

Vernonia Pride picks Yard of the Month

by Janelle Thomas Cedergreen
Home or Commercial landscapes can be a "thing of beauty", "eye candy", or a work of art to those of us who enjoy what nature's seasonal changes can produce. This month the "Country Garden" fell of these two properties absolutely melted my butter! I have added the category of "Commercial" Yard of the Month after touring around Vernonia and seeing

the great efforts some of our businesses put into the care and presentation of their properties.

Vernonia Pride is happy to announce the May 2009 Yard of the Month winners:

- Residential: Steve and Susan Whiteman, 864 State Avenue. Beautiful!
- Commercial: Patty and Gary Davis' Rock Creek Bed & Breakfast at 1162 State Ave.

Enchanting!

- Honorable Mention: Howard and Barbara Ward, 2048 Bridge St. Just lovely!

Please remember to nominate a residential yard or business. Ballot boxes are in place at City Hall and Sentry Market. Each month through September, look for new winners to be announced.

See picture on page 24

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Stuff – What is Stuff? According to the Webster's American

Family 1998, there are 23 examples of stuff. You can eat it, talk it, wear it, collect it or be full of it. Take your pick. Anyhow – since it is Spring again, I got the bug to clean out the sheds behind my domicile.

That idea sparked cleaning my craft room. Good grief, how can one person hang on to so much unused and no longer needed stuff? I guess you can call it the dregs of faze living. (Dictionary – Faze: cause to be disturbed or flustered.)

Accordingly, I've gone

through cooking, sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilt making, reading, writing, sketching, water color, charcoal and chalk bunka, quilling, rug hooking, ceramics, from pouring to finishing. House repair, papering, painting, light electrical work to raising fish, flowers and veggies, kids (human and animal).

Oh yes, throw in working outside of the home off and on for 20 years. Then retire and keep on puttering around to keep one's self on track. Folks – stop and take a look back at your life (age has little to do with it). Good and bad. Bitter or best. Happy or sad. Keep digging, you may find a feeling of accomplishment in the bottom of the last box in the closet.

I'm too busy digging out to write this week.

See you later – if I don't throw myself in the wrong pile.

50 Years Ago This Month

The May 7, 1959, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news stories on the front page:

School elections in Vernonia Monday drew a record vote with 226 casting votes for director in elementary district No. 47 and 188 registering their preference in the high school election.

At the high school, Mary Drips, candidate for the four year term, received 179 votes and Frank Serafin one for that place. For the five year term, David Brunsman received 105

votes and Frank Serafin 83.

In district 47, results were as follows: Wilbur E. Wilson, 167; Edgar R. Hartzell, 21; Louis G. Bowerman, 27 and Richard Jensen, 11.

On exceeding the 6 per cent limitation, the high school vote was yes 142 and no 41 and in district 47, yes 156, no 52.

In the rural district election, Ralph Sturdevant received 161 votes for rural board member from zone 5 and a smattering of 20 votes were cast for 13 write-in candidates. For member-at-large Griffin received 176 votes

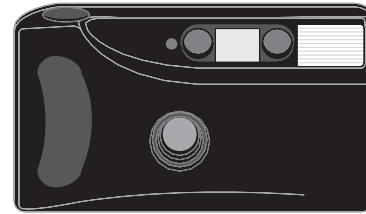
and six write-ins, one each. In this case, this vote and those from other parts of the county have to be tabulated at the county school superintendent's office before an election is declared. The rural budget was favored here 159 to 58.

Another story from page 1:

Two more houses on O.A. hill were sold by action of the city council Monday evening. Resolutions approved the bid of Harvey L. Redmond for house number 12 and of Hiram Wright for house number 114.

In other action of the council Monday, the old 1928 Chev truck was sold to Vernonia Auto company for \$25 and permission was granted to a group of dog owners to stage a coon hunt on city owned property between the airport and the river.

Animal photo contest now open



The 2009 Fuzzy, Furry and Feathered Friends Photo Contest, by the Oregon Humane Society, is open now through May 29.


Categories include Grand Prize, Dog Photo, Cat Photo,

Other Animal Photo, Funniest Photo, Child with Pet, Me & My Pet, and Editor's Choice. The grand prize is a Canon Rebel XSi Digital SLLR Camera with 18-55mm lens. Other prizes are gift cards.

There is a \$5 entry fee for the first five photos, then \$1 for each additional photo entered. For entry form and other rules, go to www.oregonhumane.org/news/photo_contest.asp.



Pater O'Leary from the Vernonia Post Office, along with other Letter Carriers, collected 1,061 pounds of food for the Vernonia Cares Food Bank on May 9. Photo courtesy of Sandy Welch of Vernonia Cares.



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