



Rainier Sr. Ctr. holiday offerings

The Rainier Senior Center, 48 W. 7th, will hold their Thanksgiving Dinner on November 22. Tickets should be purchased by November 20. The cost is \$7 (adults) and \$4 (children 10 and younger). To purchase tickets, call Kathy at

503-556-3889.

The Rainier Senior Center Christmas Bazaar will be on December 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tables (\$20) can be reserved (by Dec. 1) by calling Kathy at 503-556-3889.

The picture at left provided by Bill Sword, was taken in 1925 or 1926 looking West from State St. towards downtown Vernonia along Bridge Street. According to Sword, the building with windows on the right side was the Pringle Building which sat about where Providence Medical Clinic is now located. The Pringle Building housed a tavern and hotel run by John Pringle who was one of the 200 survivors of the 600 soldiers involved in the Charge of the Light Brigade, made famous by a poem by that same name written by Alfred, Lord

Tennyson, in 1854. Note the raised walkway on the left, in front of what is now the high school. According to Sword, he was in England when the high school construction started in 1952 and received a letter from his family telling him the construction began and saying, "They filled in the duck pond to build the new high school."

Voters say "no" to Banks school bond

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Thompson was reelected without opposition.

County voters showed appreciation for the work of the Columbia County Emergency Communications District (9-1-1), renewing the district's operating levy by a nearly 2-1 margin.

Voters split on two county measures regarding employment and illegal immigrants, approving the measure that targets employers, but turning down a requirement to erect 4x8 foot signs about the law.

City of Vernonia

Incumbent Randy Parrow and Planning Commission member Kevin Hudson will fill the two vacancies on the City Council. Candidate Mike Seager ran third.

Mayor Sally Harrison was reelected without opposition.

City of Banks

Banks residents will have to wait to find out who will be their next Mayor. Current Mayor Teri Branstitre chose not to run for another term, but didn't officially announce her decision until it was too late to file for the seat. There are write-in votes, but the Washington County Elections Department will not tabulate those until other election procedures are completed, which will take several days.

The three Council positions will be filled by Craig Stewart, Christina Greagor and Brian Biehl. There were no other candidates.

Banks School District

School district voters said no to the \$25,500,000 bond proposed to replace and/or renovate the junior high and high schools. The vote was very

close, with the measure receiving 1,404 yes votes, and 1,476 no votes.

State Representatives

Running unopposed, Democrat Brad Witt will return to represent Oregon District 31.

Democrat Deborah Boone won over Republican Tim Bero, who ran as a write-in candidate.

Columbia SWCD

Jason Busch defeated incumbent Bill DeJaeger for the Zone 2 seat of the Columbia Soil & Water Conservation District.

All Results

Complete election results are available from the office of Secretary of State, Elections Division, on the web at <http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/>

Vernonia Cares now collecting turkeys

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An entire Food Box (which includes a turkey) may be donated at a cost of \$30.00. A \$10.00 donation will allow Vernonia Cares to purchase a turkey. This may be done at any Sentry check stand or mailed Directly to Vernonia Cares at P.O. Box 126, Vernonia. Simply specify on the check that it is for the Christmas food boxes.

Please spread the word to your family, friends and co-workers to help our families in

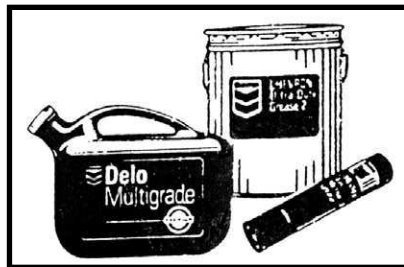
need, by donating a turkey. A turkey drop site will be available at the Providence Medical Group parking lot on Saturday, November 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for your convenience.

Call Pat or Bob Stacklie at 503-429-7563 with questions, or for turkey 'taxi' service. Suggested turkey weight for donation is 10-12 pounds. One hundred percent of donations stay in the community and all donations are tax deductible.

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