

## Calling all world travelers: Come to the Library's Reading Program

Readers of all ages will travel the globe this summer as Vernonia Public Library presents "One World, Many Stories" during their summer reading program. Children will explore places from Oceania to Russia through stories, crafts, music, dance, and other activities.

The 2011 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, ages 1 through 13, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, movie matinees and more. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program. Registration for "One World, Many Stories" has begun. Registration forms can be picked up at the Vernonia Public Library, Washington Grade School office, or Vernonia

City Hall.

The first events in the program will take place Tuesday, June 28 and Thursday, June 30. On June 28, from 10 to 11 a.m. there will be Story & Craft/Activity Time. Other dates for this activity are July 5, July 12, July 19 and July 26 (all at 10 to 11 a.m.) June 30 will be the Washington County Museum - School Days Program, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (This event is open to all members of the community). On July 7, Hart's Reptile World will be in town (for the whole community to attend) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the library at 503-429-1818. All programs are free of charge.

## Harrison is My Fair Lady princess

The Columbia River PUD has announced the 2011 My Fair Lady Court.

This year's My Fair Lady princesses are Sally Harrison of Vernonia, Kay Jillson of St. Helens, Diane Grube of Scappoose, Liz Sandahl of Rainier, and Donna Haman of Clatskanie.

The My Fair Lady pageant is held each year during the Columbia County Fair to recog-

nize senior women for their outstanding service in our community. The CRPUD organizes the pageant each year in conjunction with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Columbia River Fire and Rescue.

The Columbia County Fair and Rodeo will be held July 13 - 17. The fire chiefs from each city will judge the pageant during the fair.

## Welcome Additions



### Augustus Anthony Papineau

Augustus Anthony Papineau was born May 30, 2011, to Kortni and Joe Papineau of Prineville. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Tony and Dana Hyde of Vernonia, Jay Papineau of Heppner, and Lorene Papineau of Bend.

His great-grandmother is Helen Hiveley of Vernonia.

## VHS 1971 class holds 40th reunion

The Vernonia High School class of 1971 will hold their 40th reunion on Saturday, August 6, Jamboree weekend.

The reunion will be held at the Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park (adjacent to the swimming hole) from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

All graduates and spouses

are invited, as well as members of other classes who were acquaintances.

Please RSVP by calling Steve or Marilyn Landers at 503-429-4543 or email Landers\_family@hotmail.com.

## Senior Center News

Keeping (and taking) your prescription drugs on schedule can sometimes be frustrating. If you have questions about handling your meds, come to your senior center tomorrow, June 17, at 11 a.m. for information on managing your prescriptions.

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

The Vernonia Senior Center is really appreciative of everyone involved in last week's very successful plant sale. Thank you to all of you who donated and/or purchased plants and other garden-related items.

The Center will be closed Monday, July 4th, for Independence Day. That will be a good day to enjoy the parade at 4:00 p.m., and fireworks later in the evening.

Lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon. A \$4.00 donation is suggested for those 60 and older, and \$5.00 for those under 60. If you prefer lunch to go, for only \$5.00 you can call ahead and place your order.

On the last Wednesday of each month, Wau-na Federal Credit Union makes a good lunch even better by providing diners with free ice cream. This month's lunch honoring those with June birthdays, will be on Friday, June 24th.

Great breakfasts are always available on 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 also 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 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You won't want to miss the Half Price Sale during the first week of each month, when *everything* is on sale.

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.

Assorted breads, rolls and pastries are available at the Center nearly every day. It's first-come, first-served, either free or whatever you can donate.

The Senior Center Thrift Shop is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The prices are always great, but it's even thriftier during the half price sale in the first week of each month.

If you need a wheelchair or other durable health care equipment, or if you have something that is no longer used, call thrift shop Manager Pauline Coffman to put equipment to work.

### Vernonia Senior Citizens Center:

446 Bridge Street

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

### Senior Information Assistance Rep:

Rosie McCoy

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

**Phone:** 503-429-3912

## Do you know the signs of elder abuse?

Do you know what the top five warning signs are of elder abuse? Most people do not. The Fifth Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was held June 15. Communities around the world and throughout Oregon used this opportunity to raise awareness of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Elder abuse occurs in private homes as well as in residential facilities.

"A recent national survey revealed that one in 10 seniors had experienced some type of mistreatment during the previous year," explained Fred Steele, Oregon Department of Human Services community adult protective services man-

ager. "However, only one in five cases or fewer are actually reported," he said. "June 15 provided a unique opportunity for us to raise public awareness of elder abuse and to enlist public understanding, which is vital to

## Two Vernonians finish college

Western Oregon University has announced that Brent Thompson of Vernonia has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

Kortni Papineau, formerly Kortni Hyde of Vernonia, has graduated from Oregon State University with a Master's Degree in Teaching.

elder abuse prevention," Steele said.

The most prevalent warning signs are:

- Unexplained weight loss, malnutrition, or dehydration;
- Changes in personality or behavior;

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