

Jeremiah, and others, seek families



Jeremiah is one of many children who is waiting for a home and family of his own.

With his curly brown hair, big brown eyes, and dimpled smile, Jeremiah is a darling four-year-old whose energy and zest are plentiful and contagious. He is on-the-move from the moment he wakes up until the moment he falls asleep, and he enthusiastically engages his environment every day.

Jeremiah loves any activity

that involves physical movement or tactile stimulation. He loves movement songs, such as "London Bridge is Falling Down," and tumbling and running activities. He loves any toy that offers a tactile experience, such as rubber balls with nubs on the outside or toys that vibrate. He will not play with anything that is smooth. He loves being read to, but he's interested only in books that have texture incorporated in the story, such as *Pat the Bunny*, or are physically interactive in some way, with flaps or pull-tabs. Jeremiah is very physically affectionate and loves to be cuddled and snuggled. He thrives on one-on-one attention from adults and can be easily calmed by rubbing his head. He's quite conversational and will happily chat with nearly anyone for long periods of time.

Jeremiah has many older birth siblings – eight older half-

siblings and one older full-sibling. He has not met two of the oldest half-siblings, but he has had at least some contact with the rest of the siblings, two of them in particular. For various reasons, it was not possible for Jeremiah to live in the same placement as any of his older siblings. It is in his best interest to continue having contact with them as he grows.

Jeremiah needs and deserves a loving, committed family to call his own. He needs a family who understands the underlying biological reasons for his developmental and behavioral challenges and who can be patient and loving in their efforts to manage and mold those challenges.

Jeremiah's family needs to offer a structured daily routine and have a firm, consistent method for handling his behavioral outbursts. They need to be

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Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Well, well, here it is the 5th of February. Where did January "Go"? First off – Saga of the Forsythia. It will be in 'full bloom' by mid-February if the sun keeps up its daily flash of sun. It will be glowing. Then I can put it to rest, unless, it blooms all summer and again into the fall. But, maybe you folks are sick of hearing (I mean reading) about her. Yes, her – only a female would try so hard to prove it's O.K. to be different if

you're not hurting someone. Oh yes, I've seen the first Camellia too – pale pink. Not just one bloom but spots all over the bush.

I also found out the other day that all the "fruitcake" idea people do not live in Columbia County. Why? Well, I live in a nice, quiet, well-kept environment. Right? Right, no peddlers and/or sales folk pestering your right to whatever. I heard a Big Bang Bump over my head in the front room. Thought O.K. someone must be moving in. Left to walk Shadow – met the manager of the complex and mentioned the Bang to him. Said he, "No noise is supposed to be up there, I'll go check it out." Said I, "O.K., thanks." Upon returning from our walk, met the manager again. Said I, "What was it?" Said he, "I chased two boys off of the roof." Said I, "Huh?" Said he, "Oh, it happens a lot around here." Said I, "Oh, well thanks anyhow, have a nice day." Now, how do they accomplish this feat? Up the steps, onto the balcony rail, shimmy up the down spout, somehow get on the roof by the overhang and Whoopeeee...But, why? Because it was there to try, I guess.

Football – I'll watch the commercials. Otherwise, I'm knitting for kids.*

Hope I see (or saw) the Golden Oldies on the 10th.

I saw this on a message board, "Doing flows out of being."

Ponder this and when you figure it out act on it in a positive way.

* Football – Wheeeee oh. The two commercials I'd vote for – Sleepwalker after a Coke and the 3 Babies (cute).

That's all for now – I think.

the proposed lagoon system of sewage disposal. The meeting had been arranged by city councilmen so that residents of the city could learn details of the plan.

Kenneth H. Spies, deputy state sanitary engineer for both the state board of health and the state sanitary authority, and William C. Light, engineer representing Clark and Groff, engineering firm employed by the city were present to explain the system.

Spies outlined the history of development of the lagoon system, explained how it operates and pointed out that both state departments approved such installations of which there are quite a number in Oregon. Light explained the

plan proposed for Vernonia as it has been engineered by the firm he represented.

Mayor George Johnson told the group that the city has negotiated for and obtained the proposed site from the International Paper company in the area formerly occupied by O.A. flat houses.

Both engineers, in answer to questions about odors, emphasized there would be little, if any, and that mechanical disposal plants presented more of an odor problem. They also told of other lagoon installations much closer to residence areas and public buildings than that proposed here that have caused no problems.

The February 4, 1960, issue of *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

City council started their Monday night meeting with a report from Lloyd Clark of Clark and Groff, Salem engineering firm, who said that by February 15 they would have sewage treatment plant preliminary plans and estimates accurate enough that necessary financial arrangements can be made.

He discussed with councilmen whether to handle sewage from the area along River drive north of the highway and west of the Nehalem lying outside city limits by construction of an added small lagoon in an area at the end of River drive.

The council decision was to proceed with plans to collect and drain sewage from the O.A. section by gravity flow back to the large lagoon which is being planned.

A public hearing is presently being arranged, probably for February 23, when a representative of the engineering firm and from the state sanitary authority will be asked to explain all features of the lagoon system for sewage treatment.

Charles Johnson, speaking for the fire department, told the council Don Webb had been selected by

firemen as chief but their understanding was there was some objection because he lives outside city limits.

City Attorney James W. Young gave an opinion that selection of a fire chief is not limited by city charter provisions. The council approved the department's recommendation.

Young also answered a request from a former meeting about the responsibility of a motorist in case of striking an animal on a public thoroughfare. It is the motorist's responsibility to see that the animal is cared for if injured or removed from the roadway if killed.

The attorney also told councilmen the garage ordinance adopted late last year is inoperative because the case was ruled in favor of the collector.

Appointments by Mayor George Johnson of Walter Linn as recorder and A. D. Lolley as police

chief were approved and councilmen appointed Lee Jessee water superintendent, Roy Sanders as street superintendent and Mrs. Paul Gordon as librarian. The utility man hired while the sexton job was vacant was dispensed with since the hiring of VanZee as sexton.

On the request of O.A. hill residents, the council will consider the placement of two additional lights along the highway between the former city limits and the intersection of Texas avenue.

The February 25, 1960, issue of *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page as followup on the lagoon system:

About 25 people appeared Tuesday evening for the public hearing at the high school where an explanation was presented of

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