

The bench above was created by Carvin' Marvin, who will be in Vernonia during Jamboree and Salmon Festival. The bench will be raffled in order to raise money for more benches, like the one above, for the down town area. The bench is currently at City Hall, but will be displayed near Wauna Federal Credit Union during Jamboree. After Jamboree watch for the bench in various locations in Vernonia with, again, raffle tickets to be sold. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. For more information call Donna Webb at 503-429-5201.

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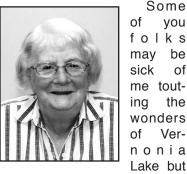
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Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



my dog, Shadow, knows when to go for an evening walk. 5:46 p.m. Sunday, July 11... sunny, quiet, a gentle breeze. We park on the bench at table no. 3. Looking up, I spied an eagle soaring very high in the sky. I just watched and presently it went to its nest. I watched the white spot bob and weave for about 10 minutes, when it started soaring and gliding again, made a dive for a fish, missed

it, but I was fully entertained for 45 minutes watching one of God's wonders. I'm thankful for having such a place to enjoy the peace and quiet. If you just slow down and wait, those rare moments come to you. The next day we saw a pair of eagles. When they parted, each went to a separate tree, maybe we have two pair this year.

Well, flash, flash, I hate to admit this but I guess I am getting OLD. Weekend of the 17th, I spent in Portland. It was HOT. My son's heat pump was dead as far as air conditioning was concerned. Well, I wasn't worth beans except at the Woodshed and church where I nearly froze. Came home, I have no air conditioning - just trees, I slept like a log for 11 hours.

In case you want another reason to know why you like livYard of the Month



The Yard of the Month for July is the home of Mars and Geri Haret at 1464 Heather Lane. The Harets have lived in Vernonia for about three years, and this one is worth a drive by. The yard ornaments are delightful.

A reminder from Vernonia Pride: Yards that are nominated must be visible from the street. We need to have the yard visible to the public so we don't have people getting out of their cars and peeping over fences. Nominations may be left in the special box at city hall and, yes, they are all taken into account and looked at.

ing in small town America consider this. The Post Office will hold all of your junk mail while you are away on vacation and the local law is happy to be told where you are while you're gone and who's tending the yard and pets; they do drive by and check, just in case, also.

Have you been bombarded with requests for cancer dollars?? Funds, research, etc., etc., etc.? I have this year and the problem arises - to whom do you send your dollars to? National, regional, state or county? Then you get a phone call - you explain, I've already received my third letter and the lady says - we don't mail out, so it must be local. Well, even though my sister-in-law has just been diagnosed with a fast acting bone cancer - I'm keeping

my dollars this year because I don't have the foggiest who is getting the money - each request has a different address and/or state. Where does it go and for what?? I was under the

impression there ONE was drive.

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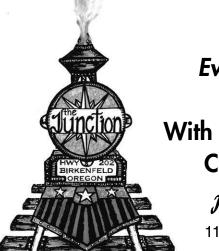
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