

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



June 26 at the Lake, I saw my first ever adult Killdeer. It had young nearby

as it was feigning all over the place to draw me away from where I was. I also was privy to a goose and three goslings.

Folks all over the lake getting ready for the 4th of July. Lots of first time youngsters fishing. How do I know this – “Hey, dad, look, wow, look here, look there, daddy.” Folks toting boxes and bedrolls headed for the campground. Big Eddy Park looked like the Vernonia Annex. The Peterson House Museum was open and busy.

Now a question. What is the Vernonia Post office growing cocklebur plants for? I don't think we need that plant scattering seeds to the wind in

town. If they don't know where it is – look by the outdoor mail drop box – it is very healthy.

Now a question for someone in the know in Banks. I've gone thru Banks 3 or 4 times a month for many years and can't figure out how they can let the backyard of the grade school (I presume) have such a weed patch and unsightly ditch for all travelers to see. Where is the Pride committee?? It hurts me to look at it.

To a lighter note – did you know if you can't walk your dog, 'cause you don't have one, you can leash and walk your cats at the lake – yes, I saw a couple with two grown cats on leashes at the park, in the cool of the grass.

Congrats to Vernonia Pride and all others for a great parade and fireworks display this year, and bully to those Jazzercise ladies – that was a great dance.

How come you catch cold when you're not around someone with a cold? A sneeze can reach speeds of 200 miles per hour.

Police and quilters work together to help kids in times of trauma

The Vernonia Police Department will be implementing a program designed to help young children who have been victims of trauma (such as auto accidents, serious illness, loss of family member, etc.). The program was started in Sandy by Bonnie Lippincott Gallagher, an avid quilter and community volunteer.

The project involves making good quality, bright, colorful “kid size” quilts to be distributed

by Vernonia Police officers and by John Cahill, Chaplain for the Vernonia Police and Fire Departments.

Louise Hamnett, an avid quilter, is heading up the project. “There are definitely many good quilters in this town; this is a chance to reach out and help a child who is in need of a little comfort,” said Hamnett.

If you're unable to make or purchase a quilt to donate, but

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Yard of the Month



Dan and Robin Murphy obviously take a lot of care with the always neat and colorful yard at their home, 476 North St. Right now, the roses grab attention, but thoughtful plantings around the home provide something interesting throughout the year.

In The Service



Pictured below from left are Allison Dinger, Pat Stipe, Sue Goodhope, Faith Reynolds, and Louise Hamnett with quilts for the Village Kids Quilt project.

Curtis J. Lane

Curtis J. Lane graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center, in Company

← Curtis Lane, recent U.S. Coast Guard graduate.

C-168, at Cape May, New Jersey on May 28.

A 2003 Vernonia High School graduate, Lane is the son of Ben and Lisa Edgar of Vernonia.

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