

Mist/Birkenfeld Fall Festival Oct. 23

The annual Fall Festival for the Mist-Birkenfeld Helping Circle will begin at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, October 23, in the Mist gym.

Hotdogs, sandwiches, salad, chips, cookies and a drink will be available. An entertaining program will start at 7:00 p.m. with performances by the Mist Grade School kids and many local residents. A Quilt and Afghan Raffle, Grab Bags for the kids, and a Silent and Oral Auction will follow.

The Fall Festival is the primary fund raiser used by the Helping Circle to provide a variety of services to the community for over 70 years.

The Helping Circle started by making a quilt in case someone needed one. Then they added an annual program where lots of handmade items

like kitchen towels with crocheted edges and embroidered pillowcases were sold. Baked goods, canned fruits and vegetables were also made and sold. As the years went by the program became more popular, earning more money, so that more services could be provided to the community.

The Mist-Birkenfeld Helping Circle now maintains the lights in the town of Mist, grooms the Mist Cemetery, offers an annual scholarship to a graduating senior from the local area and provides financial aid to Mist Grade School. During times of disaster the Helping Circle offers much-needed goods and financial support.

So, for an evening of fun with great results, join the community at the Mist School gym on Saturday, October 23.

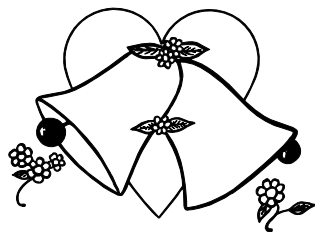
Farrington/Cox exchange vows

Mrs. Cox works as an apartment complex manager and Mr. Cox is employed at Hitachi in Beaverton.

The bride is the daughter of Mike Stanton of Warrenton and is a graduate of Newberg High School.

The groom, a 1993 graduate of Vernonia High School, is the son of Gunny and Dayle Cox of Vernonia.

May the Force be with them.



Cerissa Farrington and Damien Cox were married October 9, 2004, in a Star Wars wedding at the Surfsand in Cannon Beach. They are making their home in Clackamas.

Come see haunted Vernonia Grange

Don't leave Vernonia this year in search of a haunted house. It turns out the Vernonia Grange is haunted and will be open on Halloween from 5:00 p.m. until the "Spooks go home." There will be Tricks and Treats Galore and "All are Welcome." The Vernonia Grange is located at the corner of North and Washington.

River Raft Fest meetings start

The first planning meeting for the 2005 River Raft Festival Committee will be held Tuesday, October 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Buckhorn Restaurant.

Everyone is welcome to help plan and participate in the second annual River Fest.

Star party Oct. 27

Join others in staring at the sky at a Star Party to view the lunar eclipse on October 27. Bring your telescope or binoculars to the upper field at Lincoln Grade School (on Corey Hill) at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy the eclipse.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



then the rains came.

I took in the hay wagon tour around town at the Salmon Festival, a good chance to see the back side of town while enjoying the changing of the leaves and the Salmon viewing.

If you want to know what really picked my feathers, it was the children being allowed to wade in the river with the Salmon. Everyone watching, some of them throwing rocks – and no one saying anything – Sorry, I did yell at a couple with their mom and dad standing there. Maybe it was a day for fun but we are trying to save the natural habitat for the fish.

Did anyone beside myself hear the President call Mr. Kerry – Kennedy, or when Charlie

Gibson made the same mistake in the 2nd debate?

Lots of stuff to digest in the last issue of the paper. Some set my teeth on edge – I won't mention those but one thing made me happy. Gee – I really enjoyed Timber Topics. It gave those of us who have no connection to the school an insight to what goes on there. Kudos to the teacher, the kids and the paper for allowing the kids a place to hone their writing skills.

Just to let you folks know what's coming up:

You set your clocks back Clothes Line Night so you won't be late to Church on Halloween.

Election, Nov. 2 – Book 1 has 153 pages, volume 2 has 31 pages – Good Luck.

Thanksgiving is 5 weeks away and the Senior Center Christmas Bazaar is about 7 weeks away, then Christmas 10 weeks away. Are you ready??

My fortune cookie for the week – "Sell no virtue to purchase wealth, nor liberty to purchase power."



VERNONIA TRANSFER STATION

Greetings! We wanted to update you on our ongoing commitment to the Vernonia Transfer Station Operation. As you are aware on September 25th, Waste Management adjusted our rate structure to include a minimum fee of \$19 and a \$14 per cubic yard rate thereafter. Hours of operation are every 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

With two events behind us the consensus of the public has been overwhelmingly positive. There has been a slight drop in customer base, but the loads being brought in are larger and condensed suggesting that customers are maximizing the minimum charge. In the last two events, 180 customers have used the facility. Out of those customers there have been only five customers who have refused the service, with the majority of the rest pleased to see the transfer station open.

Thank you to the patrons and community members who have provided feedback and encouragement through this transitional time for the Vernonia Transfer Station. As we proceed forward, we will continue to monitor the transfer station's performance and apply best practices in an effort to continue its operation into the future.

Waste Management of Oregon,
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