

## Can You Dig It . . .

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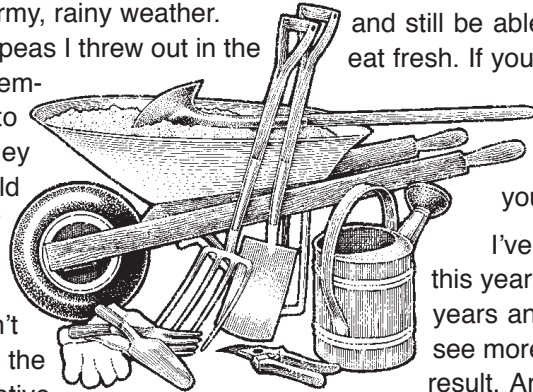


Wow! What a change since last month! We went from hot, almost summer-like days to a very cold freeze for several days. Now we are having what seems like more typical fall windy, stormy, rainy weather.

The Austrian field peas I threw out in the garden beds in September have started to grow. By spring they will be a solid mass of green vines that could be chopped up and tilled in. I'm too lazy for that, so I just kind of roll it up and use it for mulch.

I hope you all have your garlic in. I don't have my garlic in yet, also apparently to the aforementioned laziness. The other alternative is, as my Dad says, Old Timers Disease and I don't want to consider that. I actually did just kind of forget to plant the stuff. I'm having trouble deciding where to put it. I'd like to plant a little more, since my sale of garlic braids at Jamboree went pretty well for a first effort.

I actually got ripe peppers in my garden this year. Of the three varieties I planted, the Golden Bell actually produced full sized lovely yellow peppers late in September. If I can get a ripe pepper off this variety, nearly anyone should be able to, since my garden



is so shady. The other pepper that would probably be successful for most people was Autopick, a mild jalepeño type that all gets ripe at once. Unfortunately, in my case, I didn't realize they were all nearly ripe (they were hiding in the foliage) until after the freeze.

For the first time this year we got to make cider from apples off our own trees. It was great to be able to eat apples for a month and still be able to make cider from the apples we couldn't eat fresh. If you've never had truly fresh cider, don't miss an opportunity to taste it. Fresh cider is totally unlike the stuff you buy in stores, even when it's labeled cider, not juice. The closest you can get is in organic food stores in season.

I've applied for the Master Gardener program this year. I've been wanting to do this for many, many years and I'm seizing my chance. Hopefully, you will see more scientifically-based stuff in this column as a result. Anybody out there want to car pool? Sign up now and call me. See related article on this page.

### Stuff to do now (beside staying warm and dry):

- Rake and destroy leaves from diseased fruit trees.
- Plant, or move, landscape trees and shrubs.
- Trim chrysanthemums to 4-6 inches after blooming.
- Clean and oil tools for winter storage.
- Force bulbs for indoor blooms.
- Apply lime.
- BAIT for slugs, bait for slugs and bait for slugs!

## Master Gardener class scheduled

Home gardeners in Columbia County with a thirst for more gardening knowledge, and a willingness to pass that knowledge on to others, can still join the Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener program.

The Master Gardener program is designed to teach volunteers how to make better use of their gardening resources and abilities. They, in turn, teach others. Volunteers are given training in soil management, vegetable gardening techniques, landscape maintenance, pest control, and many other aspects of gardening. Then during the gardening season, these new Master Gardeners help teach others to do a better job of growing and caring for plants, fighting off pests, and making our communities a better place to live.

Beginning January 5, classes will be held for 11 consecutive Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in St. Helens. There is a fee of \$45 for reference materials.

For more information about the program and about how to enroll, contact the Columbia County Extension office, located at 505 N Columbia River Hwy in St. Helens or call 503-397-3462.

## Church Directory

### VERNONIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

Sunday  
Breakfast 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
\*B.L.A.S.T. w/Nursery 11:00 a.m.  
\*Bible Learning and Scripture Training  
Youth Group 6 -8:00 p.m.  
(Jr. & Sr. High)  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting 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.  
Evening Service will change to 3:00 p.m. on Sept. 7,2003  
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

Gary Taylor, Pastor  
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

Jeff Cheney, 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

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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