

Welcome Addition

Emma Elizabeth Scheuerman

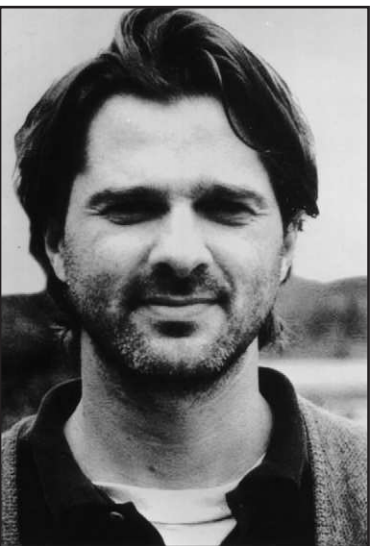
Emma Elizabeth Scheuerman was born September 21, 2007, to Erin and Christopher Scheuerman of Vernonia.

She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She joins her brothers, William, Jared and Seth, at the family home.



Chautauqua at Library on Oct. 15



The Portland Trailblazers' Championship Season: An Oregon Story will be the topic of a Chautauqua presentation at the Vernonia Public Library on Monday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m.

On June 5, 1977, the Portland Trailblazers defeated the Philadelphia 76ers to win their first and only NBA championship.

onship. The next day 250,000 fans jammed downtown Portland to celebrate in the largest public gathering in Oregon history.

Matt Love will discuss the impact of the Blazers' 1977 victory, using a mixture of slides, lectures, oral histories, audio and video clips. Love is the author of the Beaver State Trilogy: *Grasping Wastrels vs. Beaches Forever inc., Covering the Fights for the Soul of the Oregon Coast* and *The Far Out Story of Vortex I*. He also wrote *Red Hot and Rollin' A Retrospection of the Portland Trail Blazers' 1976-77 Championship Season*. Love teaches English and Journalism at Taft High School in Lincoln City.

This program is made possible in conjunction with the Friends of the Library and funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities. Refreshments will follow the program.

20 Years Ago This Month

The October 1, 1987, issue of *The Independent* included the following article on page 7 under the headline "Study of sewer system started":

Vernonia's sewers are going to be given a close look in an attempt to define and locate existing problems, and determine what is required to make repairs.

The council this month awarded a \$70,000 contract to HGE Engineers to uncover the causes creating the system's problems – leaking pipes, inadequate pumping stations and periodic discharge of insuffi-

ciently treated sewage into the Nehalem River. HGE will also make recommendations for repairs and/or replacement of the system.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will pay 55 percent of the total cost of the study, the city has \$4,500 available at this time for the project, and a HUD grant will take care of some of the cost. The remainder will have to be raised from various sources, and the city can reduce the total cost by having public works employees do some of the work.

Senior Center seeks back-up cook

The Vernonia Senior Center, located at 446 Bridge Street, Vernonia, is currently taking applications for back-up cook. This position will require work-

ing every Wednesday, and other available days when needed. Background check will be required. Applications are available at the Center.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Now –
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point of healthy, plants from the Senior Center the spring growing season of 2003. I planted them together in a gallon can, hoping at least one would survive. Near death, I gave them to a friend who planted them in a five gallon (paint-type) bucket on their enclosed front porch. Sunny, warm, watered and well fed, they woke up and thrived and produced delicious tomatoes. Summer, fall and all winter of '03. It's now fall of '07 and

they are still growing and producing tomatoes. They may be somewhat smaller but still the plants flower and produce six to eight at a time through all four seasons. They have had no bee contact since May or June of '03. Can you top this?

On to other thoughts and things. Sorry, I must vent a minute or two. How many of you heard on late night TV news, a couple of weeks ago now, of the Vancouver pastor that decided to hold church in a Sports Bar? He would preach while fellows watched the game, and if they chose to have a beer, until a real exciting play when a yellow flag stopped the sermon so everyone could have a real meltdown. Even the next night they reported how successful the service went. I don't dare say anymore on the subject, my blood pressure might

sky rocket.

The frost is nipping our gardens at night now so tomatoes are into juice, sauce and salsas. Apples have become sauce and butter. Zucchini is in all sorts of dishes, cakes and breads. Peaches and berries are in jams, pies and cobblers. The Persian pears are delicious. If you haven't tried one, you are missing a delicious fruit. Not a pear, but a lot easier to eat, like an apple and they are very juicy.

The 26th of September, a real treat at the lake. A gaggle of Canadian geese, roughly 20 to 24, were on the water practicing their flying formations. Where else do you get that luxury? I watched them in peace and quiet for quite a spell. They had no worry to hurry.

Time for a game of Solitaire and lunch.

Learn Ballroom Dancing at VCLC in Oct.

Ballroom Dancing will be offered on three October Fridays at the Vernonia Learning Center. Take advantage of the opportunity to learn about this dance style on October 12, 19, and 26, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Come alone, or bring a partner.

The Vernonia Community Learning Center is pleased to announce this class will be taught by Jennifer Robinson, a seasoned professional. Soon after Robinson began dancing in 1999, she entered an Instructor Training program at an



independent dance studio, and began teaching soon after. In November of 1999, she partnered with Jorge Braga and began competing in February, 2000 in the NDCA Professional American Rhythm Division. In March, 2000, she opened a

studio in Las Vegas with Jorge in an attempt to pass on the passion they shared for dance.

In May, 2001, Robinson moved to Oregon and began teaching full-time throughout the Northwest. She has competed on the Swing Circuit throughout the country and has placed in Classic, Showcase and in Jack & Jill Competitions.

The Vernonia Community Learning Center is located at 939 Bridge Street. For more information, call 503-429-1030 or go to www.myspace.com/vernoniacldc.

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FREE Seminars

Rainier Senior Center
October 18, 1pm

Tuality Forest Grove Hospital
October 23, 10 am

Scappoose Rose Valley Assisted Living
October 24, 1 pm

Vernonia Learning Center
October 25, 1 pm

St. Helens Senior Center,
October 15, 10 am

Tuality Hillsboro Education Center
October 10, 10 am

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