

## Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Have you had any fun lately, being sort of foolish? Me, I did something on July 22

I've been curious about since July 4, 1986. Coming into Vernonia from 26 the sign said Pebble Creek Road. Jim and I wondered, is it passable? Anyone we ask said "Well, kinda." But on this day, road work delay had folks really lined up. It was hot. Some pickups and a few cars were cutting out up the hill. Well, Edie and I decided to go along. Interesting, in the fall it would be a wonderland of color. Thanks to the pioneers that cut the road, I'm glad I took the trip.

What was your most memorable experience in July? Mine, midnight July 30, Shadow wanted out, so out I put her, shut the door and all whohah broke loose – me scared? Yes. The light switch is outside the door. There, all tail, nose and teeth was, I judge, a four pound light brown "possum." Off the porch to under the porch went possum and Shadow right behind. Shook up? Yes, I was. In my mind's eye all I could see was Shadow with no face. Somehow the head appeared in the space accessible to me – I'd grabbed my sponge mob – ho, ho – I got the possum's neck under the metal head. Now, what? Finally, Shadow

heard me calling her off – but if I let up my feet were bare and I in P.J.s. So I stood, pressure on its neck for about half an hour or more – it finally passed out – we went to bed – it was gone at 6:00 a.m. and I haven't heard or seen it since.

How many of you saw the lone sunflower or the yarrow at the lake where they bulldozed the berries out?

I missed Vernonia Days – had to leave town but the incoming traffic was massive – I've heard good reports all over.

Ahhhh – Thank You, City Road Folks – you may get another batch of cookies one day. It is so nice not to play "miss the pot hole" on Riverside Drive anymore. Thank you – even if it was August, ho, ho.

Now a word lesson for the State Hiway Gents who put up signs to warn folks of what is ahead. From Webster's 1998 Family Dictionary:

1. Bump – a small area raised above the level of surrounding surface.
2. Dip – a hollow depression in the land (or road surface).
3. Ditch – a cutting into the ground or road, leaving an empty space.

Even a narrow one jars your teeth. It is "not" a bump. Sorry, I had to get that off my chest, because I've hit your misnomer more than once and even at 25 mph, it ain't good.

The ideal temperature for a persons well being is between 70 and 73 degrees.

Last straw – I'm entertaining the idea of strangling my cat – his latest trophy, to show me he cares – a hummingbird. It died in my hands.

## Columbia County Fair 4-H results

### GOATS – DAIRY

**LaMancha, Junior Doe Kid: Blue Award** – Jacob Tatman, Vernonia.

**LaMancha, Intermediate Doe Kid: Blue Award** – Sarah Tatman, Vernonia.

**Red Award** – Katie Tatman, Vernonia.

**LaMancha, Mature Two Year Old Doe: Blue Award** – Sarah Tatman, Vernonia.

**LaMancha, Mature 3 yr & Under 5: Reserve Champion** – Jacob Tatman, Vernonia.

**Blue Award** – Jacob Tatman, Vernonia; Katie Tatman, Vernonia.

**Dam and Daughter: Blue Award** – Jacob Tatman, Vernonia; Katie Tatman, Vernonia; Sarah Tatman, Vernonia.

**Yearling Wether, Under 1 Year, Born a: Blue Award** – Kayla Winkelhake, Scappoose; Jacob Tatman, Vernonia; Sarah Tatman, Vernonia.

