

## 50 Years Ago This Month

The June 28, 1962, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

In an effort to preserve some of the historical data about former post offices which served areas of the Nehalem valley, Lester Sheeley has started ferreting out facts and preparing items for the paper concerning them. Many of the small post offices which existed previously, some only for short periods of time, have never been heard of by the people now living here.

The first in the series appears here.

A post office was established at Anoka, Columbia county, Oregon,

on August 2, 1902 and discontinued on April 30, 1907. Lou Anna Rogers was the only post-mistress during its operation and was the mother of Lee Rogers, present mail carrier.

The location of Anoka was on the Ralph and Lou Anna Rogers homestead on upper Pebble Creek near the present Rogers park. Alex and Minnie Sword, the parents of Bob and Christine Sword carried the mail from Vernonia by star route up Pebble Creek to Anoka on horseback three times a week.

Families served included the J. A. McDonalds, the Otto Siedelmans, George Engelke, the Schoonovers, Kirkwoods, Hotchkisses, Henry Glahn and George Johnson.

## Wauna can now serve members in Pacific County, Washington

The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) has approved an application submitted by Wauna Federal Credit Union to offer membership to the residents of Pacific County, Washington. The Credit Union current primary field of membership includes Clatsop and Columbia Counties in Oregon.

"We are very pleased to extend the benefits and services of Wauna Federal Credit Union to the residents of Pacific County," reported CEO & President Robert Blumberg, during a recent address to the membership. "While our regular field of membership has been limited to Clatsop and Columbia Counties (Oregon), a large and growing number of Pacific County residents make the short drive to Astoria and nearby communities to work, shop, and enjoy entertainment. Our three local branches and electronic services offer tremendous convenience to them and their families."

Gaining approval from the NCUA to expand a credit union's field of membership is no simple process. The Credit Union had to first demonstrate its financial soundness and ability to serve an additional geographic territory, plus present a written, detailed plan to outline the resources that would be used to effectively serve Pacific County. "These included an advertising strategy, public relations and community outreach, and targeting specific segments of the population who may not be served

by other financial institutions," says Blumberg. "Our management team and the board of directors conducted significant research and analysis to prepare our plan."

One of the first objectives of the Pacific County plan is to provide low-cost loans to residents, business owners, and legal entities, including auto, home, credit card, and commercial loans. "Providing affordable loans to our members is one of our primary objectives, especially during the continuing sluggish economy and high unemployment period," states Blumberg. "We know many families and businesses on both sides of the River could benefit from this needed financial support."

Blumberg said there are no current plans to build a branch in Pacific County. "Just like any other region of our geographic field of membership, we will monitor member growth and activity before discussing branch plans. We do feel our three local branches in Astoria and Warrenton, plus our electronic services, can be just as convenient as a physical branch for most members."

Wauna Federal Credit Union currently serves nearly three hundred residents in Pacific County, Washington. Now, all residents, those employed, attending school or worshipping, or a business or legal entity, in Pacific County, are eligible to become members of Wauna Federal Credit Union.

## Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



go from 83 to 45 degrees and think that is normal??

How was your Mother's Day? Mine was quiet, but son fixed me (and him) a meal on the Barbie. Steak and lobster, corn on the cob, garlic bread and, of course, clarified butter. There was no room for salad nor dessert, but had there been, I'd have had Maple Nut ice cream. Satisfied up to the eyeballs we watched Nanny McFee #2. It was a very restful day. Since then life has been sort of humdrum. Later now, I've been to another Blue Grass outing, ahhh. (That is something good to miss sleep over.)

Are you finding life sort of dull or blah? Well, I've an idea for a way to fix it – if you have a day

A soggy Good Morning to all of you. What has happened to our summer? If I'm adding right, we've had about 26 days of our summer so far. That is counting March, April and a few days in May, but I can't figure out how you can

to spend on yourself and family and friends. Put on comfy clothes and shoes (maybe carry a jacket and a bumbershoot). Visit the Portland Zoo, the Rose Gardens or try Oak's Park and then a drive into the country. Even if you are on three and four lane roads, the way to Estacada is a trip through open farm land in spots. You can actually smell fresh air (even if it is full of pollen from trees and wildflowers and weeds, ho ho). Where are you to stop? The Safari Club. Never heard of it? I hadn't either, BUT it is awesome. A mind blowing experience. It is a museum of life-size jungle animals. Lions, tigers and bears, OH MY! I was not expecting to be greeted at the door by a life size Grizzly bear, and his counter-part, the Brown bear. You have to see them to realize the impact that it puts on your ability to grasp the idea, DO I FREEZE OR RUN TO GET AWAY FROM THE SPOT I'M IN? Seeing them in a zoo setting is a lot different but I can't explain it to you. They are all trophy-size animals. ALL of the food had jungle type names and you had to study what it might be, but it is well worth the trip. Any kid, no matter your age, should get to see them once in your life. If you see it, you won't forget it – believe me.

Ta, ta for now.

## Attorney General warns of texting scam

Oregon Attorney General John Kroger warns Oregonians not to open unsolicited text messages. Similar to "Phishing" email scams, many of these electronic messages contain malware and viruses designed to infect your phone and steal personal information. Common examples include messages claiming you have "won" a gift card for Wal-Mart, Best Buy, Apple and other national retailers.

Example of a common text message scam:

Dear Walmart shopper, Congratulations you have just won a \$1000 Walmart Gift Card. Click here to claim your gift. [www.shopcard2012.com](http://www.shopcard2012.com) (cancel: STOP).

Protect yourself from text message scams by heeding the following advice:

- Do not click on links contained in unsolicited text messages.
- Do not reply to unsolicited

texts. Regardless if the text suggests you can end receipt by sending a "STOP" message, doing so only confirms the message was sent to a live phone and may result in unauthorized third party charges to your wireless statement. Learn more about third-party billing.

- Contact your cell carrier. Most providers have specific instructions to report SMS (text) SPAM, block numbers and in some cases websites.

- Register all your phones, including wireless with the Do Not Call List. Text messages sent to phones on the Do Not Call list are in violation of the law and can be reported to either the Federal Trade Commission or Federal Communications Commission.

- Discuss text scams with all members of your family who have cell phones.

- Be wary of any messages, emails, texts, voice mails, etc. that claim you've won a prize

out of the blue. Learn more about sweepstakes and prize offers.

- Never give your credit card, Social Security or bank account numbers to claim "prizes," sign up for free trials or cover related shipping costs.

- Check your bank, credit card AND wireless phone statements on a regular basis to detect suspicious charges.

The Oregon Department of Justice is committed to protecting the marketplace from fraud and scams. If you or someone you know has concerns about an internet retailer or purchase, call the Attorney General's Consumer Hotline for help at 1-877-877-9392 or file a complaint online.

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