

## Bits and Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Bing, Bang, Boom. April 11.

My bubble has burst into bloom all on account of Mr. ?.

#1 - Personally, I do not know him and hadn't heard of him until the City Council Christmas party of 2002. So, why am I so happy? Well, let's go back to at least two past Council Christmas Parties. They have a White Elephant gift exchange. That's point one.

#2 - Mr. ? had an old, useless briefcase full of S&H Green Stamps. Being funny, he gift wrapped it. Mr. ? #2 got it and re-wrapped it for the next party. Everyone laughed, recognizing the present.

#3 - Only a newcomer would not know what it was. Guess who got it? Me. I'm an old S&H Green Stamp lover. So, since there was a catalogue and many empty booklets, I started pasting...for six hours. There was a woman's shoe box full of books when I got done. Following instructions, I filled out the papers, insured it for the amount required and sent it on its way. That was March 14.

#4 - On April 11, I received a check. The books were worth only \$1.20 each, but I and a friend are going to enjoy a two day, one night trip to the coast to enjoy sun, sand and surf. Thanks to a joke. Best White Elephant I ever got. I made a copy of the check, if you'd like to see it.

It seems the "So What" group is at work and school isn't even out yet. What do I mean?

One evening, someone ordered pizzas from Leonetti's and didn't pick them up at the time quoted. So a phone call to the number given said "Don't know anything about it. Try so and so or such and such." My number was one that was given. I couldn't use two pizzas even if I had been home. Leonetti's still had them at closing time. Whoever you are, that is a dumb way to get

your kicks. You cost someone time and money and it burns me. Stop and think of the reputation you're building for yourself. It will catch up with you and you may not like the consequences.

Things you may have missed in the past two weeks:

At the lake - little bitty baby ducks, five in one clutch and two in another. I've seen them only once.

There are two pairs of Mergansers at the lake, also one Blue Heron. There was a lone Cackler Goose visiting last week. Easter Sunday, someone donated a Lady Peking Duck to the lake. She's lonesome.

Also a bite - I know a Beaver marked two of our trees with its pearly whites; but who, very thoughtlessly, took a pocket knife to one of the trees. People who care for our city are trying to make the lake a pleasant place. Whittling on the trees can kill more than a tree.

Easter dinner at the Senior Center - ham and the trimmings. Very well received.

The Golden Oldies were fantastic, as usual. If you need entertainment for a gathering, call Duke Gortler. He is the main chair. The Golden Oldies are a group of folks who love their instruments and the old songs. Professionals, retired performers, friends, strangers (but not for long) who love to get together for their own pleasure and others too. Duke, Eleanor, Darrel, Ron, Al, Bob 1 and Bob 2, Necia, Everett, Mike, Pat and Dolores and once in a while, Big Bill and his spoons. Word spreads and sometimes someone drops in for a day; and maybe they keep coming back. The center says come in and enjoy a trip back to good music. If you feel moved, get up and dance.

The Easter Cantata was well received. Thank you for supporting the Community Choir in its effort.

Do you enjoy good Mexican Food? There's a new restaurant in Scappoose, "Ixtapa." I had ala carte Chimichanga with salad, \$4.95. I couldn't eat all of it. Of course, salsa and chips included.

## Study Club tea will benefit library

A Silver Tea, hosted by the Vernonia Study Club, will be held May 14 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Thiele-Petti Meeting Room of the Vernonia Public Library. Proceeds will be used to benefit the library.

There will be a musical presentation by Madeleine Gendron and a doll display by Sylvia Kaufman.

The Vernonia Library has

been a focus of the Vernonia Study Club for many years. All proceeds are used to purchase items for the Library selected only after consultation with Librarian, Nancy Burch. Proceeds from 2002 purchased a microphone and a speaker system which has already proven valuable.

Cookies, coffee, tea and punch will be served.

## Tuality schedules evening sessions

Tuality Healthcare Community Education will present two Evening Chats in the month of May.

Postpartum Issues will be held Wednesday, May 14 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Two of Tuality Healthcare's physical therapists who specialize in women's health will discuss common issues related to childbirth. Pam Kotila, PT and Marie Pielage, PT will emphasize prevention and treatment of common postpartum problems, including back pain, pelvic pain, episiotomy and tearing, abdominal strengthening, general fitness, cesarean birth and incontinence. The discussion will be valuable to those who have recently given birth, and those with long-standing issues.

Do Your Medications Get Along? will be held Wednesday, May 28, from 6:00 to 7:30

p.m. Lori Syed, RPh, pharmacist for Tuality Healthcare, will review common over-the-counter medications and their interactions with prescription medications. She will also discuss how to prevent safety risks when using over-the-counter medications. Come prepared with questions about the medications you are taking.

These chats are free and no registration is required.

For more information, call Tuality Healthcare at 503-681-1700.

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