**Intermediate Showmanship: Reserve Champion** – Katie Tatman, Vernonia.

**Blue Award** – Cassandra Marin, Rainier; Kayla Winkelhake, Scappoose; Jacob Tatman, Vernonia; Katie Tatman, Vernonia.

**Senior Showmanship: Champion** – Sarah Tatman, Vernonia.

**Blue Award** – Sarah Tatman, Vernonia.

**GOATS – MEAT TYPE Boer – Grade Intermediate Doe Kid: Reserve Champion** – Nicole Hargrove, Buxton.

**Blue Award** – Nicole Hargrove, Buxton; Nicholas Green, Clatskanie.

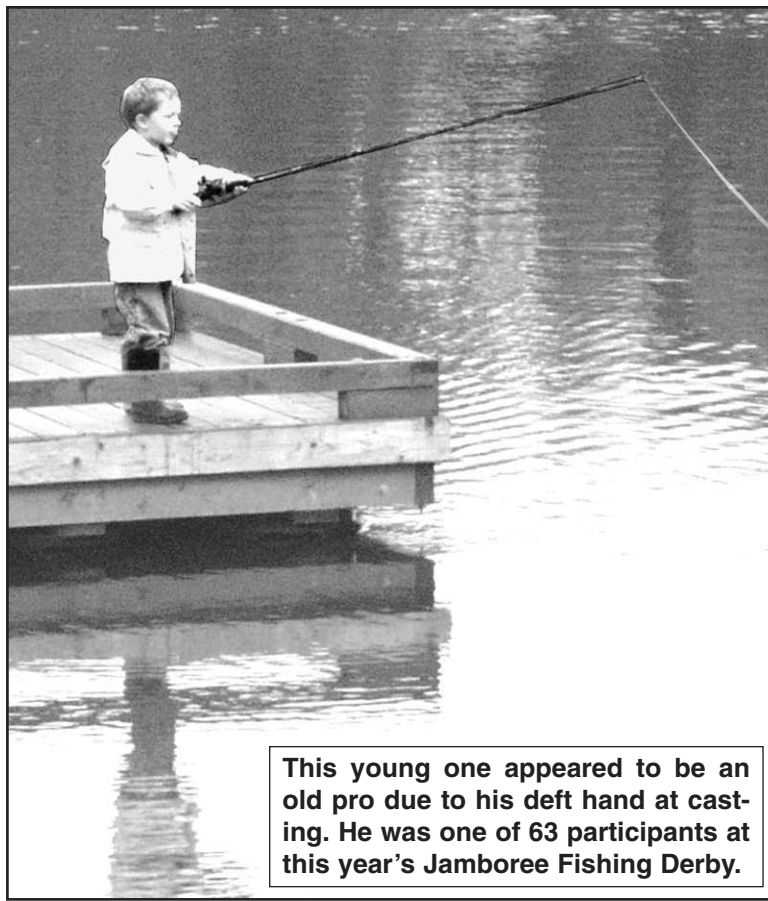
**Yearling Wether under 1 year: Champion** – Billi Avila, Buxton.

**Blue Award** – Billi Avila, Buxton.

**Junior Showmanship: Champion** – Nicole Hargrove, Buxton.

**Blue Award** – Billi Avila, Buxton; Nicole Hargrove, Buxton; Elizabeth Green, Clatskanie; Ashley Olson, Clatskanie.

Additional awards will be published September 2.



This young one appeared to be an old pro due to his deft hand at casting. He was one of 63 participants at this year's Jamboree Fishing Derby.

## Fishing Derby catches 63 kids

Rain on Friday morning reduced the 2004 Jamboree Fishing Derby to 63 participants, who then had a lot of fun Friday afternoon in great fishing weather.

The longest fish was 9 inches, caught by Leidha Dohnn of Vernonia. Josh Tong of Vernonia caught the most fish, 10.

Other winners, by age group, are as follows:

### 5 and under

- 1st – Baily Morrison, Vernonia
- 2nd – Levi Monnin, Vernonia
- 3rd – Daniel Smith, Vernonia

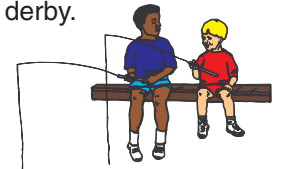
### 6 – 9 years

- 1st – James Mossenbekker, California
- 2nd – Kala Loveless, Hillsboro
- 3rd – Chris Loveless, Hillsboro

### 10 – 14 years

- 1st – Angela Posh, Vernonia
- 2nd – Eric Budge, Vernonia
- 3rd – Tyler Klier, California

The Nehalem Valley Chapter of the Izaak Walton League sponsors the annual kids' fishing derby.



## Christian band member wanted

A contemporary Christian band is seeking musicians interested in joining them. They are a non-profit, practice one evening a week, play a set one evening per week, and at some Sunday church services.

Auditions will be held at 7:00 p.m., August 28 at "Break Time," next door to Creatures Pet Shop at 736 Bridge St., Vernonia. Call Lisa at 503-429-7387 for information.

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