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New Book About Vernonia to be Published

There's a new book about Vernonia in the works! Arcadia Publishing recently approached the Vernonia Pioneer Museum Association (VPMA) Board to develop a book about Vernonia for their "Images of America" series. The book will contain approximately two hundred photos with accompanying narratives and introductory material for each chapter that the VPMA board will write. The book will cover the history of the town from the first settlers through the growth of the timber industry and the Oregon-American mill up to the present.

If you have old photos of places and people in Vernonia from its early years, the mill years or more recent events that are not copyrighted and have not been published elsewhere, VPMA would like to hear from you!

Barbara Larsen, VPMA Board Secretary, will lead the project. Other board members and volunteers will also actively participate. The first task is to collect potential photographs - especially historic photos and postcards - and their narratives. The photos must be at least three inches square but no larger than eight by twelve inches. The photos will be scanned at the museum so that you do not have to relinquish them. VPMA will ask you to sign a release for use of the images and will include your name in the list of acknowledgements if we use your photographs.

If you have photos to contribute, please call Barb at 503.429.0589, Tobie Finzel at 503.705.2173, or Carol Cline Davis at 503.429.9672, to set up a meeting to review your materials for possible inclusion.

Arcadia has published over 5,000 books on local history of towns and areas of interest across North America. You can check out their Website at www.arcadiapublishing.com for examples of their books.

The VPMA board is looking forward to creating a book that shows more of Vernonia's 135 year history.

Intel Volunteers Benefit Food Bank

Vernonia Cares Food Bank was the recipient of a \$600 check thanks to the Intel Involved Matching Grant Program. It is a result of Intel employees and retirees who volunteer in their community and is a matching funds program. The check was a result of 60 hours of volunteer time.





The Vernonia Girls Scouts led a food drive to benefit Vernonia Cares Food Bank. During March 2-13, The Scout Girl troupes instigated a class competition within the schools and then the young ladies followed that with a city wide food drive. The school leadership class also assisted in the food collection. Between the two events, Vernonia Cares received 678 pounds of food. Pictured are four of the Girl Scouts who delivered the food March 21.



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