

Vernonian Goodhope finalist in Quiltfest

Susan Goodhope of Vernonia, is a finalist in the Pacific Northwest Quiltfest, August 11-13, at the Seattle Center's Exhibition Hall. The piece titled "Memorial to Mo" will compete with 276 quilts and wearable art entries from the five northwestern states and the four western provinces of Canada. Over \$30,000 dollars in cash and major prizes, including top of the line sewing machines, will be awarded to winners in nine

categories.

The Association of Pacific Northwest Quilters (APNQ), a non-profit organization, was founded in 1992 to encourage and reward quiltmakers of the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada.

"We are extremely pleased with the very high standard of the quilts being created throughout our region in both traditional and innovative designs," said Trish Grant, APNQ

president. She added, "Of the 543 entries juried, 276 were selected. The seventh Quiltfest will be an outstanding exhibition of the finest quilts being created in our region."

The Pacific Northwest Quiltfest is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. Admission is \$10 or free to APNQ members. For more information, contact the APNQ office at 206-297-2490 or visit the website at www.apnq.org.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



It's been an interesting three weeks, to say the least, since you last heard from me.

So – first off...

Thank you to the two brave gents that chopped the weeds along OA Hill fence. Those weeds had been bugging me for weeks.

How many of you watched the "100 Movies" program in June? #96 – It's a Beautiful Mind, #0 – Hotel Rwanda, #74 – Gunga Din, #46 – Lilies of the Field, #30 – Lawrence of Arabia, #2 – To Kill a Mockingbird, #1 – It's a Wonderful Life. Oh, yes, #33 was a silent film – City Lights with Charlie Chaplin, made in 1931.

Now down to things that are bugging me. I mean, really. #1 – Children that are allowed to run pedal cars in main traffic among highway construction and I was told it's considered a bicycle? I beg your pardon.

Next, a question. How come the lily pads and cat-tail patches couldn't have been removed

earlier so the locals could feel special? It appears the lake facelift was for the benefit of KUPL's show. The blackberry shakes were delicious. It looked like most money spent went out of town, though. Music – not Western enough for this old lady. Jesse Cane was the better entertainer. This is not just my opinion, either.

How about a goat dragging a wheel and tire on a large chain down Riverside Drive? Or, is it legal to kill a pet cat for messing up your hard work on a jigsaw puzzle? (I may just put it back in the box.)

Please you drinkers of pop, beer or eaters of foods with pull tabs. The Senior Center saves the tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Thank you in advance.

During the busy KUPL weekend, the Rose City Motorcycle Club brought Vernonia Cares over a ton of food. Thank you isn't enough for the dedication they made to us in 1996. It gets better each year. That they care for a group lost in the woods makes me very humble. Thanks again.

I could go on because a lot more caught my attention, but I'll end with this – To a certain gent who owns a red, two door Ford Festiva hatchback, license QJZ---. I owned that car for many years. I never did allow it to do a cookie in front of the Laundro-Mat on Bridge. Shame on you. Good thing the kids weren't with you.

Question? Why red? The building is yellow.

Firefighters train at ODF Fire School near Jewell



A new group of 56 forest firefighters was graduated June 29 after four days of training at the Oregon Department of Forestry fire school near Jewell. The training qualified the firefighters as Fire Fighters 2, the entry level qualification needed to fight forest fires.

After classroom instruction, the firefighters put out an actual planned burn by working with hoses, water pumps and fire

engines. They also did fireline construction using chainsaws, shovels and axes. Another goal of the fire school is to develop the teamwork between Tillamook, Forest Grove and Astoria Districts.

Operations Chief Kevin Hill from Tillamook put it this way, "Our firefighters are available to protect forests anywhere in the state and they need to know how to work together."

Republicans schedule free picnic

The Columbia County Republican Central Committee is providing a free hamburger barbeque at Trojan Park, Columbia River Hwy, south of Rainier, on Saturday, July 8. The picnic will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the north shelter house. All Republicans are invited to attend for a fun afternoon.

Republican candidates who will be on the November General Election ballot will be present to mingle and speak to the crowd and answer any questions.

Contact Fred Yaune at 503-543-6271 for further information.

Welcome Additions

Joseph Edward Ellis



Joseph Edward Ellis was born May 31, 2006, the first child of Luke and Torie Ellis of Vernonia. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19.75 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clement, both of Vernonia.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Loren Ellis of Scappoose and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Grant of Vernonia.

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