taxable stipend. See me for de- tails.

Veteran's Service for Colum- bia County: Joseph Pyle. Call his office for assistance at 503-397-3290.

Who can be the first to tell me the August name for the full moon? Free lunch.

If you know of a senior who would like a visit from the Se- nior 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.
- Sign language class at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays.
- Breakfast every Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., \$3.00.

#### INFORMATION NUMBERS

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

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**School starts  
Sept. 4 & 5  
Please drive  
carefully!**

### Mariolino's

**Come on in  
for Dinner!**

**Fri. Chicken fried Steak**

**Sat. Prime Rib**

**Fri. & Sat. Clam Chowder**



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