

**Community**

**Bridges to share comments May 3**

Join the Bridges Planning Group this Saturday, May 3, for a Vernonia 2020 Vision Community Check-In. The purpose of this gathering is to provide you with the opportunity to see what Bridges Planning has been doing with the comments provided at community meetings. This will be one of several

opportunities to provide feedback on the direction being taken during the informal meeting.

The meeting will be held at Vernonia Community Church, located at 967 State Avenue, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Morning refreshments and snacks will be provided. Kids are welcome.

**Next Library program on May 12**

"Birdsong: Birds as Metaphor in American Folk Music" is the title of a Chautauqua program to be presented by Jeni Foster at the Vernonia Public Library on Monday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Bird flight and bird song provide lyrical and potent metaphors for life, love, freedom, death and spirituality in cultures around the world. Foster will show, through lecture and music, how these songs reflect an American sense of adventure, opportunity and freedom.

**The flamingoes are set to fly to Vernonia soon**

The flamingos are flocking to Vernonia very soon...you may see them landing on your lawns at any time.

Vernonia Boy Scout troop 201 will start their annual fundraiser during the month of May. This is a way for the boys to earn money for their summer camp. If you can help support them – they would greatly appreciate it!

Here is how it works. If you would like to have the flock of flamingoes land in a neighbors/family/friends yard just call Jon Steward at 503-819-2656 or Tera Roberts at 503-429-6006.

When you make a donation to the Boy Scouts, the birds will appear at the address you request. If YOU happen to have the flock land in your yard and want them to find a new location, contact Jon or Tera and leave a donation to have them "fly away". The troop thanks you in advance for your support!

**Senior News**

By Karen Miller  
Senior Advocate



By the time you read this, we will have had our 5-area lunch on Monday, April 28,

which celebrated the grand opening of our Senior Center. I'm not sure about a lifeboat count around here, but with all our well-done construction, we won't worry about "bursting at the seams" with patrons! Come one, come all, and visit us with our newly remodeled thrift store, lunches Monday through Friday at noon (for only a \$3.00 donation for those 60 and over

and the price for those under 60 is \$3.00), fun music on Wednesdays with the Golden Oldies Band and others on occasion, and don't miss Connie's great breakfasts on Friday mornings! See you here!

Thanks to all of you who are honoring our new donation drop off system by coming during business hours only; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or by appointment. Call Pauline at 429-5810. PLEASE no drop-offs of microwaves, TV's, appliances, etc.

Also, we are taking your newspapers once again; the money goes to cancer research.

FOOTCARE is available twice a month. Pamper your feet by a licensed foot care nurse. For only \$15. Call my office to sign up.

We are taking membership dues for 2008; thank you to those who have chosen to support our center for only \$10 for the year.

LIBRARY SHELF RESOURCE: Come in and browse through a book off my shelf entitled, "100 Most Asked Questions About Your Social Security Benefits".

Community Action Team also has a Veteran's Services Representative for Columbia County – Joe Pyle. Call me if you need assistance.

Call my office to sign up for the next AARP Safe Driving Class to be held here at the Vernonia Senior Center.

Do you like our new curtains? Thanks to Georgia who drives clear over from McMinnville, with Art who plays in the Wednesday Golden Oldies Band, for finding and fixing them for our dining hall! Again, thank you to so many friends and volunteers who have helped us get back on our feet!

Here's a hot senior moment...You think a watched pot never boils? Sir Isaac Newton's maid, I read, once found the great man in the kitchen, standing in front of a pot of boiling water. Baffled, he gazed first at the pot, which contained his watch, and next at his hand, which held an egg.

But I'm not sure if that beats the time I found my scissors in the fridge

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



Jeni Foster will be featured at the next Chautauqua program at the Vernonia Public Library.

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