



Leonard Simmons, above, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Vernonia Mayor Sally Harrison after Chief of Police Mathew Workman related that Simmons and the Forest Grove Knights of Pythias donated \$1,000 to the Vernonia K-9 program.



Even in black and white the beauty of the quilts at St. Mary's Catholic Church Quilt Fair, held on September 16-18, is apparent. The winner of the quilt raffle this year was a lucky Vernonian, Carey Cameron.

Right, slick roads caused by rain on September 29 may have contributed to this vehicle leaving the road on Hwy. 47 between Banks and Forest Grove.



## Businesses can apply for funds from MTC to train employees

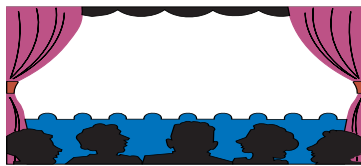
Last year \$209,545.67 was spent on training for 217 local employees at eight employers in Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook Counties.

Georgia Pacific, Columbia Memorial Hospital, Armstrong World Industries, Tillamook Country Smoker, PC Kinetics, Koala Play Group, McRae and Sons, and Tillamook County

Creamery, all had employees who received training through the Employer Work Force Training Fund.

To learn how your business can apply for these funds, contact Julie Gassner at MTC Works, 503-325-1156 or email at <jgassner@mtctrains.com> and ask for an application.

## Documentary film, "The Oil Factor" comes to Scappoose



Following a screening at the Vancouver International Film Festival, a featured documentary "The Oil Factor: Behind the War on Terror", will tour 22 towns and cities throughout Oregon and Washington and will be in Scappoose on Monday October 17.

At a time when gas prices are rocketing and oil restrictions may be over the horizon, this film looks at today's dwindling oil reserves and increasing consumption. It then questions the "coincidence" of focusing the U.S. war on terror in the Middle East and Central Asia, where nearly 75 percent of the world's oil and natural gas is located.

The film includes original footage from Iraq, Pakistan, and Afghanistan as well as interviews with many people, including officials of President George W. Bush's administration. The film is narrated by Ed Asner. It was produced, written and directed by Gerard Unger- man and Audrey Brohy. Unger- man will present the film and be available for questions and discussion after the showing.

The film will be shown Oct. 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Room B-6 at Scappoose High School. There is no admission charge; donations will be accepted. Columbia County Citizens for Human Dignity (CCCHD) is sponsoring this presentation.

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## Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



one from a private lawn make you feel good? Who were you trying to impress? Possibly your pay back will come when you least expect it.

How many of you lake walkers spotted the eagle on his tree through the fog? It is quite a picture. I hope the rains come soon or the fish will be "walking on" water. I talked to one lone bank fisherman last week that had just put back a four pound bass. He was happy at the catch.

In speaking of dogs (which I haven't been doing lately), Fall is here and the dogs are beginning to form packs. From the goo around the lake walkway either folks aren't picking up after their pets or the dogs are running all night.

I know everyone is concerned and concentrating on helping flood and hurricane folds but just a word about home land folks (Vernonians). Vernonia Cares Food Bank is helping more and more folks on a tight or non-existent budget.

To the guilty party(s). Did tearing down the scare-crows or stealing

Last month we served 300 plus patrons. This month (September) we have added many more. The Food Bank needs your help – with food, non-food items, cash or by coming in to help prepare bulk foods for distribution. They will teach you how and furnish apron and gloves. Just tie back your hair and be ready to wash your hands many times a shift. If you scratch your nose or change your gloves, wash your hands.

Cares wishes to extend a Big Thank You to all that donated food to them at the Middle School Carnival. 115 pounds was well received. Thank you again.

At present the Food Bank is open 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you need assistance, they are there. You can also sign up for Food Stamps and learn other helpful information at Vernonia Cares.

By the time you read this the third Salmon Festival will be but a memory.

Oh yes, I understand the Cycle Oregon group graded Vernonia the highest compliment – they want to come back and enjoy our friendliness. They enjoyed the Corn-on-the-Cob (Vernonia Cares) and the Spaghetti Feed (Vernonia Senior Center). One gent said we cleaned out his pockets and he enjoyed it.

**On Oct. 5, 1947, in the first televised White House address, President Truman asked Americans to refrain from eating meat on Tuesdays and poultry on Thursdays to help stockpile grain for starving people in Europe.**

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