

How to drive safe

AARP's Driver Safety Program for all ages is available in Vernonia. Taking the class can lead to auto insurance discounts.

Those 70 and over need to take this class every two years to get reduced insurance rates.

To find out when the next \$10, no test, program will be held in Vernonia, call Karen at 503-429-9112.

Study Club will have doll show, so bring a doll

"Treasured Dolls that 'settled' the West" will be the topic of an historic doll show at the Vernonia Library, on April 4, at 2:00 p.m. presented by the Vernonia Study Club.

Families crossing the plains, in the westward trek, often carried with them dolls treasured by the women and children. Later, as they prospered and connections with the eastern seaboard improved, other dolls arrived to join them.

Marcia Elliot, a doll collector from Forest Grove, will present a slide lecture on these antique dolls. She describes herself as "an enthusiastic" collector who has amassed her collection over two decades. Her collection, including more than 100 dolls, ranges from the late 19th through the 20th century. She has slides of antique wooden, rag, china, and bisque dolls, and will bring several to share.

Elliot encourages everyone to collect and preserve the dolls they have; they are part of general history as well as family tradition and heritage.

Those attending are invited to bring one of their own antique dolls for condition evaluation and information on proper storage and care.

Daughtry gives Museum Talk

Shirlee Daughtry will be the speaker at a Vernonia Pioneer Museum Talk on Sunday, March 19, at 2:00 p.m. at the museum.

Daughtry will speak on the Vike Family and the Scout Cabin. The museum is located at 511 E. Bridge St., Vernonia.

UNWC offers invitation

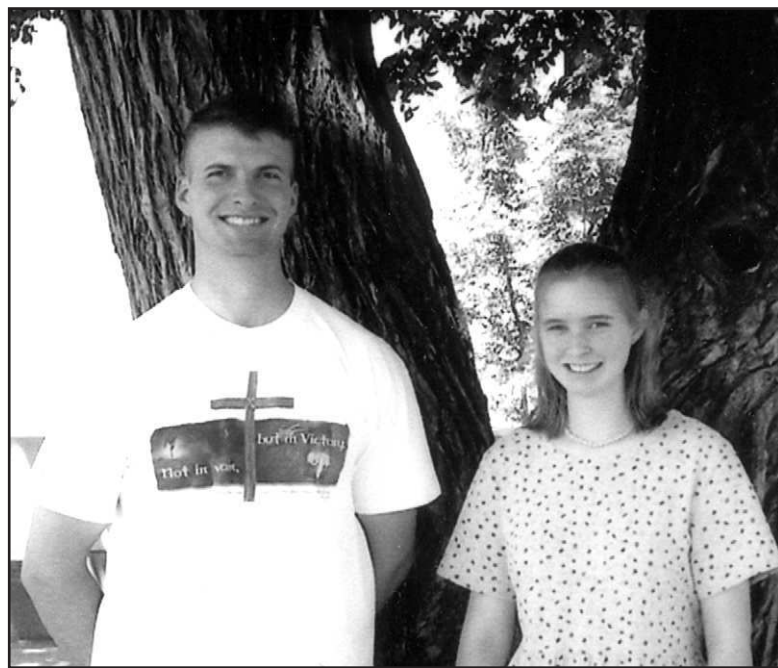
Calling all people interested in clean water, saving salmon, and watershed health.

The Upper Nehalem Watershed Council needs volunteers to serve on the council and the Board of Directors.

Responsibilities include attending meetings and helping to steer the future course of one of the most successful watershed councils in the state.

During the council's first ten years, the priorities have been streamside tree planting, improving in-stream habitat, removing obstacles to migrating fish, and monitoring existing water quality.

Huntington and Conroy announce engagement, will marry March 25



Michelle Huntington of Birkenfeld and Thomas Conroy of Powers, Michigan, have announced their engagement. Their wedding is set for March 25 at the Columbia Bible Church in Rainier.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Bob and Debbie Huntington, Jr. of Birkenfeld.

The groom-elect is the son of Ron and Connie Conroy of Powers, Michigan. He is a Senior Airman in the U.S. Air

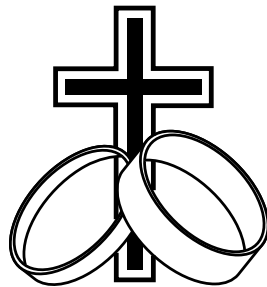
The Council has cooperatively partnered with private landowners in the valley and many public entities, including the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Clatsop State Forest.

The collaborations have been rewarded with steadily increasing numbers of returning chinook and coho salmon.

If you can spare the time, please consider helping the council continue these good works. For more information, contact Maggie Peyton, Coordinator, at 503-429-2401.

Force currently stationed in Altus, Oklahoma.

The couple plan to reside in Altus, Oklahoma.



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Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



(that's been running through my head for a week, so...).

First off, I finally got my head off the pillow. I thought Spring was close until this last blast of rain and wind. Makes me think of "Leavin' on a Jet Plane" or "Freight Train, Freight Train, goin' so fast" or perhaps "They Call the Wind Maria," maybe not.

How many of you took time off last week to go say "hello" to the new Animal Control officer? Or drop by the lake to check out the 3,000 trout they dumped last week?

How about those Oscar

Reuben, I've been thinking what a strange world this would be if —

Awards? What makes a world of intelligent folk watch four or five hours of red carpet styles?

I hope you didn't miss the program at the Library — American Songs of Protest. Memories brought up to the front to ponder.

Want to stir your past memories? Write the alphabet think of a female name that is a song (A — Alice, for Blue Gown, B — Bonnie, Lies Over the Ocean, etc.). Tired of that? Try it with states in songs, or towns.

What a shock, March 9, Snow, 2" of it, no school. The weatherman said maybe snow on 26 over the hill to the coast, maybe. So, that was 'maybe'?

Some don't like the change but that is what I like about Oregon — period. If I wake up happy the gray skys can pull me down and versa visa — if it's too hot to work in the yard I can always go shopping. See you in two weeks, maybe by then it will be Spring.

Let's face it Fred, Medigap premiums can be pricey. I'm sure you can think of better ways to spend your money!



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