



**Tobie Finzel tells the crowd about the new Vernonia book while Carol Davis (left) and Barbara Larsen (right) look on at the well attended book signing held February 6 at the Vernonia Library. Finzel, Davis, and Larsen were three of the authors of the book. Copies are available at the Vernonia Pioneer Museum.**

## DHS seeks volunteers for housing group

Oregon Department of Human Services Addictions and Mental Health (AMH) Division is in need of two volunteers to serve on its Community Mental Health Housing Fund Advisory Committee. Members of the committee recommend how millions of dollars are distributed from the Community Mental Health Housing Fund with the purpose of developing and building housing for people living with mental illness.

House Bill 3446 established the Community Mental Health Housing Fund in 1999. The fund was created using the interest earned from the sale of the Dammasch State Hospital property in Wilsonville. Over the last four years this renewable financial resource has helped create housing for more

than 260 Oregonians with mental illness.

Committee members are asked to attend meetings held every other month in the Salem area; however, statewide representation is encouraged. Meetings are generally held the third Thursday of every month. Applications will be reviewed as they are received. Appoint-

ments will be made by AMH Director Richard Harris and Residential Programs and Service Manager Darcy Strahan. Applicants will be notified by mail if they are selected for the committee.

If interested in volunteering, please contact Darcy Strahan at 503-945-9722.

## Alumni basketball coming Mar. 6

The Vernonia alumni basketball games will be held Saturday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. There will be two games, boys and girls varsity teams versus alumni.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for high school students, \$3.00 for middle school students and \$2.00 for kinder-

garten through 5th-graders.

This is a fundraiser for the Oregon School Employees Association Chapter 67.

If you are an alumna or know one who would like to play, call Julie Ramsey at 503-869-0211.

## Parent Education Group coming

A Parenting Education Group is coming to Vernonia. The group plans to provide information that will give greater understanding of your children, provide practical stress management and communication skills, plus effective parenting skills and child development information, and provide information on positive approaches to discipline. Also included will be the Tackling the Tough Skills Program.

Snacks and childcare will be provided. Parents of children under eight are welcome, along with soon-to-be parents. This group is sponsored by Community Action's Child & Family Development Programs and Vernonia Head Start, with a grant from The Children's Trust Fund of Oregon.

The group will meet Monday, February 22, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Vernonia Head Start Center. There is a fee based on a sliding scale. Space is limited so call 503-556-3736 to register.

## Senior Center News

The Clatskanie Arts Center has presented many good programs over the years, and the Vernonia Senior Center is pleased to announce that we have obtained some free senior tickets to the March program at CAC. The California Guitar Trio, a multi-talented group that plays all instruments and all styles, will perform on Sunday, March 14 at 3:00 p.m. in the Clatskanie Middle-High School. The tickets are on a first come-first served basis, so come in and pick up tickets if you want to attend.

More seniors are now enjoying themselves at the Forest Grove Aquatic Center, in fact, all of the passes are now being used. We are trying to get more passes, but won't know if we can for some time.

A familiar face is now filling a new position at the Center; Rosie McCoy has been hired as our Senior Information Assistance Representative. Rosie will be here to assist you on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., call 503-429-3912 for an appointment. She will also serve as Activity Director and will be developing activities for seniors. If you don't know Rosie, stop in and get acquainted; if you do know her, stop in and say "hi".

Lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon. A \$3.00 donation is suggested for those 60 and older, and \$4.00 for those under 60. If you prefer lunch to go, simply call ahead, 503-429-3912, and place your order for only \$4.00.

Connie's great breakfasts are available Fridays at the Senior Center, from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Breakfast for all ages is just \$3.50 per person. Maple bars are made fresh daily for \$1.00 each! If you want maple bars for a gathering of any kind, call 503-429-3912 a day or two ahead and place your order.

The Senior Center Thrift Shop is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Get your free blood pressure check on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon.

Foot Care is scheduled twice each month at \$15 per person. Call Marilyn Albro, R.N., for an appointment, at 503-429-0406.

The Senior Center Board of Directors has a new meeting time; they now meet at 10 a.m. on the second Friday of each month. Members are welcome and it's a good time to ask questions or make suggestions.

## Republicans set meeting date

Columbia County Republicans will be holding their regularly scheduled informal monthly MeetUp on Friday, February 26, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Village Inn, 535 S. Columbia River Hwy., St. Helens. All county Republicans are invited to attend to discuss items of interest and hear from occasional guest speakers. Plan to

come a little early to order food or drinks from the menu.

Contact Fred Yaune at 503-543-6271 for questions or more information.

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For info call Maria at 503-429-1069 or St. Mary's at 503-429-8841





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