

# June 4 is the date for First Friday events

Vernonia's June 4th FIRST FRIDAY will feature the Jr. Salmon auction fund-raiser for local high school arts programs. Students from Jewell School and Vernonia High School created individual stylized salmon from salmon blanks provided by Vernonia Hands-On Art Center (a non-profit dedicated to encouraging local artists).

First Friday starts at 5:00 p.m. in the courtyard at 919 Bridge St. The Jr. Salmon auction will be at 6:00 p.m.

Whether you're interested in trolling for salmon-themed art or just plain fun, there will be many events and activities. Co-

lumbia County OSU Extension Agent Chip Bubl will answer your gardening questions; a local Amateur Radio club representative, Reo Gargovich, will answer questions about the weather warning program and run a demonstration of ham radio. The Scouts with crafts and

## Services available to area seniors

by Karen Miller

Oregon Project Independence (OPI) serves Oregonians 60 and over who do not receive most medical services. OPI is a program that helps older adults stay in their homes

sales, and local artists and vendors. And don't forget the ever popular scapegoat burning will take place.

For more information or to participate, contact Erika Paleck at 503-704-5970 or epaleck@gmail.com or vernoniafirstfriday.org .

even though they require assistance with their daily needs.

As an Area Agency on Aging, Community Action Team's Case Manager, I can help you apply and arrange for OPI services. You can contact me at 503-429-0273.

## Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Have you ever lost something you didn't know was lost until someone called and told you they had found your lost item miles from where you live?? I discovered my cell phone was not in my handbag pocket – was looking all over the house, thinking, "Where did I put it?" I went for my treatment, while gone, someone called Jim and told him he'd found my phone in the Post Office parking lot. Yes, we'd been there two days before and somehow the phone dropped out of the jacket. You think me silly but that wasn't a lucky break. How many finders would call all the numbers on your phone to try and get it back to the party that owns it??

Mother's Day was beautiful – sun, sun, sun – 70+ degrees in Milwaukie and we had no thunder, lightening or etc. the Saturday before. But this a.m. May 10th – Rain, Rain, Rain. But, thank you, Father, we don't have tornadoes.

I thought when I moved to the city, I would get away from the banks of gold that line the highways and byways of the mountains but it seems this city lets anything that blooms live. Scotch Broom is popping up all over yards, vacant lots, cranies and corners. Even in freeway medians — I'm so stuffed up I say I have a head cold, but my heart and lungs are checked every other day and they say I'm fine – so, cough, hack and sneeze to you, too.

Here's a new word for you. "Maven" from a crossword puzzle. The word the puzzle used was "Ace". Talk about a stretch – look it up.

Wow – Sunday was 71°, Wednesday was 70°. Mayhap (my word), summer is around the corner.

I'm almost sorry I don't have a yard to get out to putter in – so, I going to hang a tomato, a cucumber, and a zucchini on my patio. No dandelions or slugs to worry me.

Have a nice week.

## 50 Years Ago This Month

The May 6, 1960, issue of *The Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

The city council which is accustomed to hearing complaints, received a vote of appreciation Monday evening from the Puget Sound Gem and Fossil club which had a large group here during the week end. Along with their thanks to the city for making them welcome and opening an unused house on O.A. hill so that they could have water on this and other trips made here, they sent a donation of \$19.50 for the park development fund. This was their second such donation.

Consideration to developing the south park area was a part of the Monday business. H. H. Sturdevant, member of the park committee, had attended the Jamboree meeting and stated that parking space for trailers, tables, some cooking facilities and trash disposal arrangements will be needed at that time.

A. D. Lolley, chief of police, reported that there had been 93 activities during April, ranging from

taking drunks home to investigating burglaries.

Complaints were received from Helen Hanel of theft of personal possessions, and produce over the past several months. Albert Tandy, a resident of the same area, reported his dog barking about 2:30 a.m. on several occasions, indicating there might be prowlers in the neighborhood. The street committee recommended the placement of a light in that area where it will do the most good to help discourage prowlers and to make them easier to apprehend.

The city attorney was asked to take steps toward collecting overdue rent and water bills.

Go-Kart enthusiasts were again present to talk further about suitable place for their use. The old ball park was thought not good due to poor drainage.

The May 19, 1960, issue of *The Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

At the meeting of the city council held Monday evening, a report from the grand jury was received

which recommended immediate condemnation of the Vernonia city jail due to fire hazard and sanitation conditions. This report is the result of a recent inspection of this jail and others in the county by the grand jury.

Consideration was given to plans for start of work on the sewage disposal plant. Call for bids for work is to be issued soon. Plans were changed to provide for gravity flow from O.A. hill rather than a pumping station.

The possibility of radio communication for police and other emergencies was discussed. Estimates were that three mobile units for transmission and reception would cost approximately \$3600 and the council felt the benefits would not justify that expense.

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GOD, grant me the **Serenity** to accept the things I cannot change, **Courage** to change the things I can, and the **Wisdom** to know the difference. **Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting** hardship as the pathway to peace. Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. **Trusting** that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; That I may be reasonably **happy in this life**, and supremely happy with Him **forever** in the next. **Amen ~ Reinhold Niebuhr**

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