

Community

Senior News

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Senior Advocate



WOW
– August already?
Hope everyone is winding down their

summer vacation with some fun plans; some of them not too far from home, I imagine; would you have ever believed how excited we would be to see gas DOWN to \$4 something?!!

And now I hear they might be weighing you when you check in for a flight! Well, they did weigh me up in Anchorage a few weeks ago before our flight to Iliamna Lake, much to my embarrassment – after 5 days of eating, fishing, eating and fishing, and eating at Rainbow River Lodge. I feared they would stick me in the extra baggage compartment on the way back.

By the way, Tobi, turning 60 isn't too bad after all; I reeled in my first ever fish, a sockeye salmon. And thank you Betty, Pauline, Fran and all involved in your very well hidden birthday party surprise at the center. Thanks for helping my tenure there be a delightful place to work!

August 15 is the Senior Picnic at Anderson Park. Golden Oldies Band will provide the entertainment; bring side dishes; See you there!

On August 19, see you here at the center for a visit with Betsy Johnson and Brad Witt.

August 20, Attorney Maddy

Sheehan from Scappoose will be here to consult with seniors on certain issues. Call my office for information.

August 21 – Fundraiser BINGO for the Center; 1-3 p.m. 25 cents per card per game. Fun time, fun prizes.

And don't forget – the LAST Friday of every month we have an ice cream celebration after lunch for ALL those who have birthdays that month.

CONGRATULATIONS to senior center member Larry Bernardi who was selected as Vernonia's Citizen of the Year. Thanks Larry and Jan and family for being such an integral part of this Vernonia community.

Please come in and see me for respite care and veteran's services, in-home provider referrals, and in-home programs offering assistance for seniors to stay in their homes as long as possible; call my office to see if you qualify.

In 1989, Barry Buch was standing beside a car that had two broken windows when a San Mateo County, California, deputy sheriff asked him for identification. Buch absent-mindedly handed him the one official-looking document he had; a copy of an arrest warrant sworn out against him for driving with a suspended license...oops.

Call my office to sign up for the next AARP Safe Driving class, 429-9112.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

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

Don't miss Logger Golf Classic

The Logger Football Golf Classic will be held August 16, at Vernonia Golf Club. All golfers are invited to come out, have some fun, and help raise money for Logger Football players.

Check in time is at 11:15 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. There will be prizes and a barbeque lunch afterward. Entry is \$60 per person (without cart), \$240 per team (without cart), and \$24 for a golf cart. Registration deadline is Au-

gust 13; forms are available at the Vernonia School District Office. Make checks payable to Vernonia Football and send, with registration form, to Todd Hicks, Vernonia Football, 810 NW Lincoln St., Hillsboro, OR 97124.



Vernonia man found dead in vehicle

The death of a Vernonia man on Friday, July 18, has been determined by the State Medical Examiner's office to be from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Just minutes after receiving a report of a man with a gun, at approximately 11:30 p.m., Vernonia Police Officer Michael Connor and Sergeant Mike Kay saw the vehicle associated with the call and pulled in behind it

on Washington Avenue near B Street. As the officers arrived, a 20 year-old woman got out the driver's side and told officers there was a man in the car with a gunshot wound. The officers confirmed the report and called for medical response.

The man, identified as Kolton Owen Graham, 21, Vernonia, was pronounced dead at the scene. He was in possession of a handgun.

Graham was an acquaintance of the female driver and reportedly had gone to the residence where she was, then, armed with a handgun, confronted someone else there regarding a personal matter. Graham left in a vehicle that was driven by the woman.

The State Medical Examiner's office determined the cause of death on Sunday, July 20.

Non-profit grants are now available

Nonprofit organizations across Oregon may now apply for two types of grants from the Oregon Council for the Humanities (OCH): Public Program Grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 and Opportunity Grants up to \$1,000. Grant guidelines, including themes of interest, are available for download on

the OCH website (www.oregonhum.org) or by request from Development and Program Coordinator Annie Dubinsky at (503) 241-0543.

Public Program Grants are awarded once a year. Letters of intent to apply for Public Program Grants must be post-marked by November 3, 2008.

Opportunity Grants are awarded year-round. Applications for Opportunity Grants are reviewed on a monthly basis and will be accepted from November 1, 2008, to October 31, 2009.

OCH funds programs that offer opportunities for civic engagement and humanities learning, respond to timely issues and ideas in communities across Oregon, and provide a broad context for public dialogue. Special consideration will be given to projects that explore globalism, media and consumer culture, and place and community.

Program Director Jennifer
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Plan now for Community-Wide sale

Vernonia's 10th Annual Community-Wide Garage Sale will be on Saturday, Sept 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All residents and businesses wanting to be included can sign up by calling Helen Bateman at 503-429-6203.

Maps of all participating lo-

cations will be available on Friday before the Sale. In past years sales have been held at over 40 locations. Several groups have donated all or a portion of their proceeds to local non-profit organizations or individuals in need of assistance.



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