

**Community**

**53rd Jamboree looking for theme**

The Vernonia Jamboree Committee is seeking nominations for a theme for the 2009 Jamboree. Submit your ideas to [info@vernoniachamber.org](mailto:info@vernoniachamber.org) or leave a message at 503-429-6081. This will be the 53rd Jamboree.

Jamboree Committee is also seeking a group to handle garbage collection during Jamboree. This is a fundraiser for the group selected, which will be paid for this service. Call 503-429-6081 for details, or email [info@vernoniachamber.org](mailto:info@vernoniachamber.org)

**March 18 transit meeting here**

Columbia County will hold two community meetings to share information, and to seek public feedback, about two transit planning projects that affect County residents and workers. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, March 18, at Vernonia Senior Center, 446 Bridge Street, Vernonia, starting at 11:30 a.m.; and,

Monday, March 30, at St. Helens Senior Center, 375 S. 15th Street, St. Helens, starting at Noon and co-sponsored by the St. Helens Senior Center.

Some of these meetings are being conducted in conjunction with, or before, regularly scheduled events hosted by co-sponsoring groups, but they will also be open to other members of the public.

County Transit Division Staff and consultants working on this project want to hear people's opinions about transit-related recommendations, including fares; improvements to fixed-route bus and demand-response bus service; and the design and location of potential facilities improvements.

Columbia County, through the Columbia County Transit Division, is currently undertaking a comprehensive look at how to provide better access to

**Vernonia Lake gets trout soon**

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is scheduled to stock a total of 7,500 legal-sized trout in Vernonia Lake during the week of March 9 -16

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Money earned from last year's Jamboree was donated to the following non-profit organizations: Vernonia Cares, Vernonia Scout Troop 201, Vernonia Girl Scouts, Vernonia Ridge Riders, and the Vernonia High School OSSOM Club.

The next Jamboree meeting will be March 19, starting at 5:30 p.m., at Vernonia City Hall. Everyone interested in Jamboree is welcome to attend.

public transportation within the county. Columbia County Rider, a service of Columbia County Transit Division, provides general public transportation within Columbia County, with services to surrounding counties.

Two related projects – the Columbia County Community-wide Transit Plan Update and the US 30 Transit Access Plan – are currently underway and

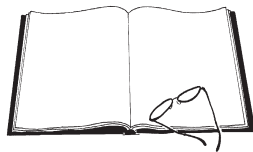
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**Help Girl Scouts feed the hungry**

The Vernonia Girl Scouts are holding a canned food drive, now through March 12. The collection points are the Vernonia schools and there is a barrel at Vernonia Sentry Market.

The Scouts will also be handing out collection bags during the St. Patrick's Day Parade, on March 17, and will pick the bags up from doorsteps on Saturday morning, March 21.

**Vernonia Library Book Sale, Mar. 7**



The Vernonia Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held this Saturday, March 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the library. As always, you can expect very good prices and lots of books from which to choose.

**Senior News**

By Karen Miller, Senior Advocate  
Community Action Team



Safe Driving Class is scheduled here at the Vernonia Senior Center on Monday and Tuesday, March 30 and 31.

Time: 12:45 pm.

Cost: TAKE NOTE OF THE NEW PRICE INCREASE

\$14 for non-members

\$12 for members

Every few minutes in this country someone dies because a driver naively overestimates his or her ability to drive. Knowing how to operate a motor vehicle safely and knowing the rules of the road is no easy task. Knowing how to handle your vehicle in a crisis situation is invaluable. And remember, our reaction time decreases as we age. Come join in on this AARP safe driving class, a great refresher course for the

rules of the road.

Also, check with your insurance agent for lower insurance rates you might receive after taking this class.

Call my office to sign up: 503-429-9112

Our Senior Police Academy is having a great time learning about topics relevant to seniors and about our local police department. Thank you Chief Mike Kay for these informative classes on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.

Come join in on our Tuesday group of ladies that get together for quilting, sewing, or any project; starts in the mornings, stop for a great lunch, and into the afternoon. All are welcome.

What a fun time last Wednesday at our Golden Oldies music session. Not looking forward to getting older? Not this group! Need some inspiration? See you here on Wednesdays!

**INFORMATION NUMBERS**

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

**Welcome Additions**

**Curtis Edward McIntyre**

Curtis Edward McIntyre was born November 21, 2008, to Carol and Paul McIntyre of Vernonia. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Judy Almond of Walworth, New York, Charles and Kathy Collie of Palmyra, New York, and Ray and Paula McIntyre of Newark, New York.

Great-grandparents are Elsie VanGee of Walworth, New York, and Ruth Iddings of Lyons, New York.



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**8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

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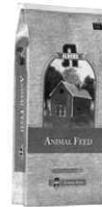
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