

Bits & Bites

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This will be no surprise to anyone (I think). Fall is here. Holidays, cool

nights and the full moon. It was awe inspiring, to say the least. Harvest or Lover's Moon, whichever.

Just because you think you're so pretty driving a brand new sports car. Just because you think you're so hot because it's a flashy red star. Just because you've got all that money that nobody else has got. You think you spent all my money, you laughed at my old clunky Ford. You passed me on a double lined, blind curve. Well, baby, I'm tellin' you I was there with you when I saw the cop pull you over. Because, just because, now who's spending all their money. Because, just because, some day you may think I'll be lonesome. Someday you think I'll be blue, but, baby, I'm tellin' you, I'll be on the road while you're sittin' in your car (no driver's license?). Because, just because. I just couldn't pass that up while driving Highway 30 over Labor Day weekend.

This past little while Vernonia has lost quite a lot of their senior citizens (even though some had moved from here). We remember all of them in our own way of coping with the loss. It's hard to acknowledge the fact we are all just sojourners on this earth. When we are left behind it makes us know just how fragile and fleeting our span of life really is. Just remember we will pass and others will be left to miss us. Make your time count for something to someone today and tomorrow. Yes, I'm hurting, but so are others that need to know we understand their moods. Draw your family and friends close by mail, phone or in person.

Did you know (or care) that the end of Daylight Savings Time is only 46 days away? Halloween is only 48 days away? Veteran's Day is only 59 days away? Thanksgiving is only 71 days away? That makes Christmas Eve only 102 days away? Are you ready?

Museum Talk on private burials

If you've ever been curious about where your Vernonia ancestors lie buried, if they're not in the Vernonia Pioneer or Memorial Cemeteries, our upcoming Museum Talk should be of special interest to you. In lieu of a formal presentation, the Museum will host a roundtable on the numerous private burial grounds around here. We are currently collecting stories and family information on these less well known sites. Join us to learn more, or to share what you know about them. The Museum Talk is scheduled for Sunday, September 24, 2:00 p.m., at the museum, 511 E. Bridge Street.

Are you downsizing or cleaning out the attic or garage? The Museum is seeking old Vernonia phonebooks, local school yearbooks, old newspapers, and other printed material that tells of local histo-

ry. Items can be dropped by the Museum during regular hours. The museum's winter schedule goes into effect following Quilt Fair weekend: Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m.

The museum will be open extended hours this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday; look for the "Open" sign when you drive by. We are happy to open at other times by appointment, as long as a museum volunteer is available.

Additional volunteers would be welcome to help us with the hours the museum is open, do research, inventory, special events, and other activities. If you can spare a few hours per month, we'd love to have you with us. The next Museum Board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in the Museum's activities is welcome to attend.

Hunter's Dinner and Raffle Sept. 22

A Marlin 17HMR Rifle, a Ruger 300 Magnum, and a Husqvarna Chain Saw are just a few of the items being raffled off by the Vernonia Senior Center at a Hunter's Dinner and Raffle on Friday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. Raffle tickets are available for \$1 each at Vernonia Hardware, Triple S Service, Sporty's in Clatskanie and at the Vernonia Senior

Center. All proceeds will be applied to the new senior center building project.

The Hunter's Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. on September 22, and will include hunter's stew, biscuits, and dessert, for \$6 per person. There will be free doorprizes.

Contact Bill James at 503-429-2072 for more information.

St. Mary's Quilt Fair starts today

St. Mary's Annual Quilt Fair is celebrating its 36th anniversary on September 21, 22, 23, and 24. The fair will be open on Thursday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. An array of beautiful handmade quilts will be for sale and/or on display. The yearly event is held at the church hall, 960 Missouri Ave., Vernonia.

St. Mary's is known for their delicious lunches and each year, a Star of Bethlehem quilt is raffled off. Raffle tickets are available at the event, the drawing takes place September 24, at 4:00 p.m.

A craft bazaar will also be held in the foyer of the church, featuring many unique and handmade items, as well as plants.

Help with repairs to the Grange

The Vernonia Grange workdates are Saturday, September 23, and Saturday, October 21, from 10:00 a.m. until dusk. The grange will provide gloves, re-

freshments, equipment and supplies. They just need willing hands to help. Helpers can sign up on the board at the grange hall, 375 North St., Vernonia.

Jamboree seeks new suggestions

The Vernonia Jamboree Committee is looking for volunteers for the 2007 Jamboree. The committee is looking for a court coordinator so the 2007 court can be picked as soon as possible.

Anyone with ideas or sug-

gestions is encouraged to attend and be part of the festivities. The next meeting is September 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Vernonia City Hall. Please come and be part of the community volunteers who make Jamboree a great event for all.

Huntington/Puls set wedding date

Michael Huntington of Fairbanks, Alaska, formerly of Birkenfeld, and Sarah Puls of Altus, Oklahoma, have announced their engagement. Their wedding is planned for November 25, in Colorado.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Steve and Lynn Puls of Cedaredge, Colorado, and a 2002 graduate of Eads

High School. She is a Senior Airman in the U.S. Air Force at Altus Eielson Air Force Base, Oklahoma, where her fiancée is also serving as a Senior Airman.

The groom-elect is the son of Bob and Debbie Huntington of Arco, Idaho (formerly of Birkenfeld). He is a home school graduate.

Blackwood Legacy show Sept. 29

Blackwood Legacy will perform in Vernonia on September 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Vernonia Community Church, 410 North St. Blackwood Legacy features Rick Price and Perry Jones, and blends the experience and tradition of the Southern

Gospel sound with the fresh inspiration of contemporary worship.

Admission is free, though a 'love offering' will be received. For more information, call 503-429-6522.

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