

Community

Help fill Christmas food boxes now

Vernonia Cares Food Bank plans to offer Christmas holiday food boxes to low income households within the Vernonia community. The boxes will be disbursed on December 19.

The holiday food box will contain the basic groceries for a Christmas meal. "Our target group is the households who fall within the food bank guidelines of \$1,603 gross income per month for single person households, plus \$555 per month for each additional person in the household." said Vernonia Cares Director Sandy Welch. The number of boxes will be DOUBLED this year as other households that were flooded last December also need a helping hand. Over one third of the food bank clients are children.

Applications may be obtained at the food bank, which is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the American Legion Hall at 627 Adams Avenue. To obtain a form by phone, call the food bank at 503-429-1414, leaving clear mailing information. All applications must be received at Vernonia Cares by December 11. Only pre-registered households will be served.

"At this point, we are planning to provide this service to 350 families and are praying the food and funds arrive to support it," Welch emphasized.

"Between now and Thanksgiving is a great time to make a turkey donation, as that's when the sales are," said turkey herder Pat Stacklie.

Vernonia Sentry makes it simple to donate. You can purchase a turkey and then donate it at the check-stand, and it will be stored frozen until the boxes are disbursed. They will also accept the cost of a turkey (\$10.00) as well as the sponsorship of a complete family dinner at \$30.00.

Turkeys can also be donated on Saturday, November 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Providence Family Medicine parking lot. Turkey herders Pat and Bob Stacklie will also provide taxi service from your home, call 503-429-7563.

Individuals and businesses interested in supporting this worthwhile cause may contribute directly at Vernonia Cares, or mail to Vernonia Cares Food Bank, P.O. Box 126, Vernonia, OR 97064. Donations are tax deductible - ask for a receipt.

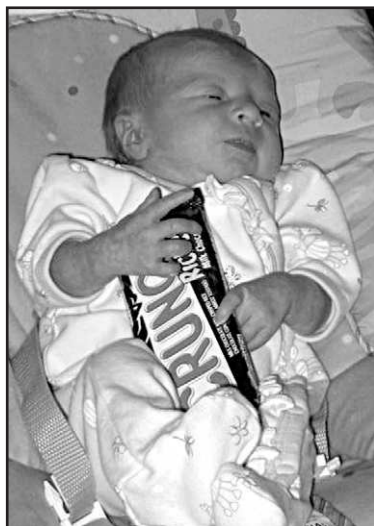
Welcome Additions

Carlee Hanna Stanbrough

Carlee Hanna Stanbrough was born October 24, 2008, to Ronda Lee and Steven Lee Stanbrough of Vernonia. She weighed 5 pounds, 3.2 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Grandparents are Steve Sr. and Neva Stanbrough of Dunedin, Florida, and Mike and Vicky Fahrner of Gresham.

Great-grandparents are Racheal and Charlie Bolden of Newberg.



Senior News

By Karen Miller, Senior Advocate
Community Action Team



Hope to see you at t

The Vernonia Senior Center's annual Bazaar will be

held on Saturday, November 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 30 from Noon to 6:00 p.m. Tables are still available at \$10. Call 429-3912 for a table. The Vernonia Senior Center is at 446 Bridge Street. Hope to see you there!

Tired of trying to hem your own pants? We have a senior lady who would like to use her time to do that for you, and/or other small sewing alterations. This is on a donation basis. Call 429-9112.

Are you a senior 60 and over in need of some legal aid help? Call my office for qualifying information.

Third Annual (Free) Christmas Day Dinner will be here at the Senior Center from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. For further information call 503-429-2072.

Coming soon: SENIOR CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

What is the Senior Citizen Police Academy?

The Senior Citizen Police Academy is a unique eight-week program designed to give participants an understanding of the Vernonia Police Department and its operations. The program consists of a series of classes, discussions and a tour held once a week; it concludes with a graduation ceremony. You may also pick single topics that you want to participate in. Brochures are available in my office or through Interim Chief Mike Kay.

There is NO COST to participate in the Senior Citizen Police Academy. This is for:

- 1) Individuals 50 and over.
- 2) Must live or work in the City of Vernonia or Columbia County (or be authorized by the Chief of Police)

3) Senior Citizens who have an interest in learning about the Vernonia Police Department and current crime trends, with an interest in being a valuable community policing team member.

Topics include Crimes committed against Senior Citizens; Personal Safety; Prescription Pill Abuse; Neighborhood Watch Program; Cons, Scams and Fraud Prevention; Home and Vehicle Safety; Illegal Street Drug Use and its Effects on the Community; 911 Crime Reporting for Citizens; Traveling Safety, and Overview of Police Operations.

For sign ups, and further information, contact Karen Miller, Community Action Team, Vernonia Senior Center at 503-429-9112, or Interim Chief Michael Kay, Vernonia Police Department, at 503-429-7335.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

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

Booster Bazaar on December 6-7

The 30th annual Vernonia "Christmas in the Country" Booster Bazaar will be Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7, in the Vernonia Middle School cafeteria. Saturday's hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday's will be from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

There will be new vendors,

as well as the regular favorites, good food, and Santa will be on hand for pictures.

After the bazaar closes on Saturday, head to downtown Vernonia to enjoy the annual lighted holiday parade and the lighting of the City Christmas tree at the end of the parade.

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