

Community

Senior News

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Senior Advocate



As with many others around here, my brain is still in a fog; all my information books are either still water-logged or on the dump pile...so I just want to remind people, in this brief news article, that I am always available by phone at 503-429-9112 and my office is relocated for the month of January to Holce Logging, behind the Mini Mart in Vernonia.

If you know of someone in need of housing please call me; or with any other concerns, I can at least point you in the right direction.

I have been pleased and happy to be able to serve our seniors in the Vernonia Community through Community Action Team, which has certainly come to the aid of many during this difficult time of crisis. For any other needs through them, call 503-397-3511 in St. Helens.

Foot care is back on track; although relocated just across from the Center, give me a call for your footcare needs.

I do get many asking me about the Senior Center's future: At this time, our Board wishes to let you know we are in the process of reconstructing and will return ASAP; THIS NEWSLETTER will keep you informed as to future developments. And by the way, whoever owns the trampoline that landed in back of our building, I think that might be a swell stress reliever; think I'll try it out!

As for the New Year – it is now 2008 as you read this! Again, all the incredible help toward each other this past month has been humbling and heartwarming. I am sure much can be written about all the stories out there. For one: Thank you to Ben Edgar for slopping his way into his business at the pet store on Bridge Street to get me some contact solution I needed (that he happened to have) as I panic-y found out I

couldn't get home that day and had to spend the night elsewhere – which is another story...

Happy New Year...the sun is coming up!

INFORMATION NUMBERS

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

20 Years ago this Month

The January 28, 1988, issue of *The Independent* had the following story on page 10:

Anderson Park has been closed by the Vernonia City Council until mid-March, in order to facilitate much needed maintenance and repairs.

Council member Mario Leonetti, who is in charge of the city's parks, first asked for a 90-day closure, but changed to the shorter period when City Recorder Don Dunaway said that reservations had been accepted for the park's use in March.

Many of the recreational vehicle spaces in Anderson Park need repair or replacement of electrical and sewer hookups, Leonetti said, and the spaces

need to be marked and numbered. Some landscaping and tree trimming is also planned.

Volunteers are needed to help with the work, Leonetti said, because the city can't afford to hire all of the work done. Other tasks waiting for completion are the installation of some playground equipment and construction of tables and benches. Volunteers who would like to help with the park projects are asked to call Leonetti at 429-7970.

The council also decided that the McGough Mobile Veterinary Clinic could continue to use the park during the closure because little work needs to be

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Join CERT now to get free training

The Vernonia CERT has scheduled a disaster preparedness training course starting Thursday, January 17, at the Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park, and continuing on consecutive Thursdays after that. Those who complete the training will

not only acquire disaster preparedness skills but will be given safety equipment as well. Anyone interested in participating or who had previously signed up for the class, must contact Vernonia Police Sgt. Mike Kay at 503-429-7335.



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Vernonia Police Detective retires



Jim Walters, on left, with just a few of the family and friends who went to his retirement open house to wish him well.

Vernonia Police Detective Jim Walters celebrated his retirement a couple of days early, with an open house at the Vernonia Fire Hall on Saturday, December 29. Over 50 people attended the open house to wish Walters well in his retirement. His official last day was

Monday, December 31.

Walters started on the Vernonia police force in October of 1982, when Sharon Ashcraft was the chief of police. Now, after 25 years, Walters says he plans, "to take a month off, then see what I feel like doing."

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