

50 Years Ago This Month

The June 8, 1961, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

At the meeting of the Vernonia city council held Monday evening of this week, the minutes of the previous meeting were corrected to read: "The matter of limited parking at West Oregon Electric office was tabled for further consideration."

The "further consideration" was given the matter Monday evening and the decision was reached to allow a ten minute parking limit on the south side of Maple street, west to the nearest driveway entrance, thus providing limited parking in front of the West Oregon office. A resolution to implement this action will be introduced at the next council meeting.

Question concerning the sewage lagoon brought information that engineers were working to correct the problem of excessive seepage. Pumping into the lagoon had been stopped and sewage diverted to the old system during this time, with pumping to resume when conditions permit.

J. W. Acaiturri, superintendent of Vernonia schools, was present to ask about previous agreement of

the city with the school district to correct drainage problem at school grounds. He was assured that a start would be made on the work by July. The plan is to provide drainage for the city property acquired from the mill site so that it would not drain onto the school property. Start of the work had been delayed to wait for drying of ground on which work was to be done.

A delegation was present from the residential area on O.A. hill adjacent to the old ball park on which the proposed go-kart track is being constructed. They voiced concern about objectionable features of such an installation near residential area. Since work has already been started on the track after a previous agreement with the council by those concerned, no other action was taken at this time.

Shell oil company was awarded the bid for providing fuel oil for the city.

The council voted to continue efforts to have a county deputy sheriff for this section of the county and will offer office space for such an officer if so desired. Letter to that effect are being directed to County Judge John Whipple.

A decision was reached to purchase 300 feet of National Standard one and one half inch fire

hose and an adapter. Also, it was voted to obtain 25 of the maps of the city now being prepared by the state highway department.

Other items of routine business and payment of bills concluded the session.

The June 22, 1961, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

The rebuilding of the fireplace in the cabin in the city park has been completed and the roof is almost done, according to a report given this week by the park committee. Work has been done by public spirited volunteers.

Now, another project is on tap which is to be completed as soon as possible for use during the Jamboree. A call has been issued for all men who can help Friday afternoon and Saturday of this week on construction of the community kitchen in Anderson park. The cement slab was poured last year when other cement work was done there.

All men willing to help are asked to report at the park at noon Friday or at 8:00 a.m. Saturday. Work will be laid out and supervised by C. J. Nance.

be completed between September 2011 and August 2012. Please direct any questions regarding the plan or the grant process to Janet Wright at 503-397-1035 or email: janet.wright@co.columbia.or.us

Questions for the CCCC Board volunteers may be directed to info@columbiacultural.org .

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



What does Friday the 13th mean to you? Travel, work, rest, maybe a day to stay in bed so nothing bad or good will blacken, or lighten, your day. I've never been worried about it myself. Now, though, I wonder where it got its start. Have you ever had anything real fantastic happen to you on that day? Well, now I can call it Black Friday. Shadow, somehow, hurt her left eye. Pain pills and antibiotics for three weeks then come back – for a better look and decision. As for now, she is sometimes spooked by what she can't see.

Oh, what a day we all experienced last Wednesday, the temperature was 75°, it was calm, hot but not excessive, but the air conditioner sure felt good. The sky was a wonder of blue hues. The clouds – all I can think of to describe them is a buttermilk sky, white and bubbly (I think Hoagy Carmichael said it in the '50s or '60s).

Flash: A lady in North Plains answered my question on the dirt piles on Hwy 26. Goody – I hope it's a fact into fruition. I'll love to see big gardens along the hiway again. Like when I was a kid coming into Portland from LaGrande. Rows and rows of green onions, cabbage, carrots and other leafy veggies – Remember, green and lush.

Last note for a laugh. Can your dog beat this? Shadow took her ham knuckle bone for a four-block walk and back home without dropping it. Why? Who knows. Maybe she thought the cat would steal it. Anyhow...

Bye now.

CCCC has grants open for non-profits

The Columbia County Cultural Coalition (CCCC) has announced that grant applications are now available for projects that address the priorities identified in the Columbia County Cultural Plan first adopted in 2006 and updated in 2009.

The CCCC and its Grants Committee are comprised of volunteers from Clatskanie, Rainier, Scappoose, St. Helens, and Vernonia. CCCC's mission is to encourage projects and activities in the arts, local heritage and the humanities. Priorities in the Cultural Plan are protecting existing cultural assets, helping people experience a variety of cultural venues, and increasing access to and participation in cultural events.

The CCCC has awarded nearly \$50,000 in grant funds to Columbia County cultural organizations since 2005 with funds allocated by the Oregon Cultural Trust (OCT). Estab-

lished in 2001, the OCT is a public/private partnership that makes annual grants to county and tribal planning groups for cultural activities. The OCT Website, www.culturaltrust.org, contains information about its programs and the matching gift tax credit that is available to donors.

Grant awards will range from \$200 to \$1,500; the amount of Columbia County's 2011-12 allocation from the OCT will be determined in early August. Ap-

plicants must provide matching resources (in-kind or cash) and must be 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations or governmental units within the county. The Columbia County Cultural Plan and grant applications are available from the CCCC website, www.columbiacultural.org, or the Columbia County website, www.co.columbia.or.us; use the Links tab to reach the CCCC section. Applications must be postmarked by July 22, 2011, for projects that will



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