

Ballot drop-off information given

The Public Certification Test of the counting equipment for the Special Primary Election to be held on November 8, will be held on Tuesday, November 1.

The testing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Columbia County Elections Dept. in St. Helens. The public is welcome to attend.

Drop sites for the election will be as follows:

- Vernonia Library, Oct. 21 to Nov. 7 during regular hours, and Nov. 8 from Noon to 8:00 p.m.

- Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD, 12525 Hwy. 202, Oct. 21 to Nov. 7, during regular hours and Nov. 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- County Courthouse, St. Helens, regular hours, plus Nov. 8 hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There is also a drive-through drop box in the lower parking lot.

Other ballot drop site locations around Columbia County include Rainier City Hall, Scappoose City Hall and the Clatskanie Library.

CCCF seeks projects for funding

The Columbia County Commission on Children and Families is seeking applications for projects which are limited in scope and duration. Projects are for out of school time programming for children and youth ages 0 to 18 years. Project descriptions, funding, outcomes and the application form are available on the Commission website at www.co.columbia.or.us/departments/commission-on-children-and-families/programs. Questions may be directed to Jan Spika Kenna at 503-397-7225. To have a copy of the application sent via email, contact Commission staff at 503-397-7211, or email Kath.Dostert@co.columbia.or.us or Jan.Kenna@co.columbia.or.us.

The process can start now by going to the Oregon State Police main website www.oregon.gov/OSP and the recruiting website at www.osptrooper.com where interested applicants can create an account to start building a profile. Applications will start being received Tuesday, October 25, at 8:00 a.m.

OSP announces job openings

For the first time in the Department's history, the Oregon State Police (OSP) will be exclusively using an electronic application system to accept applications from men and women interested in a future career as an OSP trooper. Electronic applications will be received starting October 25, through the State of Oregon's E-Recruit system, a new electronic application system that all branches of state government transitioned into about a year ago.

OSP Superintendent Chris Brown is hopeful this new application opportunity will result in a large turnout and encourages anyone interested in a career as an OSP trooper to apply.

"The Oregon State Police has not accepted applications for recruit trooper positions since March 2010. We expect high interest but we will have to limit the number of applicants to the first 800 received so we have a manageable application pool for anticipated hiring," said Brown.

Superintendent Brown emphasized that if you truly desire a position with the Oregon State Police it takes discipline and preparation. The best advice is to train to the highest possible level you can achieve, even if that surpasses the printed standards. During the physical abilities testing, applicants are required to meet specific standards for performing push-ups and sit-ups in two minutes and running two miles under an allotted time. These standards can be seen by clicking the following link: http://www.osptrooper.com/OSP/RECRUIT/trouper_testing.shtml.

Happy Halloween

Senior Center News

Join in the fun at the Vernonia Senior Center's annual Halloween Party on Monday, Oct. 31. Whether you wear a costume, or not, is up to you, but costumes will be judged and prizes will be awarded. There will also be grab bags and other Halloween fun. Vernonia will be hosting the 5 Area Lunch on the 31st, so there may be costumed visitors from other senior centers, too. You don't have to be a member, or even a senior citizen to enjoy the party and have lunch with us.

Many choices of Halloween costumes and decorations are available in the senior center Thrift Shop – all at great prices! You can have a festive Halloween without going to a lot of expense. The Thrift Shop is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The regularly scheduled Senior Center Board of Directors meeting is on the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m., but this month's meeting was rescheduled to October 21st. Starting time is still 10 a.m., and your questions and/or suggestions are welcome.

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, Wauna Federal Credit Union makes a good

lunch even better by providing diners with free ice cream. October's birthday lunch will be on Friday, October 28th.

Meals on Wheels are available for those who are home-bound. Call Senior Information Assistance Representative Rosie McCoy for information on how to put this great service to work for you or a loved one.

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

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.

You can also enjoy some friendly competition during Friday's games from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and every Wednesday features entertainment by the Golden Oldies starting in mid-morning.

Come on in and join us, you'll be glad you did.

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

Wauna has new Sr. V.P., Morriss

Wauna Federal Credit Union CEO and President Robert Blumberg has announced the promotion of Ethan Morriss to the title of Senior Vice President – Chief Lending Officer at Wauna Federal Credit Union. Morriss has served as Vice President – Lending since joining the Credit Union in August 2009. His responsibilities also include management of the Credit Union Call Center and Loss Mitigation program.

"Ethan has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and added innovative ideas which have elevated our lending program to new heights," reports Blumberg. Morriss had been Vice President-Lending at Oregon Employees Federal Credit Union in Salem, Oregon.

Wauna has branches in Astoria, Clatskanie, St. Helens, Scappoose, Vernonia and Warrenton. Membership eligibility includes any individual who resides, is employed, attends school, worships, or is related to a current member, or any business, organization, or legal entity, in Clatsop or Columbia Counties, Oregon.

For more information please call 800-773-3236 or visit www.wauna-fcu.com.

Scam reported

A Vernonia resident recently received a scam phone call, from someone saying they were with the Social Security. The caller started the scam by saying that new cards would be coming in three weeks, then goes on to ask for information about checking accounts.

The Vernonia Police Department says that these calls are from scammers. Do not give out any personal information over the phone to someone

saying they are with Social Security.

Sign up now for Xmas Bazaar

Crafters interested in participating in this year's annual Booster Club Christmas Bazaar, to be held December 3-4, please call Corrie Smith at 503-429-1052 or email vernabazaar@aol.com for a registration form or more details.

All Inn Pub & Eatery and the Cederside Inn

Invite you to a shared*

Halloween Costume Party

Come Shake Your Bones

Saturday October 29th

756 & 733 Bridge St., Vernonia

FEATURING PRIZES & LIVE MUSIC BY

COUNTRY BACK ROADS

*Must be over 21 of age.