

## Grange schedules winter dance

Warm up the cold months of winter by celebrating Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day and Sadie Hawkins Day at a winter dance to be held at the Vernonia Community Grange on February 10.

Starting at 7:00 p.m., the evening of seasonal music and dance is open for everyone in the community and beyond. Couples, singles and groups are all welcome for just \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

The evening of music and dance will feature entertainment by the "The Pebble Creek Gang," an old-time country and western band that has been making music and playing the local circuit for over 30 years!

Refreshments will be available and if you want to bring a treat, you are invited to do so. Everyone is Welcome! The grange is located at 457 North St., Vernonia.

## Old world music comes to Library

"Old World Folklore Music with Narration" will be presented at the Vernonia Public Library on Friday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m.

Helena and Mark Great-house will present an educational program of old folklore melodies from Eastern Europe, sung by Helena and accompanied by Mark on accordion. In authentic costume, Helena introduces each song highlighting life, customs and living conditions in the country where it originated. Ethnic dance movements enhance her singing.

Helena sang folksongs in the 1950s and 1960s on Czechoslovak radio and television, and later studied the history of the folksongs.

Mark has been playing the accordion since age five. He won many awards for his accordion music before going to Europe to study German.

Refreshments will follow this presentation, which is made possible by The Friends of the Vernonia Library and The Vernonia Historical Museum.

## Cantata seeks Easter singers

Anyone who would like to sing in the annual Vernonia Easter Cantata is welcome to attend practices now being held on Sundays, at 3:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church at A Street and Washington Ave.

## Vernonia's first Mayor's Ball a delight

With a roaring 20's theme and the Calamity Jazz ragtime band, the Mayor's Charity New Year's Ball was a delight for the 75 revelers who attended.

The guests captured the spirit of the roaring twenties. Ladies wore feather plumes, hats and beads, while gentlemen sported suspenders and fedoras. Calamity Jazz Ragtime Band and DeeJay Tommy

Disco added music to the evening.

A "Murder Most Foul" brought great laughs and two guilty verdicts. The play, written by Mayor Sally Harrison, featured guests as the suspects. The guests determined that Sylvia Starstruck (played by Harrison) and Mabel Money-maker (played by Councilor Shirlee Daughtry) were guilty of

## Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



taking your can pull tabs to the Senior Center. Ronald McDonald House West in Portland says, "Thank You," and keep up the good job. The collection cans are in the Senior Center dining room by the cookie plates.

Spring, where are you? The sun is pretty but the air is bone chilling. Every other person you meet seems to have a stuffed up heard or an aching knee.

When walking the lake last week I noticed foot prints in the slush on the ice. Cute, but dumb. Your dog couldn't know better but you should. Our lake isn't Lake Erie.

Good Golly, Miss Molly - where has common sense gone; also the right to have a dish of ice cream for a small treat while out shopping. It should be a rite of passage for old folks and youngsters to be able to afford this lifelong treat. Time was when a "big scoop"

cost 10¢ with a cone or in a dish. It was even served as a dessert with a meal once upon a time. Anyone could afford and enjoy it. The top off to a satisfying day. This past weekend while traveling to the coast a friend and I stopped to rest and view the ocean and have a scoop (about half a cup) of the cool stuff. Cost \$1.95, plopped in a small pewter stemmed dish. How many scoops can you get from a two gallon container? I don't know but I do know it costs under \$5.00 (It wasn't even Tillamook or Schwans). Low hightoned places don't even have to pay Pearl Divers to swash all those little items anymore. I'm sure no one broke a fingernail or got

frost bite dishing it up.

I politely told the waitress what I thought of the cost but we wanted ice cream so I guess we'd stand the cost. It was good, we enjoyed the view and savored the flavor of the vanilla (only one they had). Time to pay, the waitress came to the table, instead of the bill she said the gentleman at the next table had paid for our treat. We both nearly fainted. He was gone, we couldn't thank him. This is the first time I've ever come in contact with someone "paying forward." It was and is quite an experience. Food for thought and we will never be able the thank the angel unaware but we can pass it forward sometime in the future.

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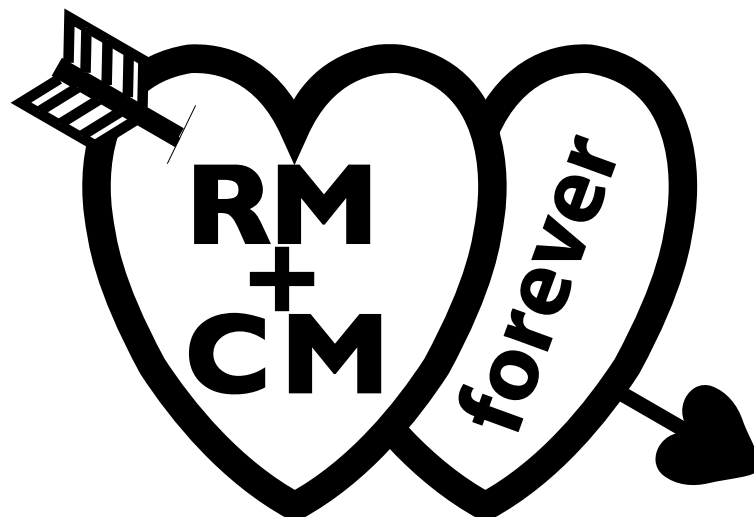
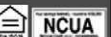
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