

# Copies of O-A Mill picture on sale now

The Vernonia Pioneer Museum Association Board voted unanimously, during their January 20 meeting, to retain the current slate of officers for the coming year: President Carol Davis, Vice-President Ralph Keasey, Secretary Barbara Larsen, and Treasurer Tobie Finzel. The next Board meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21. VPMA members and others interested in museum activities are welcome to attend.

Thanks in part to a grant from the Oregon Heritage Commission, several VPMA volunteers enjoyed a visit in January from textile preservation consultant Sandra Troon of the Oregon Textiles Workshop. Troon, one of only two accredited textile preservation consultants in the Pacific Northwest, gave a tutorial on the

care of the clothing and other vintage textiles in the museum's collection.

The restoration and reframing of the Oregon-American mill panorama photo is complete, and the results are beautiful. The museum will begin taking orders for copies of this photo after February 15, when there will be a sample of the reproduction available at the museum, along with the original. Thanks to Oregon Heritage and Oregon Cultural Trust funds, the museum is able to continue expanding photographic offerings and preservation efforts.

The now museum has a 1944 map of Columbia County that shows the logging railroads, logging camps, towns, and roads as they were when timber was, indeed, king in Columbia Country. Thanks for the map go to the Oregon Depart-

ment of Forestry and Ralph Keasey.

The next Museum Talk will feature Vernonia Mayor Sally Harrison on March 18. Harrison will discuss the melodramas that used to be presented in Vernonia.

The museum is always looking for additional volunteers to hold the museum open or help with research, inventory, special events, and other activities. If you can spare as few as three hours once a month to hold the museum open, contact the museum at <vpma@agalil.net> or leave a message at 503-429-3713 to learn more. Personal knowledge of Vernonia history isn't necessary for volunteers to be a big help! Regular museum hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from October through May.

## Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



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When the weather is questionable, it puts your body and your brain in an "Oh, well so..." mode. Right? To go out and about, you have two plus layers of clothing either on your person or in the car. If you stay home you either turn up the heat or add an extra sweater. Either way, you are in a state of semi-hibernation. That's a state of half-hear, half-see, half-asleep, half-awake, half-hungry, and "Oh, leave it till later." One thing I did have to do, though, was take a couple of queen size quilts to the laundromat. A friend and I sat and played Tri-ominos for two hours while tubs went round and

round. So – how come I mention this? The baskets on wheels were missing (those used to go from washer to dryer). I inquired as to how come. The answer to me was very disturbing. It seems some not-so-young or small children used them as buggys – and broke them down to trash. It's a comfort to know the youth of our town have such a high regard for something that serves so many folks.

What is your favorite past-time in the evening? You watch the news. It is totally disheartening. Is there nothing to report that can put a joy in your heart or a smile on your face happening anywhere? Next try and find a program that you can honestly enjoy. I'm catching up on my reading, knitting and watching videos and DVDs. It's still too cold to work in the yard after dark.

Well, it's time to make a cup of hot chocolate and turn on NCSI. So, pleasant dreams.

# SOLV seeks projects for this Earth Day

SOLV is seeking project applications for the 18th annual SOLV IT Earth Day, scheduled for Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Greater Portland Metro Area, including sites in Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill Counties.

SOLV IT, presented by Portland General Electric, focuses on cleaning illegal dump sites,

beautifying and enhancing neighborhoods and public spaces, restoring watersheds, and much more. In the past seventeen years, SOLV IT volunteers have removed more than 6,400 tons of debris from illegal dump sites, neighborhoods and natural areas. This is your opportunity to become a SOLV IT project coordinator and to apply for assistance for

your community volunteer project as part of this great event!

Last year, almost 4,000 volunteers came together at 107 project sites to perform cleanup and enhancement work. Working together, they cleaned up illegal dumpsites and roadside litter, planted trees, shrubs, and bulbs in parks, landscaped school grounds and restored wetlands and public spaces.

# Help county make funding decisions

The Commission on Children and Families is seeking applications for membership. The 20 member volunteer commission is advisory to the Board of County Commissioners and makes recommenda-

tions regarding the expenditure of local, state and federal funds for programs and services for local children and families.

Citizens are urged to apply who do not earn their primary income from the administration

of non-direct service to children or families, who live in Clatskanie, Rainier, Scappoose or Vernonia and who are parents of young children. You can be a part of this active, re-vitalized group which supports the healthy development of children and families.

Direct questions to Jan Spika Kenna at 503-397-7225 or via email to kennaj@co.columbia.or.us.

# Submissions for art show sought

The Columbia Artists Association of Longview/Kelso is inviting all interested artists to join more than 60 artists participating in the 31st annual Juried Art Show at the LCC Art Gallery in Longview.

The show is open to artists, 18 and older, from Cowlitz, Lewis, Clark, Wahkiakum and Pacific Counties in Washington, and Clatsop and Columbia Counties in Oregon. Entry date is March 19. The show will open to the public on Friday

evening, March 23, with an artists reception. The show ends April 1.

For more information regarding size, categories, fees, etc. pick up a prospectus at the Broadway Art Gallery, 1418 Commerce Ave., Longview or call 360-25-6719, 360-575-9751, or 530-556-1671 to have a copy mailed to you.

Businesses or individuals who would like to be a Show Sponsor, may call 360-425-0142 for more details.

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