

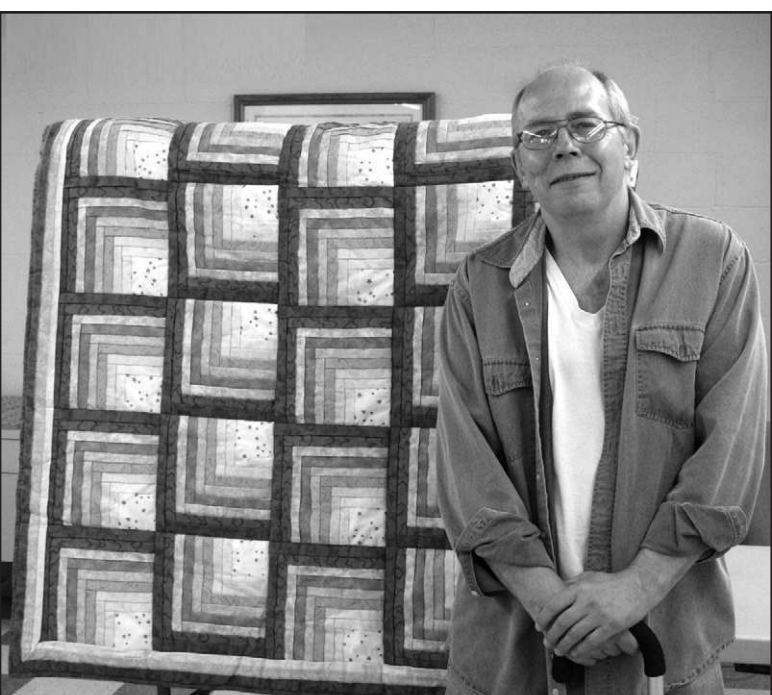
West Union Rd. closing August 26

West Union Road will be closed between Jackson Quarry and Jackson School roads, August 26 and 27, while Washington County crews replace a culvert. Signs advising of the closure are posted. Road users are advised to use an alternate route during the closure.

This schedule may change

due to weather, work schedules, or availability of materials. For a current schedule, check www.wc-roads.com.

For more information, e-mail wc-roads@co.washington.or.us or call 503-846-ROAD (503-846-7623). Washington County thanks drivers for their patience and careful attention to driving.



Vernonia artist Walter Neuman won the Senior Center quilt raffle and picked up the quilt on August 18, donated by St. Helens Senior Center. Approximately 300 raffle tickets were sold to benefit the senior center.

Kesterson Motorcycle Show results

Results from the Erik C. Kesterson Memorial Motorcycle Show, held on August 2 during Vernonia Friendship Jamboree, are as follows: 1st place – Gregg Thornburg of Vernonia, 2nd place – Shawn Russell of Portland, and 3rd place –

Bob Hemke of Scappoose.

The oldest rider was Alan Russell of Vernonia at 77 years old. Russell has been riding for 58 years.

The best foreign motorcycle award went to Brian Fennel of
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Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



O h joy of joys – not only am I still being bombarded with

“septic tank cleaning, car windshield repairs, 2nd car warranty (blah, blah, for the millionth time)” or “how to pay off my \$\$\$ debts” but just now I’m here to tell you I just found a health care plan for less than \$100 a month and...(I cut her off.) To stop this telephone spam would be an infringement of their right to free speech. I would keep me

from having to pay for pills for anger management and high blood pressure, which would give me the right to peace and quiet and allow me to choose what, when, where and why I want. Spam o the internet? You just have to click your mouse. With the phone you stop cooking or changing baby’s diaper or get out of the shower. Oh well...

It’s time to get our your tin pants, canvas gloves, your pruning shears. The blackberries are turning – yum yum, blackberry shakes, blackberry pie and ice cream.

No to be serious for a minute or two.

I know you 16 to 21 (I was there once myself), you don’t need any advice on how to live your life. “Live Your Life” – It

won’t be over at 21 or any given time if you stop now and make a few choices. So you won’t be busy every weekend. Friends don’t let friends drink and drive isn’t the main problem.

It’s what you decide to do with your life now and stick to it that lets you “Live Your Life”;

1. Booze does not make a party.

2. Drugs do not make a party.

3. Staying out all night does not make a party.

4. “Oh, come one, get in, it’ll only take five minutes” – can kill the party and you.

Young folks; listen, look, feel the pain of a lost life.

Friend or stranger we all feel the pain of those left behind.

50 Years Ago This Month

The August 14, 1958, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on page 3, under the headline Vernonia Society is Organized:

One hundred thirty-seven former residents of Vernonia and the Upper Nehalem Valley met at Creston city park in Portland for a get-together and pot luck dinner Sunday, August 10. After dinner and refreshments the meeting was con-

vened for the purpose of forming a permanent organization which will be called the Vernonia Society.

E. S. (Happy) Thompson, was unanimously elected president; Mrs. L. H. Dewey, vice-president and A. C. (Archie) Knauss, secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year. Lester Sheeley was appointed as membership and publicity chairman and he was instructed to prepare by-laws for approval at the next meeting. It was decided to set

the annual dues at \$1.00 per year and extend an invitation to all former residents of Vernonia and the Upper Nehalem Valley to become members. Short talks were made by Franklin Malmsten, H. E. Thompson, and others present.

The next regular meeting will be held in 1959, at a place and time to be determined by the president and proper notice forwarded to the members two weeks prior to time of meeting.



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