

## Tour offered on Horse management

Horse Management on Small Acreages Farm Tours will be offered on Saturday, April 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Abbey Creek Stables & Shadysprings Farm.

This tour is being offered by Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) in

partnership with Columbia, Clackamas, and West Multnomah SWCDs.

To register for these free events call the Tualatin SWCD at 503-648-3174 x102, or e-mail at lacey.townsend@or.nacdn.net

## SOLV plans projects for April 19

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without Internet access may also call SOLV to register.

"Our projects offer a variety of volunteer activities and experiences," says program coordinator Nancy Willmes. "This year's list includes tree planting, roadside litter and illegal dumpsite cleanups, invasive vegetation removal in natural areas, neighborhood cleanups, landscaping on school grounds, and trail maintenance in recreation areas."

SOLV IT is one of the nation's largest Earth Day events of its kind. The event focuses on livability issues as well as

community building, and encourages recycling and reuse of materials wherever possible.

Major sponsors are PGE, Clackamas County, Clean Water Services, Metro, TriMet, Warn Industries and Waste Management of Oregon. Small grants and material support are provided by the Waste Management Charitable Foundation. Supporting sponsors are Hawthorn Farm Athletic Club, IBM and the Oregon Department of Transportation. Media sponsors are KGW Northwest NewsChannel 8 and KINK fm 101.9.

## Quilt and new owner meet for first time



right to left: Louise Hamnett, Sue Goodhope and Ann Cameron at Sue's Stitch in Time Quilt Shop hold the quilt Cameron won.

The "Rising Sun" quilt that the Vernonia Senior Center raffled off in November has now been delivered. The winner of the quilt was Anne Cameron of

Keremeos, British Columbia, Canada.

The Camerons and friends, Joe and Tracie Gordon, were touring the countryside on their

bikes when they saw the sign for Vernonia, stopped and, during the visit, purchased the winning raffle ticket. This occurred during Jamboree. The address on the ticket that Mrs. Cameron purchased while here was not correct, so the search began. Then the flood hit, followed by bad weather that stalled the process further.

Finally, on February 23, at Sue's Stitch In Time quilt shop in Shelton, Washington, the hand-off was accomplished. Mrs. Cameron was celebrating her birthday with friends from McCleary, Louise Hamnett (one of the Vernonia quilt ladies) was celebrating her birthday with family in Shelton, and Sue Goodhope (another Vernonia quilt lady) was visiting her sister, Sandra, from Edmonds, Washington. All the parties met at the quilt shop and Mrs. Cameron now has her quilt.

### 20 Years ago this Month

The April 28, 1988, issue of *The Independent* had the following article on page 24.

The Vernonia City Council approved expenditures of up to \$4,000 for improvements to the Vernonia Lake water intake system, at their April 18 meeting.

Don Webb, representing the lake committee, said that high water in the Nehalem River

prevents the pump from working as it should in the springtime, and falling leaves clog the intake pipe in autumn.

The committee asked for funds to place a culvert and an infiltration well into the river, and put the pump up higher. According to Webb, that would eliminate the problem of removing and replacing the pump each fall and spring.

At the April 4 meeting, the parks committee suggested that the city share an employee with the cemetery committee. Under the proposal, the city would pay half of the salary, and the cemetery operating committee, the other half.

A report from the cemetery committee, on April 18, said they would prefer hiring a retired person with a pension as a half-time employee at minimum wage, and allow him to live in the house at the cemetery rent free.

The council took no action on either proposal.

The council made two appointments in April: Joe Riley was appointed to represent the city on the Columbia County Economic Development Council, and Don Webb was appointed to the city budget committee to replace Martin Baughman, who moved outside the city limits. City residency isn't required for the CCEDC appointment.

Police Chief Philip Jacobus met with the council on April 20 to review applications for a patrolman's position with the city. He was instructed to arrange interviews with five applicants, and hopes to hire an officer by the middle of May.

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