

# St. Mary's 37th Quilt Fair starts today

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. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the event. The

raffle will be held at 4:00 p.m. on September 23. A craft bazaar will also be held in the foyer with handmade items, as well as plants, available. For more information, call 503-429-8841 or email stmarys08@agalis.net.

## Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



I feel compelled to say "I'm missing you and chatting with a lot of you

folks now that I have retired from my retirement." Let me explain. There is a line in an old song, "When did your hair turn to silver?" Well, mine has been silver since I was 25 years old so my question to myself is – when did you put away your books, your chalks, watercolors, pencils, pens and paper? When did the poetry stop flowing? Why is your quilting in a box, the mending and sewing stacked on a chair? Where did the slow walks through the countryside go? Or, the just sitting in the shade munching an apple with your dog and a good book? Stop and take a look.

Granny Rachael hangs in a

closet, afraid to come out now she is becoming old and slightly feeble and unsure of herself. So now I'm retired again – Ho, Ho, you say to yourself. I'm going to luxuriate in sleeping till 10:00 a.m. if I feel like it. Take a few more long bubble baths, then put on my jeans, tie up my hair, grab a broom, the vacuum, bucket and rags, denude the walls of pictures and stuff. (But I'll keep Wednesdays open for lunch and the Golden Oldies at the Senior Center.) It may take me all of 60 days to be more than sick of housework (but I promised my doctor I would slow down, so I'm going to enjoy myself doing for me first for awhile).

I will see you in the funnies though and I can get Bits & Bites written before the last bell rings. And even enjoy a game or two of Solitaire.

Oh, I have noticed people are now trying to catch all the 'little' bunnies at the lake green. They are multiplying rather fast.

# Hunter's Dinner and Raffle this weekend

The Vernonia Senior Center Hunters and Fishermens Raffle & Dinner is fast approaching and will be here on Saturday, September 22 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Now is the time to get tickets for the raffle for \$1 per ticket at Vernonia Hardware, Triple S Service, Napa Auto Parts, Vernonia Senior Center, and Sporty's in Clatskanie.

Items being raffled include a Ruger 300 magnum rifle with Leupold 2.5-8 scope, a Ruger .204 caliber rifle, a Savage 17HMR rifle, a Speedtech, binoculars, knives, hunting and camping gear, gift certificates, and more. The dinner includes hunters stew, salad, corn bread, dessert and beverage for \$6 per person..

All proceeds go to the new Senior Center building fund and you need not be present to win. If you are an outdoorsperson, get your tickets and mark your calendar – you don't want to miss this one.

### ~ HUNTERS ~

Already got your tags? If not, local merchants advise you to purchase them before September 28, due to the new computer system Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is now using.

## 50 Years Ago This Month

The September 12, 1957, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page: Wednesday morning about 11:30 a.m. the last log was cut at The International Paper company, Long-Bell division, mill here, just a little more than 33 years after the first log was cut

in July of 1924. The last paragraph said: The town is strangely quiet without the sawmill sounds that have become so much a part of the way of life here. An era has ended and eyes now turn to the future with hopes for something new to fill the void.

# Flu and Pneumonia shot clinics

Flu and Pneumonia shots will be available at Banks Pharmacy starting October 1. Those wanting the immunizations may come in at any time, or during the following clinic schedule:  
 Oct. 2, Tuesday, noon to 6:00 p.m.  
 Oct. 6, Saturday, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
 Oct. 20, Saturday, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
 Oct. 30, Tuesday, noon to 6:00 p.m.  
 The charge for Flu shots will be \$30, Pneumonia shots are

\$45. The cost will be covered for patients who have Medicare Part D, Regence BlueCross BlueShield, Providence Health Care and Secure Horizons insurance plans. Banks Pharmacy is located inside Jim's Thriftway, 660 S Main Street, Banks. For information, call the pharmacy at 503-324-5780, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Banks Pharmacy is closed Sundays.

# Here's how to celebrate Family Day

Family meals were the norm for most families before the age of frozen foods and fast food take-out. In many families mom cooked, dad and the kids ate it when she put it on the table. I don't know if you've noticed, but that's not the way most of us live now. Kids' zap pizza

pockets between school and soccer practice. Mom picks up  
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**"THE VERNONIA INCIDENT"**  
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Krueger (middle), Vernonia's K-9 officer, demonstrates his success with new contraband training while Sergeant Mike Kay looks on and Randy Hare of the Alpha K-9 Training Center rewards Krueger for a job well done. A demonstration of the training techniques used by Alpha K-9 was given on September 13. For more information on this type of training, go to [www.alphak9.com](http://www.alphak9.com).

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