

## Women's Resource Center closed for repairs, cleaning

The Starting Place, Columbia County Women's Resource Center's domestic violence and/or sexual assault shelter, will be closed for two weeks, from June 15 through June 30. The crisis line, 503-397-6161 and 866-397-6161, will have a recording giving alternate phone numbers for various services, including emergencies.

Cleaning supplies, paint and other miscellaneous materials, as well as money, are needed to help purchase the items needed for repairs. Volunteers are also needed to help during this two-week project.

For more information, call 503-397-6161.

### Church Bulletin Bloopers

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

## Can you dig it?

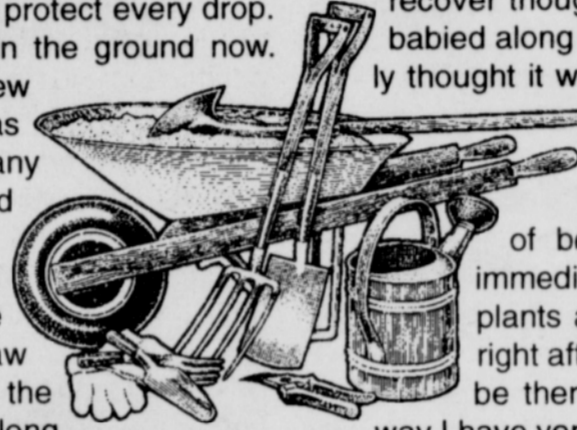
By Schann Nelson



Normally at this time of year I find myself craving color in the landscape. Red, yellow, the oh-so-elusive blue, ANYTHING to relieve the unrelenting sea of green that surrounds my property on all sides. This year however, after a very stressful trip to eastern Oregon, it is a balm and a blessing. The very air provides an outlet for built-up anxiety, watering is a blissful activity here, where we don't have to protect every drop.

I'm sure everyone's gardens are mostly in the ground now. Some are well on their way. Some lucky few have started to harvest peas and spinach has been a good crop for most. I just didn't get any planted. My beans are up, and the corn should be up this week if the weather cooperates.

The surprise in the tomato patch is that it's hard to tell the tomatoes I replaced after the frost from the ones I left in place because I saw signs of life. All of my tomatoes are nearly the same size. Any blooms from a month ago are long gone but several plants (Stupice, La Roma, Golden Nugget & First Lady) have buds that will open soon. Two of my favorites, Tiger-Like (an orange-striped early tomato) and Persimmon (an heirloom that I grow because the few tomatoes that actually get ripe are so good they're worth the wait) are survivors. The persimmon, in particular, took freezing nearly to the ground as an



insult and responded with such vigorous growth that I'm very glad it's in the largest cage I have.

Moving things around is always interesting. Sometimes it's successful. I have Dutch iris that bloomed this year for the first time even though I've had them for fifteen years or more. Three years ago I moved three clematis in order to put a better foundation under the sinking front porch. A beautiful, vivid pink clematis (Dr. Rumpol) is clearly very happy at its new location where it's really putting on a show right now. However, the dark purple "Jackmani" looks like it's really struggling to survive; it may still recover though. My third clematis, a white "Montana" that I babied along for two years, looked awful last year and I really thought it was going to give up the ghost. Lo and behold, this spring it sends up new growth from the ground that looks strong and healthy.

I mulch my entire garden in straw. I plant rows of beans or corn and mulch between the rows immediately. I put straw down between the broccoli plants as soon as possible. Hopefully, I get this done right after I've pulled or chopped any weeds that might be there and when the ground is well watered. This way I have very few weeds and the soil stays damp and moist far longer than it would without mulch. This, of course, is also the perfect environment for our spineless friends, the slugs (said in my absolute most sarcastic voice). This is the one area where I stray from my organic gardening credo.

I bait constantly for slugs. I throw them over the fence to the chickens and ducks. I chop the slimy little monsters up. I battle them constantly and gloat over my victories. The most recent victory was the death of a whole phalanx of slugs that had been attacking a young Arctic Kiwi. The poor thing had already had to start over after getting severely nipped by the frost and the new growth close to the ground was apparently very attractive. A good dose of bait last night, and this morning lots of deceased slugs. Very rewarding.

The brassicas (members of the cabbage family) have also been interesting this year. Most of them I potted up in 4" pots and kept inside for a couple of weeks. There were a few, however, that I didn't have room for, so they went outside under hot caps with a little transplanted garlic. (The diamond pattern bed I talked about in my first column.) The cabbages and Brussels sprouts that were in pots are beautiful—huge, well grown and filling up the bed. The assortment planted outside is very inconsistent. I have one nice head of cabbage that will be part of dinner tonight, and a couple of what look like broccoli plants that are just going to flower without making heads at all and others that are making small heads.

Remember, there are no failures in gardening. I want to thank the person who said to me this month, "Failure is just another opportunity for compost." I also like to watch the chickens and sheep enjoy what might otherwise be a garden disappointment. Happy gardening!

## Church Directory

### VERNONIA FOURSQUARE CHURCH

Pastor Paul Pastor  
850 Madison Avenue  
Vernonia, 503 429-1103

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.  
Evening Service  
Youth Ministry  
Children's Ministry  
Nursery Available

Men's Ministry 7:45 a.m.  
3rd Saturday each month

### VERNONIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Grant Williams, Pastor  
957 State Avenue  
Vernonia, 503 429-6790

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Children's Church w/Nursery  
Sunday Youth Group  
Junior High 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Senior High 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
Women's Bible Study, Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

### GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

D.J. Dickey, Pastor  
Grant & North Streets  
Vernonia, 503 429-1919

Sunday Services: Adult Prayer & Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:15 a.m.  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service:  
All Family Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Darwin Harvey, Pastor  
662 Jefferson  
Vernonia, 503 429-4615

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Men's Study, Tuesday 10:30 a.m.  
Women's Study, Wednesday 1:30 p.m.  
Youth & Kids, Thursday 7:00 p.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

John Cahill, Pastor  
359 "A" Street  
Vernonia, 503 429-1161

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship  
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

### NEHALEM VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

500 California Ave  
Vernonia, 503 429-5378

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Nursery available  
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastoral Associate  
Juanita Dennis  
960 Missouri Avenue  
Vernonia, 503 429-8841

Mass Schedule  
Sunday 12 Noon

Religious Education  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Lee Knowlton, Branch President  
1350 E. Knott Street  
Vernonia, 503 429-7151

Sacrament Meeting, Sunday 10 a.m.  
Sunday School & Primary 11:20 a.m.

Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women, Sunday 12:10 p.m.

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Kevin Reiner, Pastor, 543-2254  
2nd Ave. and Nehalem St.  
Vernonia, 503 429-8301

Sabbath School 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

### ST. AUGUSTINE (CANTERBURY) EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Robert Grafe, Pastor  
375 North St. (Vernonia Grange Hall)  
Vernonia, 503 429-3700

Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Joel Stith, Pastor  
410 North Street  
Vernonia, 503 429-6522

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Every Wednesday:  
Ladies' Bible Study 9:15 a.m.  
Children's Choir 3:00 p.m.  
Family Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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