

Two plays at the Grange tomorrow

The Greenleaf Acting Company and Vernonia Home-schoolers will be presenting 2 plays on April 4 and 5. A group of younger actors will act in the beloved story of "Heidi," about the adventures of a young orphan girl and set against the backdrop of the Swiss Alps. The play being performed by the high school actors is entitled "The Ugly Duckling." It is a comedy about the marriage prospects of a so-called "ugly" fairy tale princess. Both plays include lively action, colorful costumes and sets, and even

some music and dancing. The plays are directed by Rachel, Margaret, Alberta, and Caleb Hardy, of the Greenleaf Acting Company of Scappoose.

The performances, a doubleheader, will be at the Vernonia Grange at North and Washington, one block north of Vernonia High School, on Friday evening, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. plus a Saturday Matinee on April 5 at 2:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. The performances are free, but donations are gladly accepted.

Vernonia Library offers activities during National Library Week

National Library Week is April 13-19. The Friends of the Vernonia Public Library invite you to celebrate the week at the Vernonia Public Library.

During National Library Week there will be free books and book bags for youngsters, and B.J. the Clown will join the

festivities on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Youngsters can enter drawings for the Spiderwick Chronicles and two tickets to the movie. Adults can enter to win a gardening basket on Saturday, April 19.

CCF seeks volunteer application

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners is soliciting applicants from county citizens who are willing to serve on local boards, committees, commissions and advisory boards. These committees help shape public policy for the county.

The Commission on Children and Families is seeking applications for membership. This 20-member volunteer commission is advisory to the Board of County Commission-

ers and makes recommendations regarding how funds are spent for local programs and services for children and families. Members also plan and take part in activities supporting the healthy development of children, families and communities. Citizens who live in Vernonia, Clatskanie, Rainier or Scappoose are urged to apply.

For more information, call Jan Spika Kenna at 503-397-7225.

SOLV events set for April 19

The 19th annual SOLV IT event, presented by Portland General Electric (PGE) and coordinated by SOLV, takes place on Saturday, April 19, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Approximately 4,000 volunteers are needed to complete projects at 100 sites in the Greater Portland Metropolitan area, including Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill Counties. A complete list of sites and volunteer registration is available at www.solv.org. Volunteers

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Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



I may be opening my mouth when I should keep it shut but since I'm using

pen and paper – Please, someone, show me where in the City Charter, by-laws, or whatever or wherever it says the City Manager, Mayor or Council has the right to proofread and OK the reporting of pertinent facts to the citizens of the town through the local papers. Black is black, white is white, is our governing body trying to make things gray? Since I do not attend council meeting anymore maybe I don't have the right to say what I think either, but it seems to me if true facts can't be reported in the paper we locals will never really know what goes on in our town. I've heard a rumble the council may be cutting the police to save money. That is feeding Vernonia to the animals. AND, in response to a remark in the audit report (paper of 3-20, pg. 4, column 3) "It's the citizens responsibilities to pool together and cover these costs," I think the citizens of Vernonia have "pooled" for years but we're not asked or informed when the monies were shifted from one account to another. If you paid additional moneys for a new water system, that is where that money should be spent, not on some

other project. You can only pay a bill if you have a job.

From the lighter side of life – Wednesday, March 26, the Senior Center lunch program got back in full swing. Golden Oldies Band, friends and good food. The thrift store will be open before long – new carpet, new clothes racks – nice. The only sad note for the day was learning of those folks who have passed away during the last four months. They will be greatly missed. A remark was made – Be glad for each birthday you celebrate, you will live longer and there is always someone who loves you for your being just you.

Please note: Vernonia Cares now has their own bread con-

tract and anyone needing bread is welcome to come in Tuesday or Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For those able to donate toward the 'gas delivery fund' it will be greatly appreciated.

How about that snow storm we had last Wednesday afternoon??

A Big thank you to all of the college kids who were in town, using their Spring Break to help the locals with yard work and more. Those helping me by cleaning off my roof discovered I had two tree limbs embedded in my roof. I found a roofer with a good heart and time enough to patch my holes – just before the rains came Tuesday night.

Bless all of you.

May 10 chosen for Clean Up Day

Vernonia Pride has set May 10 as the annual City-Wide Clean-Up day this year.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Providence Health Center parking lot.

If your group or organization has a specific area or project in mind, call Reva Marchant at

503-913-2703 to pre-register.

Bring your work gloves, rakes, shovels, weedeater, or other equipment and join the yearly clean up. Lunch will be provided at the Anderson Park covered picnic area between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.

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