

## In Memory of...

**John David DeHart**



John David DeHart of Portland, Oregon passed away on September 18, 2021. He was born on May 25, 1937 in Vernonia, Oregon to Artemas and Maggie DeHart. He grew up in Vernonia.

There is nothing that David could not repair, a man of all trades, fixing things because of necessity and need. He was using his engineering and mechanical skills to remedy problems. David was born to fly. He earned a private pilot's license when he was 15 years

old, owned a small airplane and eventually got a commercial pilot's license. He was interested in many things: wood-working, carving, oil painting, parachuting, watercolor painting, and always engineering to make things easier to use. From a young age, he spent many hours and days hunting with his father in the coastal mountains. He loved camping and being outdoors, enjoying the beauty that surrounded him.

In the Navy David faced death when a jet blast

sent him over the side of the aircraft carrier toward the Pacific Ocean. He landed on a catwalk halfway down the side of the carrier. Fortunately for him he had only suffered a serious leg injury.

His parents preceded him in death, as did his siblings, Otha, Thurman, Artemas Leon, Mitchell, Dorothy, Lester, Tempie, and two infants: Alvin and Alice. Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Joyce; children, Deborah (Chris), Susan, and Michael (Melanie);

grandchildren, Bryce, Amanda, and Madeline; great-grandchildren, O'Cyrus and Evelyn; his sister Betty; and many nieces and nephews.

David was a wonderful dad and husband. We are filled with gratitude for having lived in the sunshine of such a great man. May the wings of angels carry David to his peace.

Services were held at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland on September 29, 2021.

## Windows Broken at Vernonia City Hall

Nine windows were broken at the Vernonia City Hall building in the early morning hours of October 13, 2021. Vernonia Police officer Dave Brown responded to the incident just after midnight and arrested a 35 year old male who was charged with 13 counts of Criminal Mischief in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Burglary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Disorderly Conduct in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Obstruction of Government/Judicial Administration, and Attempt to Commit a Crime-1. Bail for was set at \$77,000.



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### Bridge Street Bits

**By Karen Miller**  
FALL IS UPON US and needed rain as well. Happy Fall from all of us on the Vernonia Senior Center Board. At this writing the Center is still not approved for in-center dining but we hope that will change soon.

OUR THRIFT STORE IS DOING WELL thanks to all your continual donations and patronage. Watch our Bargains on Bridge Street Facebook page for the latest information. One upcoming activity is the popular "Kids Little Shoppers Christmas Event". The store will be taking names of your Vernonia little shoppers in the beginning of November. Stop in and sign up.

SENIORS COME IN AND JOIN OUR WEDNESDAY EXERCISE CLASSES 10:15 to 11:15 am AND 11:30 to 12:30. Each class is \$5, each tailored to lower or higher impact. Call our office for details (503) 429-3327.

FOOT CARE is offered here at our building. Call our office to sign up. Joyce Jossi is the foot care nurse.

MICHAEL LEIPZIG is scheduled to be at our building Friday, October 29 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Michael is a licensed insurance agent and will take care of all your insurance needs.

SENIOR SIGN OFF: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"  
- Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Thanks for watching out for your senior neighbors.  
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