

First Friday activities scheduled

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 Bridge Street) to get in on the fun. Remember to bring donations of pet food to get in on the action. For more information call Carol Davis at 503-367-2378.

The popular Scape Goat Burning will be featured as part of the Open Air Market. Buy your own goat for a donation to Hands-On Art. Make a secret wish, write it on your goat and burn it up. See what happens!

The Arts and Hand Made Gift display will be in the Learning Center.

OSU Master Gardeners, featuring OSU Extension Agent Chip Bubl, will again be avail-

able to answer questions. Bring him a specimen to identify – he loves that!

The new Bring a Book/Take a Book table will also be out. It's simple: Done with that novel? Bring it in and trade it for another book. Barter only.

The goats banner painted at last First Friday's event will be hung in the VCLC Courtyard. If your child was painting, come see his or her work displayed as a famous artist!

All activities take place from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Learning Center. If you have ideas, or would like to help out, contact Erika at epaleck@gmail.com .

Pihl faces charges after accident

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 rested after his release from the hospital and taken to Co-

lumbia County jail. Pihl was charged with Assault in the Third Degree and three counts

of Recklessly Endangering Another Person. The investigation of the accident indicated that alcohol was involved, but since the accident occurred on private property, no charges involving alcohol were filed. Pihl posted bail and was released early Thursday morning.

Pihl is the owner/operator of

Mike Pihl Logging Co., Inc., and both he and his business are well known in Vernonia.

Emergency responders to the scene included Oregon State Police, Vernonia Police Department, Columbia County Sheriff's Department, and the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District.

Updegrave photos – works of art

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 since then was when he couldn't afford film. Then came digital cameras and he was right back to clicking away.

After living in Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Arizona and Florida, he landed in Vernonia about four years ago to work for a small company as a mechanical designer, and stayed. He believes he has more photos of Columbia County than anyone, many of them taken in out-of-the-way places.

Pictures of some of Updegrave's favorite subjects will soon end up in a coffee table collection of old vehicles rotting away in fields and on farms in the area. That series started at an old wrecking yard he came across in Rainier. "I really like keeping my photography in Columbia County," said Upde-

grave.

Updegrave is always looking for people with collections he can photograph, in addition to the old and rusty vehicles and equipment he likes to find. He's currently looking for chainsaws, Johnson boat motors and other interesting items to add to his photographic collection. In addition to his pictures, he has a collection of about 600 flashlights, all from Southeast Pennsylvania.

You can find Updegrave's photos online at www.flickr.com/photos/cupdegrave . You can also see a few of his photos in the window of *The Independent*, at 725 Bridge St., Vernonia. For more information about his photos, or if you know of something he might want to photograph, contact him at 503-791-4902 or at cupdegrave1@verizon.net.

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WEATHER REPORT JULY 2009

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP. AMT.
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23	72	52	--
24	83	49	--
25	87	49	--
26	90	54	--
27	102	54	--
28	103	57	--
29	104	58	--
30	94	56	--
31	92	57	--

Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Measurable precipitation in July totalled .03 inches.

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Obituary

MICHAEL ALLEN CRIPPEN
 Michael Allen Crippen, 62, for-

merly of Banks, died August 4, 2009. A gathering of family and friends was held August 22.

Mr. Crippen was born August 24, 1946, in Forest Grove, to Mar-nis Alfred and Elinor Crippen. He graduated from Forest Grove High School. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

In 1973, he married Maureen Faires. He worked for GTE as a

technician. At one time he was the chief of the Banks Fire Department and served as Mayor of Banks.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Wanda.

Survivors include two daughters, M'Lessa Becker of West Linn and Monica Fern of Sherwood; his former wife and caregiver, Maureen Casey; four siblings, Donna Gray, Rodney Crippen, Marna Crowell, and Susie Crippen; and four grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Forest Grove Habitat for Humanity.

Alternative Burial and Cremation was in charge of arrangements.

WAYNE MAURICE GOLDEN

Wayne Maurice Golden, 71, Cornelius, died August 15, 2009. A celebration of life was held August 19. Interment was at Mt. View Memorial Gardens in Forest Grove.

Mr. Golden was born October 29, 1937, in Portland, to Ransom and Helen (Burkhard) Golden. When he was a young boy, the family moved to Vernonia. They moved to Arcata, California, when

he was in the 8th grade. He finished his education at Arcata High School and Humboldt State University before returning to Oregon and earning an Associate degree in business from PCC. He served in the U.S. Army.

He worked as a logger in Oregon, California and Alaska, then as a salesman in the automobile industry for several years before his retirement.

Survivors include his sister, Margaret Delgado of Cornelius; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Remembrances are suggested to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove was in charge of arrangements.

DELBERT FRANK VANAKEN

Delbert Frank Vanaken, 94, Forest Grove, died August 23, 2009. A funeral mass was held August 26 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Forest Grove. Interment was at Forest View Cemetery in Forest Grove.

Mr. Vanaken was born July 13, 1915, in Wilkesboro (near Banks), to Frank and Ella (Narup)

Vanaken. He attended Purdin School (corner of Purdin and Thatcher Roads) and Visitation School in Verboort through the 8th grade. When he was 16, he began driving a rock truck for his father. In 1936, his father began a rock crushing business. Delbert and his brother, Bud, later became partners with their father, in Vanaken Sand and Gravel Company. In 1976, the business was sold to Delbert's sons, though he continued to help out into the 1990's.

In 1940, he married Dorothy Lucille Becker. They made their home in Forest Grove.

He was preceded in death by his wife; a brother, Alfred "Bud"; and a sister, Mae Spiesschaert.


Survivors include three sons; Ronald D. "Ron" of Dilley, Larry A. "Butch" of Hillsboro, and Gary L. of Forest Grove; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove was in charge of arrangements.

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