



The Hazardous Waste Collection event on Saturday, October 13, collected 9,400 pounds of waste from 79 households in Vernonia. The event was put on by Columbia County Dept. of Land Development Services. If you missed it, the next one will be in St. Helens, 1601 Railroad Ave., on Saturday, October 27, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Variety show Sock hop at the Grange on Nov. 3

Vernonia Hands-on Art presents its third annual variety show at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 15, at Washington Grade School. This year's show will benefit the Vernonia School Band program and Vernonia Cares Food Bank.

If you would like to participate as a performer in this year's show, please contact Tobie Finzel at 503-705-2173 or send an email to vernoniaart@aol.com by October 24.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this family-friendly evening of entertainment by local singers, dancers, musicians, and other talented people of all ages. Admission is \$5 for adults, 2 cans of food for kids.

The Vernonia Community Grange is hosting a "Farewell to the Fifties" sock hop at the Grange on Saturday, November 3, starting at 7:30 p.m. Fifties attire is optional, but socks or saddle shoes are the only footwear allowed!

There will be a DJ playing popular music of the Fifties when rock'n'roll was born, refreshments, a raffle, and other surprises. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids.

This event is a fundraiser for improvements to the Grange Hall and a way to celebrate the Baby Boomers who are saying goodbye to their fifties as they hit that milestone 60th birthday.

50 Years Ago This Month

The October 3, 1957, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

A check on the activities of those 41 boys and girls who received diplomas from Vernonia high school last spring reveals that 14 of them are now attending institutions of higher learning.

Herb Bender, Allen Fowler, Arthur Lamping, Marjorie Reynolds and Don Siedelman are at Oregon State college, Corvallis; James Davis, Richard Fletcher and Ruby Wells are at University of Oregon, Eugene; Deanne Cook and Delores Davis are at Portland State; Jerry Bush is at Lewis and Clark, Portland; Bob Crowston at Oregon Technical

Institute, Klamath Falls; Carol Ray, Oregon College of Education, Monmouth and Ron Anderegg, Chouinard Art Institute, Los Angeles.

Two girls are now in nurses training, Vicki Crossan at St. Vincents hospital and Laurel Wyckoff at Emanuel. Four of the boys are in the air force, Melvin Bailey, David Cotton, Roy Elliott and James McFarland, Leola Anderson and Esther Hire are working at the Albertina Kerr baby home in Portland.

Three of the girls who have married are making their homes in distant state, Joyce Thompson Weller is in Virginia; Lorene Stiff Pousson is

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



I think the Fuzzy Wuzzies at the lake are a little confused – some are orange body and a black dot head and tail, others are the reverse; orange dot head and tail and full body black. I take that to mean that even the worms can't predict the weather this winter.

In cleaning under a large piece of un-movable furniture the other day, I found dust bunnies having little dust bunnies, I assume that means the furnace is running a lot lately, warm air is moving about.

I've just finished reading A

Gospel group coming to Vernonia

The Tennessee-based "Blackwood Legacy" gospel group, featuring former Blackwood Brothers Quartet lead singer and Gospel Music Hall of Fame Inductee Rick Price, will be in concert on Sunday, October 21, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m., at the Vernonia Christian Church. Admission is free and a love offering will be received.

The Blackwood Brothers amassed nine Grammy awards and 27 Dove awards over their

Mountain Too Far by Karl H. Purnell. I ran across a word I thought was impossible to be a true word so I looked in the *Big Book of Words Only*. I found it now I'm trying to find a way to put it in use without offending anyone. "Shibboleth" Ref. The Bible, Judges 12:4-6.

How many of you readers saw the Harvest Moon come up at 7:00 p.m. on September 26? Weeks ago (in Vernonia, that is). It was "Fantabulous" (slang for Beyond Words).

Is your car ready for winter? My Tempo has had a mind of its own lately. First, it was the water pump, then the starter solenoid, then a new battery – to continue the saga – it demanded a new starter, what's next? I'm already contemplating a set of new tires before Christmas so maybe I'm ahead of 'his' game (no female auto would be so demanding of new toys).

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Get space now for Xmas sale

The 29th Annual "Christmas in the Country" Booster Club Bazaar will be held December 1 and 2 at the Vernonia Middle School. Those wanting a table or space to sell their handmade items, or those willing to volunteer a few hours of time are asked to call Corrie Smith at 503-429-1052 or by email at Vernoniabazaar@aol.com.

If you're not dropping in to the Senior Center on Wednesdays for lunch or The Golden Oldies music, you are cheating yourself from a slice of life. Yes, it's a beehive of buzz – folks visiting up a storm. Halloween pumpkins on the table and Christmas music being interlaced with Waltz of the Wind to Tennessee Stud and the Little Brown Church in the Vale. They play sweet and slow or hot and fast. If you want to dance, that's allowed. The Swiss steak was delicious and so was the warm apple cobbler.

It's flu shot time and it's time to study up on How do I Vote - But Vote. If you don't vote you can't complain, can you??

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