

# Have room in your heart to adopt a child?

## Bits & Bites

Kiersten - Bulletin #12933 - Age 11



Kiersten is a very engaging and friendly child. She is an avid reader and states that one of her hobbies is talking. Kiersten also enjoys watching movies and spending quality time with people. She is a very positive and imaginative child who enjoys creating crafts and

working on projects for others. Kiersten has a big heart and tries hard to please everyone she interacts with. She is very outgoing and will strike up a conversation with almost anyone she encounters.

On the maternal side, she has an older sister, younger brother, and younger sister. Kiersten talks with her older sister on the phone every few months and writes her cards and letters. Kiersten's younger brother resides with his adoptive family. He and Kiersten were having regular visits until he was moved to his adoptive home in May of 2008.

In December of 2008 Kiersten's biological mother gave birth to another child, Kiersten's youngest sister. Kiersten has expressed a strong desire to meet her newest sibling.

On the paternal side, Kier-

sten has a younger sister that she does not have contact with. Kiersten has weekly phone contact with her father, who resides out of state, and has supervised visits about four times a year.

Kiersten will thrive in a family with a large amount of patience and one that enjoys spending time together as a family. A perfect match for Kiersten will be a family that is bubbly and outgoing so they can keep up with her numerous animated conversations. Kiersten is a wonderful sibling and would do great in a home with younger or older children.

For information on adopting this child or on the agency A Family For Every Child (AF-FEC), call 541-343-2856 or visit the website: [www.afamilyforeverychild.org](http://www.afamilyforeverychild.org).

By Jacqueline Ramsay



No chapter, no verse, just a Heart Felt Thank You to the folks who came to my Movin' On Dinner at Vernonia Cares on July 24.

The flowers, the old memories – some I had let slip from my mind, but they brought back good feelings. Some funny, but all part of life's ups and downs – no downs remembered though, really. Thank you to each of you. You will all be missed one way

or another.

By the time you are reading this I will have been gone six days. I picture me still neck deep in boxes (being unpacked). One nice thing – I will have a dishwasher. Whoopee.

One last memory I will have shared with all of you is 100° for more than one day.

At this point; thank you also to all of you that came to help pack my life into the U-haul. It made quick work of a "hot" job.

When I'm settled and into a routine I'll let you know when I'll be around.

Yes, this is short but I'm HOT, tired and getting a little blue at the final goodbye, folks.

Wednesday, the 29th, 2 p.m., 102 + in the shade. Joyful thoughts of "it will get cooler (by December)." Yes, I will keep writing to you all from the Concrete Jungle!

Jacqueline & Shadow

## 20 Years Ago This Month

The August, 1989, issue of *The Independent* included the following news story on the front page:

The Vernonia City Council adopted amendments to the franchise agreement with West Oregon Electric Cooperative, at the August 21 council meeting.

The amendments include a 4% franchise fee for WOEC's gross revenues in the city, up from 3%, but extend the term of the agreement from five to ten years, a change requested by the cooperative.

Several other, mostly technical, changes requested by WOEC were also incorporated

in the amendments. All conditions were made retroactive to July 1, 1989.

WOEC's directors will likely consider the changes at their next regularly scheduled meeting on September 19.

A request by the City of Vernonia for consideration as a potential site for a planned medium-security state prison was received too late for consideration, Recorder Don Dunaway was told by Leona Christensen of Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's office.

The city's inquiry was made at the suggestion of resident Lyle Barker, who noted the community has been looking for clean industry.

"A prison is clean industry," Barker told the council, "and nobody wants it." He also reminded the council that a federal prison built recently near Sheridan provided 85 permanent jobs.

Dennis Coates, acting superintendent of public works, reported that a fire at the City's

3rd Avenue pumping station caused serious damage to equipment that was already in bad shape.

The council approved Coates' suggestion that motors and scrap metal from the city's old water plant be sold to raise money for repair and replacement of equipment in the

pumping station.

Local business owner Howard "Pat" Knight asked the council to rewrite the city's gambling ordinance to make it compatible with state and county regulations. City attorney Tom Kohl was instructed to review the differences between the various regulations.



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