

## Child safety seat event in St. Helens

Columbia County Safe Kids will hold a child safety seat check-up event on Thursday, November 10, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the St. Helens Fire Station, 105 S. 12th Street. The clinic is free. The clinic provides an opportunity to have a child safety seat checked by a certified technician, who can correct misuse, help with instal-

lation and teach you how to correctly install the seat. Technicians can also check for seat recalls. There is no cost to have a technician check your child safety seats. Please plan to spend 30-60 minutes at the event.

Through a grant funded by ACTS Oregon, Columbia County Safe Kids can provide

low-cost child safety seats to families in need. Families who receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) should contact their worker about payment for a seat.

For more information about the clinic or the Columbia County child safety seat program, please contact Natalie at 503-410-3169.

## Radio Mystery Hour coming to St. Helens

ShoeString Community Players present the "Radio Mystery Hour Theater" on No-

vember 10, 11, & 12 at 7:00 p.m., plus a matinee on November 12 at 2:00 p.m. The

show will be presented in the old St. Vincent DePaul building, 231 South 1st Street, St. Helens. The very talented cast is in character with radio broadcast voices, voice impressions, singing commercials, a singing quartet, and lots of sound effects. Radio plays are performed live so audiences can enjoy the behind-the-scenes entertainment of a radio production. This show is fun for all.

This show is a fundraiser for the ShoeString Community Players annual Cheri Adams' Theater Arts Scholarship, to assist graduates of St. Helens, Scappoose, Vernonia, Clatskanie and Rainier High Schools who intend to major or minor in theater or in a related field (such as technical theater, dance performance, or make-up) at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or conservatory. All proceeds from ticket sales go to the scholarship fund.

Tickets will be available at Bertucci's, St. Helens Bookshop, and online at <http://www.sscp-musicals.com>. Ticket prices are general admission \$8, or \$5 with three cans of food to be donated to the Columbia Pacific Food Bank. Tickets are now on sale.

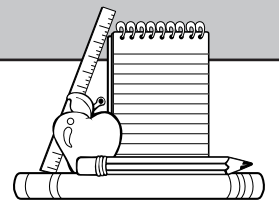
For more information email [specialprojects@sscp-musicals.com](mailto:specialprojects@sscp-musicals.com) or call 503-366-4406.

**Left, this very cute Panda was spotted on Bridge Street, in Vernonia, early on the evening of Halloween.**



## Chalk Talk

Chalk Talk is a column of information about Vernonia schools. This column was provided by Superintendent Dr. Ken Cox.



I have a couple of pieces of information I would like to share with you. The first is that we need some volunteers to assist students crossing Bridge Street in the morning. While most drivers do stop at the crosswalks when someone is waiting to cross, some do not. I have heard about this from one of our board members and we actually received a complaint about this last month. To address the issue we are looking for some adult volunteers who could help monitor the crosswalks from about 7:30 a.m. until the crossing guards get there at 7:50 each school day morning. If you are out and about at that time in the morning, going for a walk or want to start a habit of being up and ready for the day, please consider helping us out and spending a few minutes protecting our children. If you are interested please contact Washington Grade School Principal Aaron Miller or the district office at 503-429-5891.

The other piece of information that I would like to share with you is that as a District we are NOT going to be asking for another general obligation bond that would mean more taxes for our patrons. It came to my attention recently that this rumor is out there and I want you to know that the school board has indicated that this will not be an option as we continue to finalize the funding for our new schools. In order to keep you up to date, I will be sharing more on the current status of our new school funding in my next article. Please come and talk to me if you have questions or concerns about our schools.

Finally, I hope everyone had an enjoyable Halloween. I know I will, once I get all the forks and toilet paper off my front lawn!

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Hi! My name is Ruxspin and I need a home. I was rescued from a bad place. But that's in the past and I don't let it keep me from being friendly. I am a curious and affectionate girl who loves attention. Did I also mention I'm playful and purrfectly happy to entertain myself if you are busy or at work. I like other well-behaved cats but would also be happy as a single cat. I would be happy just to have a loving home. Would you please be my family, take me home and love me?

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