

Community

All turkeys: report for dinner duty

Turkeys are still needed at Vernonia Cares food bank to include with the Christmas food boxes that will be disbursed December 19. Donations of turkeys in Vernonia are down by about 50 percent from last year as our local economy struggles along with the rest of the country.

Vernonia Sentry has been very helpful to Vernonia Cares and makes the donation process so simple. Turkeys can be purchased and donated right at the check stand. Also, the checkers are accepting donations of \$10.00 for a turkey

or \$30.00 to sponsor an entire family meal.

There is still time to register for a Christmas food box that includes a turkey for a family meal until December 11. The "Christmas Boxes" are not exclusively for regular Vernonia Cares clients. If you or someone you know needs a little helping hand for a holiday meal this year, contact Sandy Welch at Vernonia Cares for more information, 503-429-1414.

If you need your donated turkey picked up at your home, call Pat or Bob Stacklie at 503-429-7563.

Buy these bulbs from Girl Scouts

Vernonia Girl Scouts will be selling potted tulips and hyacinths in the month of December as a fundraiser for our annual winter camp retreat to Camp Mountindale. These potted tulips not only benefit our local girls but a regional grower as well, VanderZanden Farms, LLC. People may know VanderZanden Farms from their farm stand where you can buy fresh cut flowers through

the spring season.

Girl Scouts will be selling these decoratively wrapped, high quality pots for a very reasonable price of \$6.00 each. The delivery date will be near or on Valentine's Day, 2009. You will be able to place your orders at the upcoming bazaar and through any local Girl Scout. Questions? Call Susan Ely at 503-429-5709.

Sturdevant in Legion for 63 years



Vernonian Ralph Sturdevant recently celebrated 63 years as a member of the American Legion. His membership started in August of 1945, after he was inducted into the service on May 23, 1945. The picture at left was taken at the time he received a certificate in honor of his 60th year of membership, in 2005.

Dog license renewal glitch found

The Columbia County Clerk's Office recently found a glitch in the dog license renewals sent out, and is asking everyone to check the breed of dog and age. Please make the

appropriate correction on the renewal notice, whether returning by mail or in person. The corrections can then be put into the computer program.

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Senior News

By Karen Miller, Senior Advocate
Community Action Team



I don't know about you, but to me 2008 has gone by awfully fast...but

I have noticed I can go farther on the usual \$20 of gas I plunk in at a time as the year draws to a close.

So use a little of that extra mileage and come join us for our Christmas Dinner being held here at lunchtime on December 17.

For those so desiring, there will also be a Christmas Day dinner served here at the Center. The time is from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Call 503-429-2072 for further information.

Are you a senior 60 and over in need of some legal aid assis-

tance? Call my office for further qualifying information.

Call my office if you are interested in a magnetized FILE OF LIFE for seniors to put on their refrigerators for emergency personnel.

Thanks for all who participated and solicited items for our Senior Center Bazaar held here last weekend.

All are always welcomed to come in for lunch or some hot tea or cocoa on a cold day!

If you have been reading this column, you are aware of the Police Academy for Seniors, projected to begin after the first of the year. We have not finalized the dates or times as yet; please call me if you are interested in this so we can begin to accommodate as many as we can.

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 being 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.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

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

Vernonia Cub Scouts are ready to Scout for Food

Vernonia Cub Scout Pack 201 will be Scouting for Food again this year. On December 6, the scouts will be putting a bag on your front porch for non-perishable items. Suggested items include:

- Canned meats, fruits, vegetables, milk, soups and broths.
- Dry noodles, rice, macaroni & cheese, flour, and sugar.
- Hygiene items, such as toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine products.
- Baby items; baby food, for-

mula, diapers and wipes.

Whatever you give will be appreciated by someone who needs it. The scouts will come back on December 13 to pick

up the bags and take them to Vernonia Cares.

If you have any questions call Lisa Brewer at 503-429-4250 or 503-475-1803 (cell).

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