

Robin Hood is coming to Vernonia

The Vernonia Community Theater will present a youth production of "Robin Hood" on July 30 and 31 at Washington Grade School. Performances will be Friday, July 30, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, July 31 at 2:00 p.m. Over twenty Vernonia youth from 10 to 18 years of age have roles in the play, which was adapted for this group by Carol Pelster. Kinnell Steward and Mark Brown organized the Vernonia Community Theater under the auspices of Vernonia Hands-on Art, with support from the Vernonia Prevention Coalition.

Participants have been hard at work memorizing their lines,

and formal play rehearsals began the week of July 12. Adult volunteers are making costumes and props, helping with the musical numbers and painting backdrops. Tickets will be on sale July 12 from participants and will also be available at the door. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth 6-18, under 6 free.

This is the theater's first production, but the organizers are hoping to offer additional plays by both adults and children in the future. Mark your calendars now for an enjoyable time with Robin Hood and his Merry Men!

Seibert earns Associate degree



lege, with an Associate in Arts transfer degree. She will attend Pacific University in Forest Grove this fall to pursue a degree in medical social work. Seibert is the daughter of Mitch and Leslie Seibert of Vernonia.

According to the Seibert family, Ms. Seibert was in a severe horse riding accident in March 2008 and has made a miraculous recovery. The family wants to thank Vernonia emergency personnel for their excellent care, and the community for the support, thoughts and prayers that made a tremendous difference in Rachel's recovery.

Rachel Seibert graduated with Highest Honors in June from Portland Community Col-

Don't miss the Biggest Reunion

Vernonia's Biggest Class Reunion is scheduled for Sunday, August 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Vernonia schools campus.

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., at the school cafeteria, for \$5.00 per person. There will be food and drink available to purchase. This is a fund raiser for new Vernonia schools. Tax de-

ductible donations may be made at www.vernonia.k12.or.us, or at Wauna Federal Credit Union.

Tours of the schools, prizes, entertainment, and other activities are planned for the day.

For more information visit www.VernoniaClassmates.com or Facebook Group, Alumni & Friends of Vernonia Schools.

Plan now for 2010 Bear Creek Run

Mark your calendars – August 14, is the date for the eighth annual Bear Creek Run/Walk. Beginning and ending at Anderson Park, this event boasts the diversity of a 5K Run/Walk including a scenic lap around Vernonia Lake, and a 10K Run that heads south along the Banks/Vernonia Linear Trail. Both routes are flat, fast and wind through tree-

lined sections of the trail, providing welcome shade for runners and walkers alike.

This event is a fundraiser for the Vernonia Cares Food Bank – an organization that has supported local families for the past 25 years. Many local businesses have already received letters reaching out for sponsorship and support of this event.

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Senior Center News

If television is your only lunch time "companion", it's time to make a change. That midday meal is never boring at your senior center, where lots of extras are included with lunch. On Mondays diners enjoy free Bingo starting at 11:30 a.m. Every Wednesday smiles light up the center as the Golden Oldies entertain from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The last Wednesday also includes free ice cream, courtesy of Wauna Federal Credit Union. The last Friday of each month features a birthday lunch honoring members with birthdays during the month. If you enjoy meeting people from the other senior centers in Columbia County, take advantage of the 5 Area Lunch (Clatskanie, Rainier, St. Helens, Scappoose, Vernonia) on the last Monday of each month; Rainier is the host this month.

There are a couple of other very important lunch notes: The food is good and the price is right! So far this month, meals have included entrées such as beef stew, barbecued drumsticks and chicken pot pie; still to come are chicken almond pasta, roast pork and cheeseburgers. Available Monday through Friday at noon, a \$3.00 donation is suggested for those 60 and older, and \$4.00 for those under 60. You can also order lunch to go for \$4.00 by calling ahead.

Other goodies from the senior center kitchen are breakfasts on Fridays from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m., at \$3.50 for all ages, and maple bars, made fresh daily, for \$1.00 each.

Free blood pressure checks are available on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon, courtesy of Providence Vernonia Clinic.

Foot Care is scheduled 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.

Rosie McCoy's part-time position of senior assistance representative for the Vernonia Senior Citizens Center is no longer being funded by Community Action Team. Fortunately, Rosie is a committed volunteer and will continue to help the center, keeping the same days and hours as specified in the box below.

Time is rapidly running out for the purchase of



raffle tickets for the garden fountain pictured at left. Tickets are available at the center for \$1.00 each or six tickets for \$5.00. Ticket sales end August 1; the winner will be announced Jamboree weekend, August 6-8.

The center's kitchen and dining room will be open Saturday and Sunday of Jamboree for a breakfast to benefit Vernonia Cares food

bank.

Remember, everything in the thrift shop is half-price during the last week of every month. The thrift shop will also be open during Jamboree.

Vernonia Senior Citizens Center:
446 Bridge Street
Senior Information Assistance Rep:
Rosie McCoy
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

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within 25 miles from our picnic table!**

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SUNDAY, July 18th ONLY**

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Beaver Homes, Fern Hill, Warren
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