



Thank you Volunteers!

Julie Prohaska and Sue Bailey- there to help with Flood Relief. (top left)

RARE program volunteers Beth Gilden from Eugene and Maggie Gullick from Hood River fold linens at Lincoln Grade school. (bottom left)



Some more RARE volunteers cut loose during lunch break. (above)



Oregon Episcopal School students collect garbage along the Nehalem River. (left)

Lions Club Hosts Texas Hold ‘em Tournament

The Vernonia Lions Club will be sponsoring Texas Hold ‘em Poker Tournaments monthly at the Buckhorn Restaurant, 934 Bridge Street. The tournaments will be held on the second Saturday of each month, except March when there will be no tournament. Registration is at 5:30 pm; play begins at 6:00 pm.

“This is a chance for us to provide a way for people to get together in the community and have some fun,” said Lions spokesperson Aaron Miller. “It’s entertainment, and it raises money for good causes in the community.” Money raised through entrance fees will be split with half going into the prize pool and half going to the Lions Club to support their charity

work. The prize pool is paid out in cash cards and not actual cash per Oregon State gaming regulations.

Buy-in for the tournament is usually \$40, but the club is going to experiment with a \$20 buy-in for the February 9th tourney to try to include more participants. The entrance fee will alternate from month to month after that. “We’ve been getting a good turnout,” said Miller. “We’ve had as many as thirty players. Last month we had around fifteen. We don’t pay professional dealers; we run the tournament ourselves meaning more money stays in the community.” There will be food and drinks available for purchase.

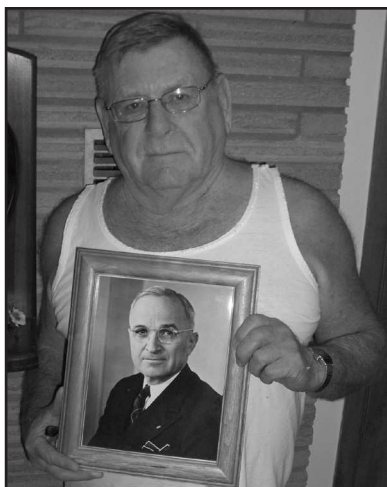
The Lions Club uses money raised from the tournaments in a variety of ways. One of the first tournaments was organized as a fund raiser for Dean and Kendra Schaumburg. Some of the ways the Lions Club helps local citizens is through their vision, hearing and diabetes programs. They also help students with financial support for field trips and scholarships. They are active in support of law enforcement in a variety of ways, and they support numerous groups in the community including Vernonia Cares, Vernonia Pride, and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. They have also been very active in Flood Relief.

For more information about the Tournament contact George Tice at the Buckhorn Restaurant at 503-429-3751.

A Presidents’ Day Story

By Scott Laird

Vernonia resident Mike Grady recently shared a story, a newspaper clipping, and some photos about the time his father John Grady went to Washington D.C. as the guest of President Harry Truman. John Grady, who had served with Truman during World War I in Battery D of the 129th Field Artillery, was invited along with the rest of his battery mates to attend the Inauguration of Truman in 1949. Truman had been the Captain of the unit.



“I was a freshman in high school,” said Mike Grady about his memories of his father’s trip. “And I was sick with the mumps, so my Mom couldn’t go with my Dad to Washington. He said he still had a really good time.”

“My Dad didn’t talk about Harry Truman much,” concluded Mike. “He just said he was a great guy.”



Grady, who served as a Vernonia City Councilman, attended an honorary breakfast held for the unit as well as the Inaugural Ball, an Inaugural Reception, and marched as part of the Guard of Honor in the Inaugural Parade.

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