

Moms in Touch form local group

A "Moms in Touch" group has formed in Vernonia. The purpose of the group is to intercede for the children and staff of Vernonia School District through prayer.

Although nondenominational, the group abides by an evangelical Christian statement of faith.

"Moms in Touch International" is in its nineteenth year and has member groups in over ninety countries.

The local group meets Mondays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The group is open to all ladies. Being a mother is not a requirement.

For more information, call Candy Olson at 503-429-2116.

Bible Study Bloopers

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Can you dig it?

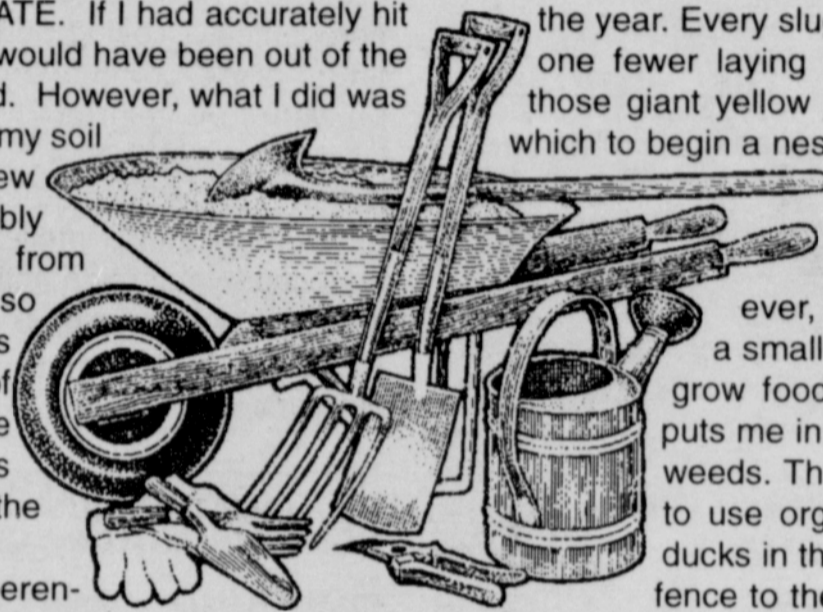
By Schann Nelson



Well, the weather certainly did a fine job of reminding all of us that it wasn't spring in February didn't it? If the sun ever does return, all of the daffodils in my yard are going to burst into bloom all at once. They have been slowly getting closer and closer to opening but hardly any have actually made it unless I bring them in the house.

Of course, in spite of my best intentions, I couldn't resist planting peas. This year I'm convinced that I actually planted too LATE. If I had accurately hit the beginning of that warm spell, they would have been out of the ground by the time the cold rain started. However, what I did was plant on the LAST nice warm day (and my soil was nice and warm that day). So my New Century and Dakota peas are probably rotting under their remay protection from cats. I've already reordered new seed so that I'm ready to plant if nothing comes up. I figure I can try a fall planting of peas if, by some miracle, they do come up. I did not use any clear plastic this year, so hopefully I can avoid feeding the rodent population, as I did last year.

It's great weather for transplanting perennials. You can dig and divide any that are overgrown. This is not something I have a lot of experience with.



Most of the things I have divided have been very hardy – one might even say tough. My usual method is to dig them up and then sort of stomp them into smaller pieces with a shovel. Needless to say, this is not a delicate operation. In theory, you should be able to divide all kinds of perennials, though I'm sure a great deal more care has to be exercised. I'd look it up in a good garden book or on the web, and get some instruction in proper method before trying to divide a well-established delphinium or something. Or you can visit the nurseries and buy new stuff, a much safer option but vastly more expensive.

Other stuff to remember this month: Every weed you pull before it sets seed is a whole lot fewer you will have to pull later in the year. Every slug you kill, by whatever means you use, is one fewer laying thousands of eggs. AND every one of those giant yellow jackets that doesn't find a new home in which to begin a nest reduces the stinging insect population.

I don't mean to sound ruthless. All insects, mollusks and plants have their place in our complex ecosystem. However, I choose to exert a degree of control over a small section of my environment that I want to grow food in and have look beautiful. This often puts me in competition with certain bugs, slugs and weeds. The only poison I use is slug bait, and I try to use organic methods first, including letting the ducks in the yard, throwing the darn things over the fence to the chickens, using beer and organic baits such as Sluggo. As far as yellow-jackets go, well, they can go far away from me.

I have one pretty flower bed right now. I transplanted a hellebore last year and it is so happy. It has been blooming steadily for over a month and now is accompanied by white primroses and purple and white crocuses. This year, when I weed that bed, I am going to get a good mulch of coconut hulls on it so I don't have to do it again for a while.

Note: My persnickety editor likes to have these columns in early. This means that I write them a full ten days or more before you read them. Enjoy what your yard and garden are doing now!

Mist TOPS change meeting dates

TOPS 1074, Mist chapter, has changed its meetings to Monday evenings, with weigh in from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the Mist-Birkenfeld fire station on Hwy. 202.

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 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Jr. & Sr. High, AWANA, Adult Study
Nursery provided
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.

Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 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 12:00 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.

Women's Fellowship, 2nd & 4th
Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.

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