

New "Vernonia" book out and signing on February 6

Bits & Bites

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**Saturday, February 6
2:00 p.m.
Vernonia Public Library**

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Vernonia, from Arcadia Publishing, written by the Vernonia Pioneer Museum, is now on sale for \$21.99. The first professionally published pictorial history of Vernonia, volunteers of the Vernonia Pioneer Museum Association used vintage and current photographs to bring readers on a nostalgic journey down memory lane.

Highlights of *Vernonia* include:

- Never before seen photographs from both public and private collections,
- a showcase of the importance of the timber industry and the Oregon-American Lumber Mill's impact on the town,
- documentation of several cycles of the town's boom and bust economic nature.

The book is available for sale at the museum, at local retailers, online bookstores and through Arcadia Publishing at www.arcadiapublishing.com or call 888-313-2665.

There will be a Book Signing Event on Saturday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Public Library, at 1001 Bridge St., Vernonia.

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Hello folks. I think I'm back on track, so Chapter 2 from January 14th. Do any of you folks have a "roun tu it"? TV is advertising an "in tu it". Now if you put your "roun tu it" into the "in tu it" maybe what you need to get "roun tu it" will get done. Huh?

Spring is beginning. Pink blooms are popping out on the trees, Iris spears are up 2 or 3 inches. Grape hyacinth are about to bloom in spots. There are birds twittering in the trees early in the mornings. Even if we still have cold winds and downpours.

Those of you who like to add Tabasco sauce to all you eat, if you see a brown bottle telling you it's "hot & smoky", taste it before you put it on your food. Yuk-kk – it tastes like medicine and blew out my taste buds for breakfast (in a restaurant) the other day.

Now, those of you new crossword puzzle folk. As you are finding out, they give a word while forgetting to give a connotation hint. Take the word "shaken" – my dictionary has 7 different meanings. And, watch out for printing goofs, they run two words together and it may drive you to do something rash.

Oh yes, my son says I traveled over 200 miles farther than he did on January 2nd – he was the driver, I was the exhausted passenger. Sorry about that.

Commenting on the front page article of the last paper. First, Congratulations to all of the kids – male or female – and all the kudos they deserve. But, what about all the students 1st thru 12 that are left out of fun but very necessary educational things like drama, art, singing, band (low brow as well as high brow)? It starts in 4th grade with a kazoo band, remember? Has the school board found room for them yet?? Those kids are the unknown soldiers in your school system.

School seeks budget helpers

The Vernonia School District has openings for Budget Committee members. Each term is three years, and appointment is by the School Board. There are usually only three meetings held in the evenings in April and May.

Been looking for a way to help in your community? This is one way to help. Applications are available at the District Office, 475 Bridge Street.

25 Years Ago This Month

The February 27, 1986, issue of *The Independent* included the following news story on page 11:

The good news this month for Vernonia's City Council is that the Oregon Department of Transportation has agreed to pay for repairing State Avenue from Bridge to E Street.

The bad news is that the same department would charge the city half of the \$20,000 cost to install a traffic light in front of the fire station.

Because of a lack of funds, the council decided to postpone installation of the light.

A deed for land for a new city hall was presented to the city, in a letter from the state Department of Parks. The site, at the corner of Maple and Weed Avenues, is part of the land the state acquired from the railroad several years ago for develop-

ment of a linear park along the railroad right-of-way. If the city accepts the land if must be used exclusively for a city hall. The state also requires the city to provide restrooms and parking for the use of the public.

A snag appeared in the city's acceptance of the land because, earlier in the meeting, the council had approved a re-

quest by a representative of the Jamboree Committee to use the same site for a carnival in

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