

# Century Farm recipes wanted for book

The Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation is collecting recipes for a heritage cookbook to honor the 50th anniversary of the Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program and Oregon's sesquicentennial celebration.

According to OAEF Development Director Janice Reed, "The cookbook will be an offering to Oregon's farm and ranch families, and to all Oregonians. Agriculture has never been more important to the state's future. Our agricultural heritage and the families that represent that heritage are also our part of that future."

Since 1958, more than a thousand families have been honored for operating family-

owned ranches and farms for a century or more. Members of these families are invited to contribute favorite family recipes to the project. The heritage cookbook will also feature historic photographs, personal stories, and a roster of the century farms and ranches.

"We're looking for favorites, whether they are family traditions today, or what everybody liked best at a picnic decades ago," says Richard Engeman, a member of the management committee for the Century Farm & Ranch Program and

editor of the book. Contributors will receive a free copy of the cookbook. Publication is scheduled for the spring of 2009 by White House Grocery Press, and the book will be sold at local bookstores, museum stores, online, and by mail order.

"We're especially looking to contact families from the early years of the program, for whom we may no longer have contact information, or who may no longer be directly involved in agriculture," says Engeman.

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## Volunteer sought for committee

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners is soliciting

applications from county citizens who are willing to serve on the Columbia County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

The Board is seeking applications to fill "at large" or "industry" positions. All applicants will be considered. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please call the Board office at 503-397-4322 for more details.

trusts, easement, neighbor disputes, and other issues. Divorce, custody or support issues will not be included.

To schedule your 15 minute consultation, call Karen Miller, Community Action Team Senior Advocate at 503-429-9112.

## Law Day coming to Senior Center

Law Day at the Vernonia Senior Center will be Wednesday, August 20. Scappoose attorney Maddy Sheehan will offer brief consultations to senior citizens on civil law issues, including wills, power of attorney, advanced medical directives,

## Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



I know a lot of you have been holding your breath – just waiting for

this article. But, did you attend the Planning Commission meeting July 24? Did you find out what you were really concerned about? If you live in the Mobile Park, I really doubt it. I did learn they would pay me a sum for my home. Some comfort for relocating your life at this stage (my senior years). I came away from the meeting determined to find our "one" thing. Where do we folks really stand. The owners of the park still own the park and at present are not selling. Their opinion is that opening up Riverside will create too much traffic for safety of the people in the park. This is the one topic the developers have never said "Boo"

about (that I know of). Anyhow, I feel if you want to do your fall house cleaning and spruce up the yard I'd say you have time to enjoy it. In fact, there are spaces in the park that the owners would like to see people living in. Ok – enough said. If interested, for information you can call 503-631-3093.

I was rummaging in a closet the other day and found a box I'd forgotten about. It was full of 'once layed blouses', there my brain got stuck. Sounds like; once, ounce, one, won, oh, owe. Play the game with your young children. Then explain how "once" sounds like "wuns", or how about by, buy and bi (a combined form meaning two). Don't take life too seriously, have a little fun on the way.

Oh – back to the blouses. They were all cotton that needs to be ironed. Yes, I dug out my iron from the cobwebs and got busy.

Oh yes – If you've lost a Bridgestone tire and wheel for a large rig it's at the turn in of the Skills Park (anyhow, it was there on the a.m. of July 23).

## 20 Years Ago This Month

The August 25, 1988, issue of *The Independent* included the following news story on page 8:

The State Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee has recommended development of a linear park on an abandoned

railroad bed between Banks and Vernonia.

At a meeting last week, the group accepted a consultant's study which recommends a linear park be developed in both Columbia and Washington counties.

The proposed park would provide trail facilities for hikers,

bikers, equestrians and the physically limited, according to Joe Paiva, Parks assistant administrator.

Klein Consulting Engineers, Inc., Forest Grove, recently completed a study of the proposed park and recommended development of 15 miles of the railroad right-of-way.

A seven-member citizen committee also accepted the study, Paiva noted.

The study will be forwarded

to the Transportation Commission and the Oregon Legislature for further consideration, Paiva said.

## Montana Picnic open to all

Are you from Montana? Do you just love Montana? If you fit in either of these categories, come to the 18th annual Montana Picnic on Saturday, August 23, starting at 11:00 a.m., at Horseshoe Lake Park in Woodland, Washington.

This is a great time to make new Montana friends and visit with old ones. Any musicians are welcome. There will be free chicken this year, so bring a potluck dish and your own utensils. There will also be free coffee and pop, plus prizes.

For more information, call 503-543-3800 or 503-288-2885.



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