

Child safety seat event tomorrow

Columbia County Safe Kids will be holding a child safety seat check-up event tomorrow, December 8, in St. Helens from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the St. Helens Fire Station, 105 S. 12th Street, St. Helens. The clinic is free.

The clinic provides an opportunity to have a child safety seat checked by a certified technician, who can help with installation. 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 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.

Welcome Additions



Ryder Vincent Scozzari

Ryder Vincent Scozzari was born November 30, 2011, to Derek Thomas Scozzari and Rebecca Dawn Blankenbaker

of Vernonia/Beaverton. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 22 inches long.

He joins a brother, Gavin Scozzari, and a sister, Alyssa Nguyen.

Grandparents are Kirk and Dawn Thurman of Vernonia and Kent and Linda Blankenbaker of Beaverton.

Great-grandparents are Muriel and Glen Kunter of Billings, Montana, Barbara and Chuck Boozier of Wilsonville, and Ester and Bud Blankenbaker of Vancouver, Washington.

In the Service

Air Force Airman Calvin J. Barnes has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military

discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Barnes is the son of Chris and Leslie Barnes of Vernonia. He is a 2010 graduate of Vernonia High School.

Vernonia Area Business Owners are Invited to a Chamber of Commerce Year-End Social

December 14 6:30 to 8:00 PM

WOEC Conference Room

Bring your ideas and suggestions for next year's Chamber programs and

Join us for refreshments and conversation



Senior Center News

At this time, the days that the Vernonia Senior Center will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays are not known. Watch for that information in this column in the December 21 *Independent*.

If you're involved in holiday preparations, take a look in our thrift shop for lots of choices at great prices. You may even find something for that difficult-to-buy-for person on your gift list. The Senior Center Thrift Shop is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wheelchairs are available through the thrift shop, call Pauline Coffman for information. The thrift shop can also accept almost any durable medical equipment that you may want to donate.

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.

Along with lunch, you can enjoy musical entertainment by the Golden Oldies on Wednesdays. Their repertoire includes a treasury of seasonal and nostalgic melodies everyone will enjoy.

Meals on Wheels are available for those who are home-bound. Call Senior Information Assistance Representative Rosie McCoy. She will explain how to put this great service to work.

Our cold mornings call for a hot breakfast, and Connie's great breakfasts are available 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 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.

Needle workers gather on Tuesdays, from 10:30 a.m. to closing. If you're currently working on a quilt, crocheting an afghan, knitting a sweater, or working on any needlework project, bring it in and enjoy the company of others as you work.

Free hearing checks are performed by a representative of Columbia Hearing Aids on the third Monday of each month, 1-2:00 p.m. No appointment needed.

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.

The center's Board of Directors meets on the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m. The meetings are open to the public.

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

Holiday Bucks

Through December 16th

Drawings to be held
Dec. 10th & 17th

Participating merchants:

Black Bear Coffee LLC
City of Vernonia
Cornerstone Naturals
Creatures Pet Store
Jazzercise
Karmel's Flower Patch
Made in Vernonia
Napa Auto Parts
New Day Massage

Out on a Limb
Pampered Chef - Lee
Anne Krause
The Clever Cricket
The Independent
True Value Hardware
U & U Leathers
Vernonia Florist Shop
Vernonia Hardware

Vernonia Library
Vernonia Pharmacy
Vernonia Post Office
Vernonia Realty
Vernonia Senior Center
Vernonia Sentry
Wauna Federal Credit Union
West Oregon Electric

Make a list and check it twice for local shopping!