

Christmas in the Country, Dec 4 & 5

The 25th Annual "Christmas in the Country" bazaar will be held December 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and December 5 from noon to 5:00 p.m., in the Washington Grade School gym, 199 Bridge Street, Vernonia.

Santa Claus will be available for pictures and there will be crafters from all over Northwest Oregon displaying hand-made wares that will include toys, ornaments, ceramics, fabric art, home decor items, foods, jewelry, soaps and personal care items, plus wreaths and much more. All raffle drawings at the bazaar will take place near closing time on Sunday.

Shoppers can enjoy breakfast, lunch and/or for an early

supper at the bazaar, with home-made soups and fresh hot rolls, hot cinnamon rolls, pizza and a large variety of pies and desserts. Food and beverages will be sold in the cafeteria by the Vernonia Booster Club, so vendors wishing to sell food other than cookies, candy, jams or jellies, need approval from the Bazaar Committee.

The cost of a table or space is \$20.00 for both days. Advance registration and payment are required. Proceeds from table/space rentals also help fund activities of the Vernonia Booster Club.

For more information call Corrie Smith at 503-429-1052 or Jeni Waters at 503-429-8006.

How to make holidays safe for pets

With the holiday season just around the corner, here are some tips for making the holidays safe for pets.

- * Hang breakable and small ornaments or tinsel out of dog or cat's reach.

- * Do not place food gifts under the tree or popcorn garland on the tree.

- * Do not allow birds near the tree. They have been known to bite into tree light cords and electrocute themselves.

- * Do not put chemicals in the tree water if pets may be able to drink from the container.

- * Be sure all candles are out of the way of dog tails and the reach of cats. Never use scented candles in the same room with a parrot. The fumes can kill them.

- * Secure garbage so dogs cannot get into any harmful items.

- * Do not give any animal or bird chocolate. It can cause

seizures and death in large amounts.

- * No alcohol or carbonated beverages, either. Birds cannot 'burp' so bubbles may cause death.

The best treat for pets is extra attention and love. Keep pets safe and everyone will have a better holiday season.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



A beautiful Sunday Halloween afternoon. Shadow says walk.

What a find at the lake. Two adult eagles performed for over an hour. Swooping, gliding, diving, scaring the ducks and fish. A sight not all towns are privy to.

Are you used to the fall weather yet? No?

I'm afraid this is Bite week. The sun must have had the affect of the full moon syndrome on people this month. Nov. 3, noon, after lunch, Senior Center parking lot. The Center had received many, many boxes of oranges. OK. We all know the foods are not Grade A #1 stock, but the oranges were good — just had marred and scruffy looking rinds. I bought a box myself. Anyhow — Mr. Citizen came out with his box, stopped

by the dumpster and proceeded to sort his box, tossing what he considered bad not into the dumpster but on the ground, gets in his rig and drives off. Someone else cleaned up his actions. We who saw you, know you — I hope it made you feel Big. You fell way down on our Image Poll.

Next, schools out, whee, kids trekking home up O.A hill walk. That is all but one young man. He was walking (ho ho) on the outside of the fence that was constructed at much cost to keep him safe while walking home. Yes, I complained to the Chief. If a city cares about safety why should this pass as an OK sport?

Lastly, now that the main street is nice and smooth and we don't have to crowd the center of the intersection at the light to miss pot holes and stuff — so why do out-going cars

have to cut off the incoming straight up Rose traffic from their proper stop line? Traffic coming into town should have the right to come to their stop line so they can see the intersection, not be stopped 12" to 18" back to miss being hit by left turning cars. Right?

OK, I had a bad hair day or two so forgive me please, but that intersection's going to get someone if people don't stop turning too soon.

23 days until the Christmas Bazaars in Vernonia. That means just 45 days to Christmas.

We all survived the elections. There will be new faces in the City Council in January.

Your New Year's resolution? Think about it.

I will start attending Council meeting in 2005 to keep informed and to support my town's goals.

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