

Bits & Bites

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About you I don't know, but me - my joints tell me Fall is here. Mist, sun, rain, wind and then more sun. Time to pack a sack of extra sweaters and jackets when you leave for the day.

Thank you West Oregon for getting the lights back on the O.A. Hill curves.

Shadow took me to the lake at dusk. Light enough to see to walk, but crisp. The sight to see was the half moon reflected in the lake. We might have stayed longer and listened to the ducks and birds but I didn't wish to possibly be there when the lake's latest resident came around. It's name is Bear. Haven't seen it yet, just his or

her calling cards and paw/claw prints in the mud, also some deer tracks.

If you missed "My Grandfather's Immigrant Eyes" - it is your loss, for it was a well delivered history lesson on the potato famine of Ireland and more, plus genuine Irish songs.

Did you attend the WOEC meeting at the Scout Cabin or Candidate Night the next night?

Vernonia Cares re-opened its door on October 26 - much joy and happiness all around. The Christmas Turkey drive is coming up. At present they are only open Tuesdays but soon will be back to a full schedule.

Now - are you as full of it as I am? I know election will soon go away but I must vent.

The year I turned 21 (2 days past Election) so I had to wait 4 years. No one ran me down to sign up. No one beat on my door, accosted me on the streets, called on the phone or overpowered the radio or the T.V. Yes, they did have T.V. in

the early 40's. Yes, we were at war. I do not remember any real verbal assassinations in either camp, in candidate races nor measures on the ballot. I do know Dewey lost. Life went on and we won the war. But - the scars that are going to be around after this election are possibly not going to be easy to forget. There should be a constitutional law that says "seven days before the election all campaigning stops!" Anyone else agree with me?

Another thing - today, tomorrow or yesterday your vote is your business - secret should mean secret. Pollsters are wrong to ask who or how you did or even plan to vote. Advance notice - in 4 years don't call me - I'll hang up.

The eclipse of the moon and stars shooting around was awesome.

Today's fortune cookie - *You can't ride in all directions at one time.*

The community is invited to Grange for open house

The Vernonia Community Grange will hold a Grange Open House starting at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 13, starting at 1:00 p.m. Chili and hot dogs will be served.

It's a great opportunity to learn about the Vernonia Community Grange; what it can do for you, and what you can do for the grange.

The grange is America's family fraternal organization for all ages. There will be grange officers from the community, county, and state granges to answer questions and provide information.

Chartered in 1901, the Vernonia Community Grange is located at the corner of North Street and Washington Avenue.

Next Chautauqua on "The Ties That Bind: Quilts of Community"

"The Ties That Bind: Quilts of Community" is the title of the next Chautauqua program at the Vernonia Public Library on Thursday, November 18, at 2:00 p.m.

Once delegated to the realm of quaint handicrafts, quilts are now recognized by historians as valuable visual social records of women's contributions that were often overlooked in official histories and traditional documents.

Beginning after the initial pioneer settlement in the 1870s and moving to the present, quilt historian and author Mary Bywater Cross will illustrate how women drew their communities together through quilting for one of four primary purposes: raising funds for programs and organizations; creating tributes to individuals who supported and guided a group of community; commemorating cultural, social, or economic events; and attending to the utilitarian necessities for warmth and social interaction.

Mary Bywater Cross's interest in quilting was nurtured by her Iowa grandmother starting in 1968 and lead her to study quilt history. Her original designs are now in collections

around the world.

This free, public program is made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities and the Friends of the Library.



Mary Bywater Cross will be next Chautauqua presenter

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New book by Vernonian available

Often, when people retire, they sit down and relax...but not Sally Harrison. In addition to her election this week as mayor of Vernonia, Harrison has just published a new book.

ABC To You From Me is a delightfully illustrated alphabet book that is actually 26 mailable postcards that children will enjoy sending to family and friends. In addition to writing something for each letter, Harrison has illustrated both sides of each postcard.

For instance, the card for the letter "B", which asks "How many B's can you find?" is illustrated with a bear on a bicycle that has a bouquet in a basket and is surrounded by bees, a butterfly, bird, bunnies and more. Each letter is approached differently and each has its own unique, full color illustration.

Sign up now for Christmas bazaar

The 26th annual Vernonia "Christmas in the Country" Bazaar is coming December 4, from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and December 5, noon to 5:00 p.m.

All profits from the rent of vendor space, plus food and beverage sales in the cafeteria,

PEO will sell wreaths at bazaar

Plans for their annual Christmas wreath sale, held in conjunction with the Vernonia Holiday Bazaar, were finalized by Chapter BS of P.E.O., at its regular meeting on October 26. Wreaths will sell for \$18.00, and specialty items will be available to order.



Harrison's book is not only colorful and fun, it is also available locally, at Vernonia Mercantile.

go to the Booster Club to help support many activities.

Registration forms may be obtained from the Vernonia Library or by calling Corrie Smith at 429-1052. All bazaar items must be handmade. For more information, call Corrie Smith.

Proceeds from the sale help women who are interested in furthering their education, through P.E.O. scholarships, loans and grants. For more information, call Mary Tolonen at 503-429-7214 or Darlene McLeod at 503-429-4508.

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