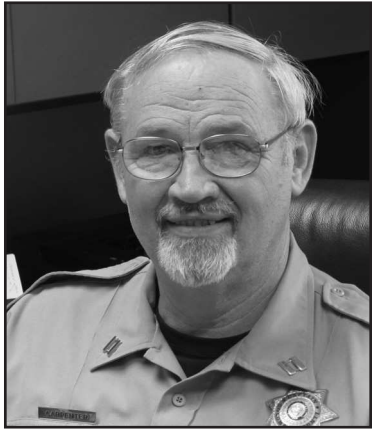


## Col. Co. Jail Commander retires



**Columbia County Sheriff's Captain Jim Carpenter retired effective June 23.**

Jim Carpenter came to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to serve in Corrections in 1989 after a career as a small-businessman in Scappoose. On Thursday, June 23, his 22-year career with the Sheriff's Office officially came to an end, although the retiring captain will still be available to help occasionally, said Sheriff Jeff Dickerson.

"Jim Carpenter has been a shining star for the Sheriff's Office for many years," the Sheriff said, "and he was instrumental in making my transition to the Sheriff's Office in 2009 a fairly easy one."

"His experience in corrections, his knowledge of our facility and its operations, and his interest in people helped make him an outstanding resource for three sheriffs from 1989 to now. He will be missed by this administration as he takes this next step that he and his wife, Kelly, so richly deserve," continued Dickerson.

Sheriff Dickerson named Jim Carpenter as his jail commander in 2009 after a regional search for candidates. Due to budget cuts at the Sheriff's Office, no new hires will be made to fill the jail commander position. Undersheriff Andrew Moyer will now take on the role as Jail Commander.

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## Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Howdy. This article is for all of you folks who don't know where to go or what to do with your Wednesdays. So, please come take a trip with me down Memory Lane.

To set the scene, time and place for you – Vernonia Senior Center; where folks from Mist, Timber, Banks, North Plains, Buxton, Gales Creek, McMinnville, Rainier, also from out of the woods around Vernonia, including Vernonia proper, also a couple of folks from the far side of Portland (Milwaukie). We gather to visit, eat a good lunch, and listen to music, music, music of the Golden Oldies. Get your cup of tea or coffee, relax, open your memory ears and come with me:

"Among my Souvenirs", I, a "Sleepy Time Gal" dreams "I'll Fly Away". I'll "Stop Walkin' the Floor Over You" doing the "Blue Skirt Waltz" (a 2-yr. old Xavier sings) "I Don't Know Why I Love You Like I Do". I am "Yearning" for that "Silver Haired Daddy of Mine" wondering if "The Circle Will be Unbroken" as "Bye, Bye Black Bird" recalls those "Blues at Midnight" and those "Span-

ish Eyes" recall "St. Louie Woman", "Josephine" and "The Johnson Rag" the "Blues Stay Away From Me" make me think of "My Buddy" as we go down to the "Crawdad Hole". I see "Red Wing" as we sip "White Lightning" from the "Beer Barrel Polka", suddenly I see "The Sheik of Araby" and hear "Swiss Miss" singer "Elmer's Tune". A friend of mine goes "From a Jack to a King" and "I Want to Be a Cowboy's Sweetheart" but "Mr. Sandman" makes me think of "Play Mates", the "Little Girl" and I remember "How Much is that Doggie in the Window". I saw "The Chapel in the Valley" where the "Alley Cat" was "In the Mood" for a "Ride in My Little Red Wagon". "The Birth of the Blues" caused "Pistol Packin' Mama" and "Mexicali Rose" to feel "On the Blue Side of Lonesome" causing my "Humpty Dumpty Heart" to need a bowl of "Jambalaya". I danced the "Sky Lark Waltz" and as I hummed "Bye Bye Blues" I realized "Now is the Hour" to come back to the living and get on with my weekly routine.

What a gift that group of Golden Oldies gives to this Golden Oldie (with "Silver Hair"), and it's waiting for you to break out of the house and come and enjoy a trip down your own Memory Lane. You don't need a photograph to hear music.

Bye now.

## 50 Years Ago This Month

The July 13, 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, steps were taken toward the project of placing a fence around the shay lot to protect it and other historical articles from destruction. These things which have been given to the city are being used at present as playthings and various parts have been damaged to a great extent. It is the desire to maintain them for an attraction here and to do so, further destruction needs to be curtailed. It is believed that other relics will be available if their care and protection can be assured.

The council voted Monday evening to purchase fencing at the best local price, part of which will be used temporarily for protection at the horseshoe court during the

jamboree, and later installed at the shay lot.

The council granted permission to the Lions club to meet in the city fire hall on alternate Mondays to those used by the firemen. The club will provide their chairs and tables.

The budget for the 1961-62 fiscal year as previously published was given final adoption.

A decision was reached to have E. P. Frank refinish the fire department truck entrance doors at a cost of \$30.

The council moved to accept the certificate of completion of L. B. Read, contractor, for the sewage pump station and force mains. With the final payment on this contract, the project is completed on the sewage lagoon installation.

Information obtained this week regarding the sewage lagoon is that it is now being tested to see if previous seepage points have been

sealed. If not, the plan is to wall off part of the lagoon for use while the other part is being rolled and packed to effect sealing to prevent further seepage.

The council took action which would provide for the extension of the sewer mains to a new resi-

dence at E street and East avenue with the benefitted party to pay \$1.00 per foot for the six inch line and furnish a helper for the work of installation.

Other action authorized the West Oregon Electric company to move two power poles from the

road right of way along the east side of the Washington school property and provided for the purchase of a spray tank for weed spraying. Auditing of bills completed the work of the evening.

This meeting was a continuation of the postponed meeting July 3 when no quorum was present.

# RECALL NICKS & BURCH

### THEY HAVE:

- NOT listened to the community voices
- NOT lead the community
- NOT brought people together

### THEY HAVE:

- Dug their heels in and divided the community
- Spent city money unnecessarily before trying to work out differences
- Created an environment that will frighten away city administrator candidates

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