

New Community Theater seeks actors

Vernonia Community Theater has announced the production of Robin Hood this summer. They are looking for kids ages 10 and up to act in the play.

Many other volunteers are needed to bring Robin Hood to life on July 30-31.

Those interested are asked to attend a meeting at Washington Grade School on Monday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. There will be readings and play acting games for those interested in taking to the stage. At another meeting on June 21 at 6:00 p.m., there will be more play acting games and selection of the actors/actresses for each

role.

If you have questions, contact Kinnell Steward at mt-

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Valley Pioneers to meet June 13

The 87th annual meeting of the Nehalem Valley Pioneer Association is scheduled for Sunday, June 13, at Natal Grange – east of Mist on Highway 47.

The Nehalem Valley Pioneer Association was founded by pioneers, and their descendants, who settled the Nehalem Valley. All past, present and future residents of the area are welcome to attend, as is everyone interested in local history.

Doors will open at 10:00 a.m.; the business meeting will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. The potluck picnic is at noon, served buffet style. The afternoon program, followed by more time for visiting friends old and new, begins after lunch at around 1:00 p.m.

For more information contact: Lori Aschenbrenner at 503-728-2363 or Cynthia Weber at 503-325-2100.

24 Years Ago This Month

The June 26, 1986, issue of *The Independent* included the following news story on page 8:

Vernonia's City Council in June accepted bids for black-top at the fire station and for the paving of State Avenue.

K.F. Jacobsen's low bid of \$1800 was accepted on June 2 for the fire station job, and the work was finished when the council met again on June 9 to consider bids for paving State Avenue.

Jacobsen's bid of \$27,525 for the State Avenue job was \$725 higher than that of Lakeside Industries at \$26,800, but Councilman Joe Batty moved to accept Jacobsen's bid because of the "nominal fee" for which the company had done the fire hall job.

Councilman Wells Oviatt supported Batty's motion, but Council members Dorothy Knowlton and Bill Hansen voted against acceptance of Jacobsen's bid after Superintendent of Public Works Mike Smith objected to spending anything more than was absolutely necessary.

"We need every penny we have in the street budget," Smith said.

Mayor Wallace Vaughn broke the tie and vetoed the Jacobsen bid by voting with Knowlton and Hansen.

Hansen then moved to acceptance of the Lakeside bid with Knowlton in agreement,

and Batty and Oviatt in opposition. Vaughn again cast the tie breaking vote, agreeing with the motion and awarding the job to Lakeside Industries.

The council again wrestled with the problem of defining "home occupation" and declared a moratorium on issuance of new licenses for home occupations until July 21, when the council is scheduled to meet again.

The planning commission has been instructed to bring recommendations regarding home occupation licensing to the council's July 21 meeting.

In other business during June, the council viewed the

city's new log brand, which was designed by Recorder Don Dunaway and made for the city by John Shaw, and received word that income from the city's logging was nearly on schedule.

Other action taken included approval of the highest bid over \$250 for haying at the airport; approval of a beer and wine license for Small Town Pizza, pending approval by Police Chief Phil Jacobus; approval of a \$120 expenditure toward a promotional ad, along with the Chamber of Commerce and the Vernonia Development Corp. in the Jamboree publication.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Gee Whiz, did anyone see the light bulb glow? I have finally figured out the difference between "growing old", "getting older" and "being older." Notice the three strategic words. No. 1 – that starts the day you are born, a necessity to your advancing in life. No. 2 – This starts to happen while you are enjoying your Whoopee years and you don't really feel it creeping up on you. No. 3

– that's when you wake up and accept the fact you can't feel your fingers, can't pick up a straight pin or feel sewing thread in your fingers. Your eyes have to see the thread there to thread the needle. And, your grip is lousy when you try to pick up a full mug of hot tea and your fingers say, "I beg your pardon and let go." So, I am past OLDER. I'm past the older than dirt bunch but I'm not going to quit sewing, knitting or chewing gum.

The Oregon weather is still in a snit over something. Did anyone in Vernonia pray for more winter because they didn't want a long hot summer?

There was quite a bit of reading in the last issue, but since I don't live there anymore I really can't give my two cents on any of it but...Gee Whiz.

Those of you keeping track of time – No, I'm not a great-grandmother yet.

What's left to watch on T.V. now all the good shows have had their last big flings? Guess I'll just read a "few" good books and watch my tomatoes grow.

I hope to use our swimming pool and hot tub this summer – and walk Shadow. See you all some Wednesday at the Senior Center. Listening to the Golden Oldies.

It's HUGE!!!

And NO JUNK!



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Barn Sale**

**June
11th, 12th
and 13th**

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Antiques and Collectibles
Something for Everyone,**

Vernonia Lions Club presents

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Tournament**



Saturday,

June 12th at 6 p.m.



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(Across the Green Bridge)

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