

Bits & Bites

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Time flies when you're having fun, right? I've been having so much fun running up and down stairs, highways and around the lake, I almost forgot what time it is, but I hope you all set your clocks

back one hour on the 30th because I hear it goes forward again in March. Please tell me why we can't just put the clocks back to pre-World War II time and leave them alone. Daylight is daylight and dark is dark no matter what some governmental nut says. Okay, I've given my opinion – what's yours?

To all those concerned – the Baptist Church is doing fine. Yes, we will miss our pastor of 29 years, but even he has a right to a life in the setting of the sun years – so we pray him our

good wishes and know he isn't leaving his calling – just shifting gears.

The day I was supposed to be writing this article I spent 3-1/2 hours pouring over all the "vote for me and this" and "no don't vote for this, that or him or her." I did not go to college or law school so if all these people

don't talk out of the center of their mouths, and even then they may not speak their true intention, who do you believe? Don't change horses in the middle of a flooding river. That may not be true any more either.

So, I've paid my taxes, my car insurance, mobile home personal tax, dog license,

changed the oil in the car, emptied the gas tank on the lawnmower, cleaned the gas furnace filters, cleaned the fish tank and put a heavy quilt on my bed. I've also got a stack of books I haven't read – so come on Winter Solstice, I think I'm ready for you. Oh yes, I packed my pantry also.

Herd turkeys for Vernonia Cares

It is time once again to begin herding turkeys for the Vernonia Cares Christmas food boxes.

According to Cares Director Sandy Welch, more than 250 clients representing 90-plus households, are helped each month. The number is expected to rise as we head into the winter months. The goal this year is to provide 125 Christmas food boxes.

Between now and Thanksgiving, most grocery stores will advertise their turkey promotions. The turkeys are distributed only at Christmas by Vernonia Cares, but now is the time to gather and store them frozen for the Christmas food boxes. There are other ways to help, such as the donation of Saver Shields or directly sponsoring a food box.

You can help locally, by purchasing a turkey at Vernonia Sentry. The turkey can be donated at the check stand, stored, and collected at a later date. Saver Shield receptacles are located at each check stand and used directly by Vernonia Cares to offset the cost of the food boxes. As a donor, another option is to sponsor a food box at a cost of \$20.00, which includes a turkey. This can be done at any Sentry check stand.

You can drop a turkey off at Vernonia Cares between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday or Thursday. If you have a turkey that you would like to have picked up, or if you have any questions, call Pat or Bob Stacklie at 503-429-7563 to arrange for a pick up time.

Suggested turkey weight for donation is 10-12 pounds. One hundred percent of donations stay in the community and all donations are tax deductible.

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