

## Flood support group now started

A Vernonia Community Support Group, facilitated by a local Social Worker, is being held each Friday, from 7-9:00 p.m., at the Vernonia Community Grange, 457 North St.

The group was started for all adults affected by the flood. There is no charge, though voluntary donations to defray

electricity and heating (\$.50 to \$1.) will be accepted.

Come give and get support, exchange information, network with others, and use this as an opportunity for unedited sharing. There will be potluck snacks, fruit plates, dessert and coffee/tea.

## Domestic partner forms available

The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) has made domestic partnership declaration forms available since February 1, following a federal court ruling that allows Oregon's domestic partnership law to go into effect.

Forms are on the Web at the DHS Vital Records Web site. They are also will be available at county clerks' offices throughout the state, according to Jennifer Woodward, state registrar in the DHS Public Health Division. County clerk office locations are listed in the white pages of the telephone book under the County Government section.

Forms can also be obtained via mail from the DHS Center for Health Statistics, Attn: Mary Ann Jensen, 800 N.E. Oregon St., Suite 225, Portland, OR 97232; or via e-mail at [Mary.ann.jensen@state.or.us](mailto:Mary.ann.jensen@state.or.us).

Completed, signed and notarized forms can be registered at any county clerk's office. Certified copies of declarations filed at the county can be purchased when they are filed, or any time after the declaration is registered. People should contact the county clerk's office for fee information, according to Woodward.

County clerks will send registered Declaration of Domestic Partnership forms to the DHS Center for Health Statistics on a monthly basis, where they will be filed as vital records.

Certified vital record copies of declarations filed at the Cen-

ter for Health Statistics can be purchased by family members, legal representatives, or persons or organizations with a personal or property right. Cost is \$20 for a first copy and \$15 for each additional copy ordered at the same time.

Woodward advises individuals to allow six weeks after the record is registered with the county clerk to allow time for the record to be transferred to the Center for Health Statistics and entered into the vital records system.

## Bottle/can drive to help seniors

The Vernonia High School Senior Class will hold a bottle/can drive on Sunday, February 10, at the Student Parking Lot between noon and 3:00 p.m.

Monies raised will be used towards the senior trip.

## Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



This is the fourth time I've started this article, so maybe I can finish this

one.

This is some kind of a winter, yes?

Where do the seniors go to visit one another now? One spot is the Black Bear around 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays – we even sang Happy Birthday to Francine.

Another word to three small children I scolded at the fishing dock for climbing over the rail trying to break the ice by stomping it with their feet – I

meant it when I asked you "How would your mother react to be told her child had fallen through the ice?"

Now, are we all as smart as a Blackbird? Janice and I were forced to obey the traffic laws in downtown Vernonia the other day as we crossed Rock Creek Bridge. A crow was walking across Bridge St. in the crosswalk (obeying the law also). There was no one behind us so we slowed, almost to a stop, and watched and laughed. It WALKED every step, curb to curb. Some folks may have said or thought "dumb bird" but me, I think it was just tired of being in such a rush, flitting from here to there all day. Do any of you older folk recall the song, "Blackbird"? All I can recall are the words "Blackbird, Blackbird". I can hear the tune

in my head but can't sing it. It was in my pre-teen years, probably a 'flapper' song and dance.

A personal Thank You to the Metro West gents that gave me a smooth midnight ride to Hillsboro Tuality one Friday night. Diagnosis not as bad as thought but they did find the problem. You'll get your cookies when I'm back on my feet. Thanks again for being there when you're needed.

I know you may not be interested, but the weather and other things can make a person house bound. You get bored, right? So, in knitting a size 2 child sweater, there are 16,814 stitches and it takes 12 hours over a 7-day period.

Bye.

## Republicans plan Lincoln Day Dinner

The theme of the Columbia County Republicans' Lincoln Day Dinner, on February 23, will be "Ronald Reagan Tribute".

The dinner will be held at the Moose Lodge Family Center in Warren and will start with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be Vance Day, the chairman of the Oregon Republican Party.

The cost is \$20 per person.

There will be a silent auction, a live auction, a pistol raffle, flag raffle, and entertainment. Tickets must be purchased or re-

served by February 20. Contact Fred Yaune at 503-543-6271 to purchase tickets, donate items or purchase a sponsorship.

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