

**Community**



Shoppers took advantage of the items available at the second annual garage sale to benefit the Vernonia school band program, held at the Middle School cafeteria on May 17.

**First Friday events announced**

Vernonia's First Friday on June 6th, the second in this season's series of First Friday events, will initiate the closure of one block of Madison Avenue to open a larger venue for the Open Air Market, plus musicians and an art show, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Previously, the market has been located in the courtyard behind the Community Learning Center.

There will also be a scapegoat-burning event held in the Wauna parking lot at 6:30 p.m. This is your chance to write your sorrows and frustrations down on your own scapegoat, and for a small donation let it all go up in flames.

At 7:30 p.m., local animal

communicator Eileen Williams will give an introduction to her specialty at the Grange, and Open Mic Nite will follow at 8:00 p.m.

Look for other unique events around town during this time, including special merchant hours and bargains. First Fridays are scheduled for July 4, September 5, and October 3. If you would like to participate, please contact Erika Paleck at 503-429-0898.

**Senior News**

By Karen Miller  
Senior Advocate



**T O ALL our Bingo fans: B I N - G O ' S B A C K ! M o n - d a y s d u r i n g**

lunch time; seems the Bingo winners all like the BIG dark chocolate bar (ok, we'll throw in a milk chocolate) so if that sounds like just the number for you, see you on Mondays!

Thanks to the Vernonia High School Band last Wednesday for their delightful performance here at the Center; have a nice summer, kids, come back again. Also, the Golden Oldies are here each Wednesday; for them we are thankful and many of the seniors from near and far make the trip just for the listening, and dancing on occasion...

**ON THE DOCKET** for Thursday, June 19, from 1:30 to 3:30. Medicare 101 – free state class explaining Medicare. More than 500,000 Oregonians have Medicare – and many of them need help navigating this health insurance system to get all their benefits. The state class, offered by the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program, covers all you need to know, including different types of Medicare insurance, and prescription drug coverage. For further information, call me, Karen Miller, at 503-429-9112.

Some of us seniors had an enjoyable time at the five area lunch held in St. Helens last Monday. Every last Monday of the month, one of the five different centers hosts lunch. If you would like to be a part of this fun event, let us know.

Membership: Always taking membership dues; still only \$10. Thanks for your support.

Our sympathies to the family

and friends of Elsie Taylor who passed away this past week. Also, to the family and friends of Shalmon Libel. Obits available in other news articles.

A man dropped in to pay a friend a visit, and was amazed to find him playing chess with a dog. The man watched in silence for a few minutes, then burst out with, "That's the most incredible dog I ever saw in my life!" "Oh, he isn't so smart," was the answer, "I've beaten him three games out of four." Ok. So we don't have any dogs to play games with around here, but come on in and see if you can match wits with Alan or Russ, or anyone else.

Thanks for your donations during business hours. We appreciate it.

Have a safe summer!

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

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