

## Try your hand at Salmon Cook-off

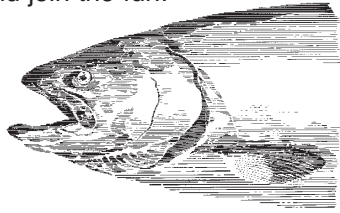
How do you fix Salmon? The second Salmon Festival Recipe Cookoff is coming! Ladies and gents are invited to enter a tried and true family recipe in one of two categories; Hot dish or Cold dish.

There will be prizes for first and second place in each category. Dig down deep and find that "old Salmon recipe everyone loved."

Bring your cookoff entry to

the Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park by noon on October 6. The judging begins at 12:15 p.m.

Get our your pots, pans, casseroles and salad bowls and join the fun!



## Quilt Fair from September 20-23

St. Mary's annual Quilt Fair is celebrating its 37th year on September 20, 21, 22 and 23. The doors are open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to browse the beautiful handmade quilts, some for sale, some for display only. The yearly event is held at the church hall, 960 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia. The theme this year is "A Stroll Down Memory Lane."

The fair is also noted for the delicious lunches offered, with daily choices of two homemade soups, rolls and desserts. Each year the 'quilting ladies' raffle their Star of Bethlehem quilt.

## Rock, Schroeder plan to marry

Candy Rock and Allen Schroeder, both of Vernonia, have announced their engagement. The wedding date has not been set.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Pam Smith and James Rock of Vernonia. She currently works at Vernonia Sentry.

The groom-elect is the son of Gary and Shirley Schroeder of Corvallis. He works at Roy Houck Construction in Salem.

The couple plan to make their home in Vernonia.

## Ridge Riders to hold Playday

The Vernonia RidgeRiders will hold their final Playday of the year on September 15 at Anderson Park. Gaming will start at 11:00 a.m. with signups at 10:00 a.m. Check for flyers around town.

For more information, call Deloris Bellingham at 503-429-9523.

## Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



As I listened to the 11 O'clock news Sunday evening, I said to myself, "No way

will I be up at 2:00 a.m. to see the moon disappear." Good night, I clicked off the T.V., turned off the light and snuggled into my feather pillow. Ha, ha, at 1:59 Mother Nature called. The full moon shown in my bedroom window through the trees. It was a beautiful sight. I was hooked by 2:15. At 2:50 I was going out my back door in bare feet and jammies. Who knows what I stepped in, who cares, the sight was phenomenal. I've not seen that many stars in the sky since I

was a teenager on a late date in the Blue Mountains. It's now 2:57 and I can just make out a faint sort of gray orange circle through the tree (I'm now in robe and slippers writing this by bed lamp). Out back now in the "black of night" (have you ever been in any down deep in the earth caves? "Black Hall Caves" for one.) The stars are so far away, like pin holes of light through paper. The clock now says 3:04, the moon is a blur, and it looks like a fog has come in. I can see and hear an airplane and light moving through the stars. Also, the truck crossing the green bridge even sounds different in the total darkness. I'm going to slip back into bed now and if I don't fall totally asleep I'll check back in later. "G'night again."

I was going to write this week of "the life of a lowly tomato plant" but that will have to wait till next time.

Sleep thought – in the past

83 years I've witnessed three aurora borealis, several sun eclipses as well as Mt. St. Helens day into night, a Christmas Flood, a grasshopper swarm when they ate the paint off of the Condon, Ore., grade school, a hail storm that caused us to re-roof our house, but none of them can come close to the feeling I have experienced on this occasion. It's now 3:30 a.m. I'm glad I stayed up for one of the Wonders of God, no matter what you believe this isn't a chance happening caused by atmospheric conditions.

I came to again – it's now 4:05 and although I can't see the moon through the trees, I can see again. There is a fog in the air.

6:58 a.m. – the alarm woke me up.

7:58 – yes, I'm out of bed and the day looks no different for what was beheld in the night.

## In The Service

### Trevor R. Farmer

Army National Guard Pvt. Trevor R. Farmer has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

During the nine weeks of basic combat training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons employment, map reading, tac-

tics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced use of various weapons and weapons defenses.

Farmer is the son of Marc and Julie Farmer of Vernonia, and is a 2007 graduate of the Vernonia Community Learning Center.

## First Friday to include local poet

September's First Friday will feature Carol Sawyer reading her own poetry, local artists' creations on display at the Gallery in the Vernonia Learning Center, extended business hours, street musicians and other surprises at various merchants and other sites along Bridge Street. Locations and times for this month's First Friday events will be posted at the Learning Center. First Friday hours are from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come downtown and enjoy the evening!

Other activities that coincide with this First Friday include the Fresh Air Market in the VCLC Courtyard from 4:00 to 7:00

p.m. and the Shoestring Players' melodrama, "Under Cover," at the Vernonia Grange starting at 7:00 p.m.

A planning committee for future First Fridays has been established under the auspices of Vernonia Hands-on Art and the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce. Several First Friday related events are already scheduled through December. If you are interested in performing music, showing your artwork, offering extended business hours or specials, or sending us your own suggestions, please email VernoniaArt@aol.com or call Tobie at 503-705-2173.



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To sign up, or get more information, please call  
Aaron Miller at 503-429-6049 or George Tice at 503-429-3751.