

Welcome Additions

Tanner Lee Kepple

Tanner Lee Kepple was born June 4, 2002, to Amy Barton and Cory Kepple of Vernonia. He weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Grandparents are Ahron and Toni Barton of Vernonia, Tammy Kusch of Hillsboro and Terry Kepple of Vernonia.

On child rearing...

A teacher, noticing how courteous and polite one of her pupils was, wished to praise her and teach the class a lesson. She asked, "Who taught you to be so polite?"

The girl laughed, "No one, it just runs in our family."

Church Bulletin Bloopers

During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.

Can you dig it?

By Schann Nelson



I hope that by the time this appears in print, summer will actually have arrived. In spite of the weather, however, the flowers are blooming and a few vegetables have been harvested. We take for granted the bounty of fruit available locally. Strawberries, cherries, blueberries, and raspberries are all available at roadside stands now, along with plums and some really great apricots. Soon, they will be followed by

blackberries, more cherries and plums and strawberries, and peaches. My personal raspberries have obviously benefited from some additional sun (from climbing up a nearby large cherry tree, not the weather) and will be loaded with berries in another week or so. The strawberries make a nice ground cover but the slugs get all the berries.

At this time of year it's possible almost every day to walk outside in the evening and pick at least part of dinner. Color comes back to the yard and garden this month with roses, delphiniums, foxglove, poppies, etc. One of my favorite combinations this year is a bright orange calendula beautifully set off by the dark blue-green of Brussels' Sprouts. Last year it was a great bouquet of dark purple-blue delphiniums and bright orange lilies, colors I have been trying to get together for a long time. This year the lilies are way behind the delphiniums.

One of the best things about writing this column is that people

talk to me about their own gardens. This month I had the opportunity to see a small, but very clean-lined, desert garden of cactus and palms set between a house and pool, creating a little piece of Arizona right here in the Pacific Northwest. I've also been invited to see the Brookins' kiwi plantation. James is justifiably proud of his finger-size kiwis but I think his house may be completely overwhelmed by kiwi vines if he has as many as he says. I've chosen a slower growing, and more decorative, Arctic variety.

In response to a comment from a reader, I have tried putting beer out and it does get quite a few slugs. It is also attractive to the dog and the cats and that is not a good thing. Throwing the mollusks over the fence for the chickens and

ducks and applying bait when necessary to protect young plants is more effective. I also just accept that I create great slug habitat and plant enough to share. I'm also probably the only person in town that has managed to kill a red-hot poker plant. I moved one last year, because it was too close to the blueberries, divided it into three plants and replanted it thinking it would provide a nice bright flower along the edge of the front hedge. I guess

that location is just too cold, too damp and doesn't have enough sun because, even though I baited for slugs several times last year and over the winter, the plants are completely gone, without a trace.

It always interests me to see what continues to come up as volunteers. I planted borage many years ago and one or two come up every year somewhere that I can live with, so I let them grow. The tiny blue flowers make a nice garnish for salads. This year I have sunflowers in the first bed of cabbage and garlic I planted that I just can't bear to pull up. Since I don't really care if the garlic in that bed is full size I'm just going to let them grow. There is a fantastic, bright red, fringed-double poppy that looks great right now, but I will want to get it out of the garden before it goes to seed. Other volunteers are foxglove (that I move around to where I want them in late fall or early spring), nasturtiums, Love-in-a-Mist, calendulas, Johnny-Jump-Ups. There are a few things I rip-out on sight: bindweed (the white morning glory so prevalent in town), lemon balm (the only self-seeding mint), curly dock and burdock. I have lemon balm in a confined area because it smells great but it SPREADS, so anywhere else in the yard it is a weed.

I think I will give up on growing corn. I just don't have either the sun or the space for this warm weather crop. Even my usually dependable "Seneca Horizon" is completely wimpy this year. There is only one small part of my garden that gets any sun before 11 a.m. and I cannot keep planting corn in the same bed year after year. Besides, it is so cheap when it's in season it hardly seems worth it. Maybe in a couple of years I'll try again when those beds are ready. This year the sunny beds are planted with beans. I put up strings for the pole beans on Saturday evening and by Sunday afternoon they had climbed up the strings 6 inches or more. It may not be good weather for tomatoes, eggplant or corn, but the beans and peas love it.

I like to save the garden space for crops that taste better when home grown. This includes spinach, string beans, tomatoes, garlic, cucumbers and any member of the brassica family. There is simply no comparison to store-bought broccoli and cauliflower. My kids never touched a Brussels Sprout until I grew them and now they are a favorite vegetable. There is absolutely nothing like a frost-kissed sweet, bite-sized cabbage that you've been nurturing for months. The county Extension bulletin advises starting winter vegetables such as kale, broccoli, carrots, various mustards and Chinese greens. These crops grow really well in our maritime climate and can be harvested nine months of the year.

Congratulations to anyone who got tomatoes by the 4th and whose corn is above knee-high!



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

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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.

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

Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Youth & Kids, Thursday 7:00 p.m.

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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.

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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 12:00 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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