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Local Volunteers Earn Grants from Intel

Several local Vernonia charity groups and organizations have again been the recipient of funding through the "Intel Involved Matching Grant Program."

The Intel Foundation awards grants to eligible schools and community organizations based on volunteer hours reported by Intel employees. Intel employees earn \$10 in matching funds for their organizations for each reported hour of volunteer time.

This past year the Vernonia Boosters Club earned \$5,595; The Vernonia Health Center earned \$1,540; The Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District earned \$10,000; the Vernonia School District earned \$1,375; and the The Vernonia Volunteer Ambulance Association earned \$10,000.

A minimum of 20 hours of volunteer time in a calendar year is required to generate a cash grant for a qualified school or organization. Each additional volunteer hour will increase the amount of the grant. The maximum grant that a school can receive in a calendar year is \$25,000; community organizations can receive a maximum of \$10,000. To be eligible an organization must be a 501(c)(3).



Vernonia Ambulance Volunteers Tom Moss, Loren Loomis and Mike Demeter helped earn a \$10,000 grant from Intel.

Intel employees Mike Demeter, Loren Loomis, and Tom Moss were recently recognized by the Vernonia Volunteer Ambulance Association (VVAA) for their volunteer time and the matching funds they helped secure through the Intel Involved program.

Mathia said the \$10,000 his group received was used to purchase some much needed communications

VVAA President Jeff

equipment for Association volunteers. Mathia also said the funds will be used to pay for additional training; volunteers will attend classes to become EMT Intermediate certified.

"First of all we wanted to say thank you to Intel for their donation and to our volunteers who earned these funds," said Mathia. "This program provides a great benefit directly to the community. The EMT Intermediate training is especially important because Intermediates have a wider scope of practice, so when the on duty Paramedic is on a call, we have highly trained volunteers who can respond to additional emergencies in the community."

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According to Mathia, the VVAA recorded 1188 volunteer hours, more than the maximum allowed.

Intel employees are not limited in how many organizations they can earn volunteer hours and matching funds.

Council Can't Agree on Replacement or Administrator

The Vernonia City Council was unable to move forward on two critical pieces of city business. The Council were deadlocked in a split vote to name a replacement to fill an empty City Council seat and were also unable to reach an agreement to offer a contract to either applicant for the permanent City Administrator position.

Council held two interview sessions with City Council candidates. On Tuesday June 21 Council was unable to reach a decision about who to appoint to fill the seat left vacant when Kevin Hudson was recalled and removed from office on June 13. Councilors Willow Burch and Marilyn Nicks voted for Victoria Peters; Mayor Josette Mitchell and Councilor Randy Parrow voted for Brett Costley. Council invited those two top choices back for a second round of interviews on Friday June 24, but were again unable to reach a majority decision. Councilor Marilyn Nicks asked for more time to consider the candidates and Council decided to revisit the decision at their Monday June 27 Special City Council Meeting.

Peters ran for Mayor last November, receiving 20% of the vote, and has never served on any City Committee. Costley, who was twice elected to serve as a City Councilor and has prior experience on the Vernonia Planning Commission, resigned from the Vernonia City Council last fall for family reasons. Costley said he reapplied for the position at the request of several citizens.

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4th of July Parade

starts at 4 PM

Staging at City Hall, ends at State Avenue

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a place
to rest



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salon



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meals

Storming the Castle

The SCA is coming to Vernonia to recreate medieval times

By Scott Laird

I am sitting in a bright and cheerful cafe with Kurios Andronikos Belisariou, a merchant from Constantinople and Eoghan O'Briain, an Irish/Gaelic merchant. Both are representative of the Shire of Dragon's Mist. We are snacking on grilled bread, cheese, and fried potatoes, sipping coffee and discussing the upcoming tournament these gentlemen are organizing to be held July 29-31 on land owned by Terence Von Schaumburg, in the Canton of Kaldor Ness within the Barony of Three Mountains.

Say what?!

Actually I'm sitting in a Shari's restaurant in Hillsboro with Kurtis Pittman and Andrew Morello, two members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA), an international non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, research and re-creation of the crafts,



Members of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) participate in a Heavy Combat competition. The SCA will host an event in Vernonia July 29-31. and their guests will re-create a medieval village for a long weekend. At this tournament participants will be in character, adopting personas, like Pittman's Belisariou and Morello's O'Briain that they have meticulously

Pittman and Morello are organizing an event to be held outside Vernonia on property owned by Terry Schaumburg at the end of July, where members of their group

and their guests will re-create a medieval village for a long weekend. At this tournament participants will be in character, adopting personas, like Pittman's Belisariou and Morello's O'Briain that they have meticulously

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