

OSP seek witnesses to Hwy. 30 fatality

Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers are investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian on Highway 30 at Clatskanie Hill, east of Clatskanie. Troopers are asking for the public's help to develop information from witnesses before or at the time of the crash to help with the investigation.

On April 7, shortly after 1:00 p.m. a red 2009 Hyundai Sonata four-door driven by an

elderly adult male was west-bound on Highway 30 near milepost 59. The driver reported pulling onto the shoulder after he noticed something struck the car's windshield. The driver walked back and saw a man lying in the ditch along the highway.

Emergency responders said the man was dead. The victim reportedly has a grey beard and was wearing a black jack-

et, brown pants, and had a black nylon day backpack. He has not been positively identified.

OSP troopers want to speak to anyone who saw the victim walking in the area, or anyone who witnessed the crash. Call OSP Northern Command Center dispatch at 800-452-7888 if you have any information.

OPI offers help for seniors

Oregon Project Independence (OPI) is available to residents of Columbia County, thanks to Community Action Team.

OPI provides limited in-home services to people 60 and older who need help in order to continue living independently in their homes.

In the Vernonia area, call Community Action Team Care Manager Karen Miller at 503-429-0273, for an in-home assessment to see if you or your loved ones qualify for services.

Snethens set to celebrate 50th



Gail and Larry Snethen will be celebrating their 50th anniversary at a party on May 8, at the Scout Cabin in Vernonia. Everyone is invited to join them from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Vernonia Senior Center News

High blood pressure is a major health problem for many seniors and too often goes unnoticed. To find out how you're doing, take advantage of the free blood pressure checks on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon.

The Golden Oldies are a happy respite from most anything that ails you. Every Wednesday they'll have you smiling, maybe even dancing, with music you'll recognize from some years past. These senior musicians start gathering before noon and, with a few breaks, play for several hours. If you can afford a buck or two for their transportation costs, it is appreciated. Think about it – friends, food and entertainment – priceless!

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, for only \$4.00 you can call ahead and place your order.

April birthdays will be celebrated on Friday, April 30, and on the last Wednesday of each month, Wauna Federal Credit Union makes a good meal even better by providing diners with free ice cream.

On the last Monday of each month, the Five Area Lunch brings together seniors from all five senior centers in Columbia County. If you are unfamiliar with the five areas, the other four are Clatskanie, Rainier, St. Helens and Scappoose. Clatskanie will host this month's lunch on April 26. For more information, stop in or call.

Breakfast is available Fridays at the Senior Center, from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at \$3.50 per person, regardless of age. Maple bars, made fresh daily, are \$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.

Have you checked out the merchandise in our Thrift Shop, if not, you're missing some great bargains. Beside clothing for all ages, there are housewares, books, decorative items and much, much more. The Thrift Shop is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Foot Care is available on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at \$15 per person. Call Marilyn Albro, R.N., for an appointment, at 503-429-0406.

Vernonia Senior Citizens Center: 446 Bridge Street

Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thrift Shop Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Phone: 503-429-3912

The flamingos are back in town

Has the rain got you down? You can put a smile on someone's face by having them wake up to a flock of flamingos in their yard. Vernonia Boy Scout Troop 201 will be doing their annual fundraiser for summer camp by spreading some color across town.

If you are interested in having a flock of flamingos land somewhere (maybe for a birthday, anniversary, get well or simply just because) contact

Jon Steward at 503-819-2656 with the complete address of where you would like them to be placed (within the city limits). A donation to pass the flamingos along is much appreciated. Any checks can be made payable to Boy Scout Troop 201.

This year the flamingoes will arrive Sunday, April 18, and fly away on May 23, so call soon to see your flock land.

Rainier Sr. Ctr. seeks donations

A non-profit organization is asking for donations of good quality, saleable items to help with the cost of "Meals on Wheels" and lunches, which are provided on a donation basis to low-income senior citizens in the Rainier area.

Please: No old computers or

clothing.

Check your attic, garage, or storage unit for items of value to donate to the Rainier Senior Center.

All donations are tax deductible up to the value of the item. Call 503-556-3889 for more information.

Head Start fundraiser = sharp knives

"Knife Sharpening with Master Bladesmith Murray Carter", a Vernonia Headstart Parent fund activity will be held on one day only, Saturday, May 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 981 Fairway Lane, Vernonia (700 yds. north of Wauna at end of Weed Ave.)

Knives may be dropped off for later pickup, or stay and watch a master at work. Most knives \$5 per knife (normally \$10 per knife).

Are your knives refusing to cut? Bring your dull knives in for a new edge!

AUCTION!!

at Rainier Senior Center on May 8

Donation of salable items sought by non-profit organization to be auctioned off to benefit programs that help senior citizens in the Rainier area.



Call 503-556-3889 for details.

All donations are tax deductible for the value of the item.



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