

## The Scuttlebutt - News From Around Our Town

**Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 96!** Eleanor Thompson celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday last week. Eleanor was the guest of honor at the Vernonia Senior Center, as they honored all their January birthdays on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup>. The folks



from Wauna Federal Credit Union served ice cream like they do every last Wednesday and The Golden Oldies played music like they do every week. And of course Eleanor took up her usual place with the band behind the drum kit—she's still kickin' down the beats even at 96!

Eleanor continues to be lively, alert, and full of life. Granddaughter-in-law Donna Webb helped us total up the generations that Eleanor counts as family. As best we can figure Eleanor has her three daughters Dede Webb, Joyce Weller and Janice Bernanrdi, seven grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, and eleven great great grandchildren-so far. Eleanor told us that her oldest grandchild will turn fifty-nine this year. Don't worry, we're not going to spill the beans and name names here!

A large family gathering took place on Saturday February 2nd at the Vernonia Scout Cabin as everyone gathered to honor the family matriarch.

**Local Young Ladies to Compete in Pageant** Three local young ladies have been selected to participate in the 2013 Miss Jr. Pre-Teen Portland Pageant on February 24, 2013. Kortnie Ad-

ams, Jayda Pihl and Megan Zavales all submitted an initial application and took part in an interview session and recently found had they had been selected. The young ladies will compete in modeling routines which include casual and formal wear and will also display their personality and interviewing skills; personality is the number one aspect that the contestants are judged on.

The winner of the Portland contest will travel to Orlando, Florida on an expense paid trip to compete in the National Competition. The



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girls are seeking sponsorship from local businesses and individuals; sponsorship is tax deductible. The girls have the chance for a unique experience, to make new friends throughout Oregon and build their self-confidence. Checks may be made out to "2013 Miss Teen Portland." If you wish to donate please contact Melissa Zavales at 503-329-3173 or Stacy Adams at 503-483-0317.

**Restaurant News** The Blue House Cafe is getting set to reopen on February 11<sup>th</sup> after taking a long break over the winter. Just in time for Valentine's Day! And speaking of Valentine's Day, the Black Bear is planning a Valentine's Dinner Special again. It will be available for two

evenings on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and will once again feature Surf n' Turf with Prime Rib and Coconut Shrimp. Still no word on when we might see La Cabana Mexican Restaurant opening their doors for business. One thing we can report is that they did renew their OLCC License. Here's hoping we'll all be eating burritos sometime in the near future.

**Other Business News** Dr. Carol McIntyre has moved her office to 758 Weed Avenue. Dr. Carol, who runs Natural Path Health Services, is our local Naturopath. Dr. Carol says she is getting settled into her new space and is looking forward to expanding her services. Congratulations to Dr. Carol on this big move and Good Luck! Also, The Vernonia Health Center is getting ready to open on February 19<sup>th</sup> which is good news for all of us.

**scut-tle-butt** noun \ˈskə-təl-, bət\

a : a cask on shipboard to contain freshwater for a day's use

b : a drinking fountain on a ship or at a naval or marine installation

Scuttlebutt in slang usage means rumor or gossip deriving from the nautical term for the cask used to serve water (or, later, a water fountain).

Water for immediate consumption on a sailing ship was conventionally stored in a scuttled butt: a butt (cask) which had been scuttled by making a hole in it so the water could be withdrawn. Since sailors exchanged gossip when they gathered at the scuttlebutt for a drink of water, scuttlebutt became Navy slang for gossip or rumours. The term corresponds to the colloquial concept of a water cooler in an office setting, which at times becomes the focus of congregation and casual discussion.

Vernonia's Voice intends to use this column, not to spread gossip or rumors but to share tidbits of news about the people and goings on in our community.

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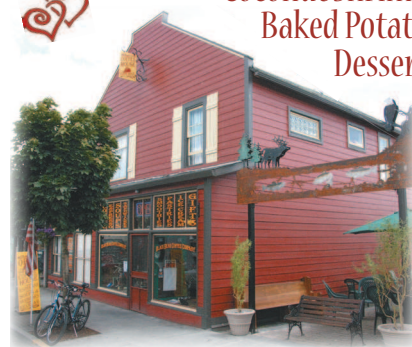
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