

DEQ launches web Carbon Calculator

A new interactive tool on the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) website lets residents measure their carbon footprint and discover ways to improve it. The Oregon Carbon Calculator, at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/programs/sustainability/carboncalculator.htm> calculates all direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions from personal transporta-

tion, household energy use, and consumption of food, goods and services.

Find out how your household's carbon footprint compares to households of similar size and income. And learn how you can take action to reduce your carbon footprint from a number of specific ideas and strategies.

The Oregon Carbon Calcu-

lator is made possible through Oregon DEQ's support of the CoolClimate Network, a program of the University of California, Berkeley, and through financial support by the California Air Resources Board and the CoolCalifornia.org partnership. Oregon DEQ selected this calculator for its approach and depth in calculating human impacts to climate change.

Member sought for mental health group

Oregon Department of Human Services Addictions and Mental Health (AMH) Division is in need of one family advocate volunteer to serve on its Community Mental Health Housing Fund Advisory Committee. Committee members recommend how millions of dollars may be distributed from the Community Mental Health Housing Fund to develop and

build housing for people living with mental illness.

Committee members are asked to attend meetings held every other month in the Salem area; however, statewide representation is encouraged. Meetings are generally held the third Thursday of every month. Applications will be reviewed as they are received. Appointments will be made by AMH Di-

rector Richard Harris and Residential Programs and Service Manager Darcy Strahan. Applicants will be notified by mail if they are selected for the committee.

Call Jeff Puterbaugh, Housing Development coordinator, at 503-947-5533, for an application. Applications are due by May 28 at 5:00 p.m.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Here we go again – ODOT has extended the “studs” again. The weatherman (upstairs) hasn't figured out what he's supposed to do in April yet. Mayhap, he slept in and missed a month. (Yes, I know, it's maybe and perhaps, but mayhap strengthens the point.)

Since the weather is askew perhaps your body is talking to you and you can't do anything but reach for an aspirin or a pain pill. Here's some advice I gave you on August 12, 2004.

The ideal temp. for a person's well-being is between 70 and 73 degrees. Wet, stormy weather will cause your surgical scars to itch, so cream them with anti-itch stuff (I do). A shift in the barometer (down) can cause your legs to expand as much as an inch due to the shift in body fluids. Boy, do I know this.

The above info. is from a newspaper from 1980. Oh yes, the North Pole is without sun for 186 days a year, so be thankful. Original article was by Pete Cooke.

To all the ladies at the Senior Center who entered the Easter Parade and wound up on the front page. It was fun and now my new friends know why I trek back to your fair city.

It is rather interesting to listen to the T.V. and learn of all the different states that are bucking (thinking of suing the Governmental Body of the U.S.) for the Health Care Bill??? Everybody did not want it.

Spring will come, just be patient.

I'm in a rush this week, time flies when you're busy running the clock.

50 Years Ago This Month

The April 14, 1960, issue of *The Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

A wave of break-ins hit Vernonia last week end when several business places were entered, apparently by amateurs. Included in the places hit were Kate's cafe, Vernonia Service Station owned by George Johnson, the Card Room and the Roller Rink.

At Kate's cafe, the cash register was taken but it was found the next day in a mud puddle and some money had slid into the back of it and was recovered. Loss was estimated to be about \$30. At the service station and the rink, apparently nothing was taken. At the garage, a window had been broken and in climbing out, the culprits apparently dropped two packs of cigarettes and two quarters. No infor-

mation of loss at the Card Room is available.

The county sheriff's office, state and local police are working on the case.

The April 21, 1960, issue of *The Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

The city council at its meeting Monday evening gave consideration to a wide variety of items ranging from use of park areas to the authorizing of the purchase of a fingerprint kit for the use of Police Chief A. D. Lolley.

Also, a spokesman for some of the local service station operators was present to protest the purchase of tires and other equipment for city owned cars from sources outside the city. Local stations contend they could supply the items

purchased recently at prices less than those paid. The answer given by the council was that it had been an established policy to deal directly with distributors and that some tires recently purchased locally had not been satisfactory.

Reference to the retirement age of police officers and firemen was clarified as follows: the state law requires retirement at age 60, but written request for continuance can be made. This allows those physically fit to continue until such age social security can be

drawn.

Inquiries were received as to the possibility of using the old ball park for the hobby of go-kart driving. Interested parties should submit any propositions for use or purchase of the area to the council. Inquiry also was made as to possibility of pasturing riding horses on the area adjacent to the old ball park. A search of city ordinances since then by the recorder does not show any law to prohibit it.

A number of property owners

have registered their interest in asphalt sidewalks and contractors are to be approached relative to details of construction and cost.

The park committee was authorized to arrange for work of clearing and developing the south park area to ready it for use at Jamboree time.

Possible purchase of pipe from the Heinz Construction Company was discussed among other items before adjournment at 10:40 p.m.

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