

# "Piano" teacher develops opportunities unusual for a small town

It's not unusual for a town the size of Vernonia to have two or three piano teachers. But who would expect — in a town of 2400 people — to find a music school that can offer lessons in piano, violin, viola, cello, drum, French horn, clarinet, voice and music theory? Actually, nobody who knows Madeleine Gendron would be surprised.

Gendron, who moved to Vernonia seven years ago with her husband, Dave Herndon, and their family, had studied voice, choir and music theory throughout her school years, and earned a 10th degree in piano at Laval University in her native Quebec. She also studied clarinet and guitar.

With six years of teaching experience in Quebec, she started teaching in Vernonia four years ago. As she became involved in other musical activities, she realized that music studies were also needed by people from Banks, Mist, Birkenfeld and Clatskanie. She became a member of the Oregon Music Teachers Association (OMTA) and, in her second year, had nearly 20 students.



Madeleine Gendron, at left, plays along with four students. On the cello is Yolande Gendron, 9; Kevin Johnston, 11, on piano. Violinists are, at left rear, Sean Guttman, 10, and Celia Gendron, 9.

As people wanted instruction in instruments other than

the piano, things just kept evolving. Now Madeleine Music School includes instructor Neil Hollister of Portland, who

teaches violin and viola, and husband Dave Herndon, who teaches drums in both Vernonia and Longview. Additionally,

Gendron teaches piano at the Banks Community United Methodist Church and music theory for orchestra and band students of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony in Portland.

Among the activities Gendron arranges for her own students are group trips (with complimentary tickets) to symphonies or concerts, including three each year to MYS.

"Music brings joy and light in one's life," Gendron says. Obviously, she wants to share the joy. For more information, she may be reached at 503-429-9402, or <Madeleinegendron@yahoo.com>.

### WEATHER REPORT

AUGUST, 2000

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP. AMT.
	HI	LO	
1	73	41	--
2	78	42	--
3	82	44	--
4	85	47	--
5	85	49	--
6	79	54	--
7	78	51	--
8	86	50	--
9	82	51	--
10	71	39	--
11	68	38	--
12	73	38	--
13	67	41	--
14	70	36	--
15	69	38	--
16	76	35	--
17	73	37	--
18	66	46	.09
19	68	39	.01
20	71	41	--
21	79	41	--
22	85	43	--
23	87	44	--
24	70	45	--
25	72	46	--
26	69	35	--
27	67	33	--
28	77	33	--
29	75	39	--
30	71	53	--
31	64	39	--

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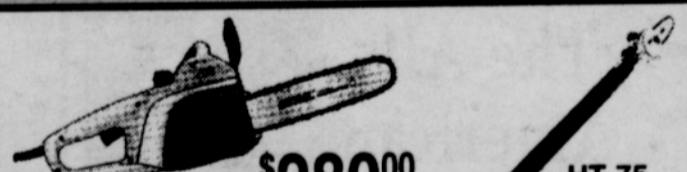
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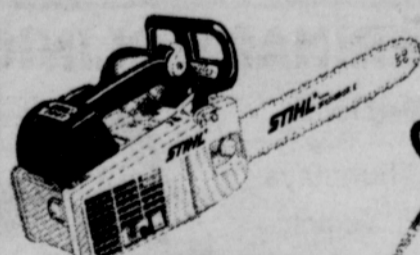
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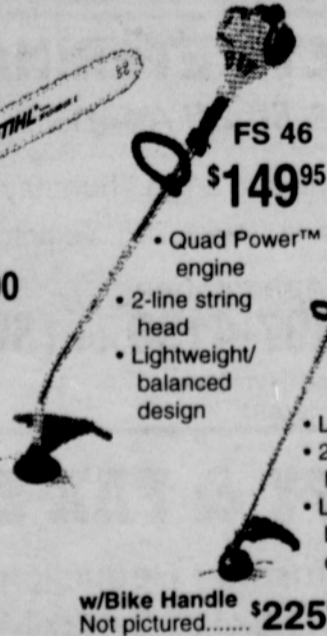


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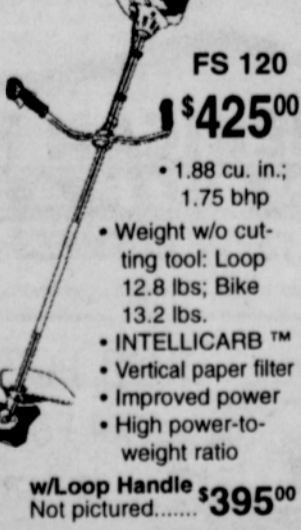
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