

Community

Museum Pieces

By Robb Wilson, Curator
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One question I am often asked is "Why does this town have a *Weed Avenue*? That's an awful name for a street." First, I tell them that the next street over is Rose Avenue and, then, that these two streets are family names and have nothing to do with anything that grows.

Of course the other north/south streets in the downtown grid are names of past U.S. Presidents and as you head east they continue until State Ave. and East Ave. Then by Washington Grade School is California St. and, when you get to the top of O-A Hill, state names take over. The streets on O-A Hill are named after southern states because, when the mill and the housing were built, most of the workers came from the South and the names apparently were meant to make them feel at home after being transplanted so far away from their former homes.

Continuing east, next is Spencer Avenue, named for the pioneer Spencer family and marking the eastern border of the family's homestead. Next is Riverside Drive, which needs no explanation. Across the river, starting from the south and heading north, the streets are named alphabetically for trees, Alder through Fir. Then come Grove, Heather and Knott Streets. Knott Street was once called Slaughterhouse Road because there

was a slaughterhouse on it. At one time it continued through to the Clark & Wilson Company's Camp 8, on what is now the Scappoose-Vernonia Highway. When the roads were changed in the 1940s and '50s, this became a dead end and was known as 10th street (with the addition of Heather Lane, it is now the 11th street). These were all numbered streets at one time, as was the downtown grid until they were renamed for presidents. Additionally, all the streets going up Corey Hill to the cemetery are numbered streets, too! Three areas with numbered streets must have been a real headache for the post office in years past.

I think that all of the other streets and avenues (avenues run north and south) and their respective names are pretty explanatory. If you have questions, call me or stop on by the museum and ask. I don't know who Ruth Avenue is named for. If you know, I'd appreciate being informed. And why doesn't Vernonia have a *Main Street*?!! A Bridge Street but no Main.

In the past year some of these columns have been about World War II. Let's not forget that the first week in August marks the end of that war, 50 years ago, when the United States dropped two atomic bombs on Japan.

Summer Hours (June through Sept.):
Thursday through Saturday noon to 4:00 p.m. Sundays, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
For appointments or information, phone 429-3713.

Women's Aglow meetings slated

A local chapter of Women's Aglow Fellowship International will open in August. Aglow is an interdenominational organization of Christian women with the goal of providing opportunity for Christian women to grow in faith and minister to others.

The goals are met through many methods, including monthly outreach meetings. The first outreach meeting for

the Vernonia Women's Aglow chapter is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. in the upper room of the Sidetrack Cafe.

Five officers were elected in a June 11 meeting. Three local male advisors have already accepted advisory positions. Many ministry chairwomen positions are still open.

To gain funds for the new organization, a concession booth will be in operation all through Jamboree weekend at Anderson Park and "womanned" by Aglow supporters. Chapter president Kay Green said, "Come and visit our booth and be refreshed with food and fellowship during Jamboree."

Odd Fellows plan steak dinner benefit

A Swiss Steak Dinner will be held Sunday, April 30, at the Oddfellows Hall, 18th & Church Streets in St. Helens. The all-you-can-eat dinner will start at noon and continue until 5 p.m.

The price for adults is \$5.00; children 6 to 12, \$2.50; children under 6, free.

Proceeds from the dinner will go to fix the kitchen floor at The Oddfellows Hall.

O-A Mill picnic

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with members of both groups.

A show of hands of those assembled agreed. The O-A Picnic and Old Grads will meet together on the third Sunday in August, 1996. The Old Grads will meet this year on the 16th of August.

Senior News

The senior citizens are eagerly looking forward to the outcome of balloting for the Queen of the My Fair Lady Pageant at the Columbia County Fair, hoping Princess Elsie Taylor from the Vernonia center gets the nod.

They are also preparing for a busy Jamboree weekend, when they will be entertaining visitors returning to Vernonia to celebrate. Three seniors will be honored in the Jamboree parade. Elsie Taylor, as the local representative of the My Fair Lady Pageant, Nora Keith, as the Golden Pioneer and Henry Anderegg, who is being honored as Citizen Through the Years.

The annual fabric sale will be held at the center on August 22-24 from 10 a.m. each day. There are many great values for seamstresses at this sale, according to Nellie Tipton. If any reader has fabric not being used, now is the time to donate it to the center, she added.

Natal Grange raffle winner is announced

Tami Bates of Westport held the winning ticket for a \$300 grocery shopping spree at Safeway, Natal Grange member Jeanette Grant announced.

Grant thanked all those who purchased raffle tickets, for their support. Proceeds of the raffle will be used for maintenance costs at the Grange Hall.

Fourteen guests from the Forest Grove Residential Center shared lunch with the Vernonia seniors on the 17th of July.

August birthdays are: Aug. 2, John Frantz; 6, Levi Vinson; 9, Ida Kudrna; 15, Nellie Tipton; 26, Ed Justice.

Evangelical Church books Graham reel

An inspiring Billy Graham movie, "Power Play", will be shown at the Evangelical Bible Church, 957 State Ave., Vernonia, Sunday night, August 6th at 6 p.m. The public is invited to share this action

The Blades just signed a fighter... and she doesn't even skate.



POWER PLAY

featuring
Ken Olandt • Marietta DePrima

packed movie, which is centered around a Vancouver pro-hockey team and one person's realization that winning isn't everything. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken to defray expenses.

Vernonia Preschool Registration

1995-1996 School Year

Tuesday, August 31, 1995, 7:00 p.m.

627 Adams Avenue, Vernonia

If you are unable to attend open registration, but want to register your child, please call 429-4900.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY:

Vernonia Primaries, dba Vernonia Preschool, admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. They do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of their educational policies and other school administered programs.



Parent-Child
Preschools of Oregon

For referral to parent participation preschools throughout Oregon, contact P. O. Box 1455, Tualatin, Oregon, or call 692-1593.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
is presenting a summer religious
education program called

"The Family of God"

July 31st - Aug 4th

960 Missouri Ave., Vernonia

For Information call: 429-8092 or 429-9402

**FABRIC
SALE!**

VERNONIA
SENIOR CENTER
446 BRIDGE STREET

AUGUST
22, 23, 24
10 am-3 pm

Buffys' Mini Mall

721 Madison Avenue ♦ Vernonia

Buffys' - Clothing and more: 429-buff

Eagles Wings Pizza and Grill: 429-8540

Options Health and Herbs: 429-9800

Come on in for dinner! Great food and friendly faces await you! While your order's cooking, browse at Buffys', where the prices will amaze you! Or, if you need quality care for any weight or health challenge, see Lucy at Options Health & Herbs.

We hope to see you soon! A place for your family needs!

