

## from the editor

First of all I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy New Year! I hope each of you had an enjoyable holiday season, whatever that means for you.

The start of a new year is always a good time to take stock and look for ways to do things differently or better.

Personally I have never been one to make resolutions or set goals at this time of year. But this year looks to be different.

This year I will be trying to evaluate our business model at *Vernonia's Voice* and look for ways that we can improve the product that we present to the community we serve. Over the next few months we will be considering

several ideas and probably making some adjustments and changes to our product.

One change that we have already decided to make is to adjust the dates when we publish our paper. For the past several years *Vernonia's Voice* has been published on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Starting in February we will make a slight change and adjust those publication days to the first and third Thursday of each month. This is really just a minor change with the hope of making our publication more timely and convenient for our readers, advertisers, contributors, and those we serve in the community.

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Speaking of contributors, I wanted to take a moment and acknowledge the great group of folks who contribute regularly to this publication, providing monthly columns and other content. We have tried to make *Vernonia's Voice* just that, the voice of our community. I really enjoy and appreciate that we are able each month to provide an outlet for many people to share their knowledge, their passions and experiences, their opinions, and their voices. Our hope is that this publication can reflect a little bit of all that is happening in this community. That takes more than just one voice.

Thank you to all of you that send us press releases, photos, reminders and updates about community activities. You are all doing an excellent job of keeping us, and our community in the loop.

I also want to send a huge thank you to our regular contributors who take time and effort to send us their regular columns: to Lynn Berry and Chris Sedlmeyer who bring us the creative side of Vernonia in *The Inkwell*-and to all of you who have contributed their poetry and work for this column; to Mark Brown who has kept us up to date on the News and Events from our local churches; to DeAnna Pearl who reminds us each month of the importance of prevention and collaboration in our community; to Dr. Carol McIntyre who helps us stay healthy naturally, to Michal Smith and Victoria Guerrero who remind us to care lovingly for our best friends, our pets; to Gayle Rich-Boxman who uses her photographs and stories to reflect on the joys of slowing down and living in and around nature; to Sarah Rossi who will be keeping us informed of what is happening at our local electric cooperative; to Melissa Zavales who updates us on the work of the local PTA in our schools and to Dr. Ken Cox who will be keeping us informed about the administration of our schools; to Chip Bubl of the Columbia County Extension Service who gives us tips each month on keeping our gardens healthy; to Wolfgang Rotbart who has shared his passion for the safe and responsible use of firearms; to Ben Fousek who shares his insight into the world of GIS mapping and other city related activities; to Sonia Spackman who shares her ideas on ways to be better parents; and to Mackenzie Carr who has shared her adventures over the last few years as she has risen through the

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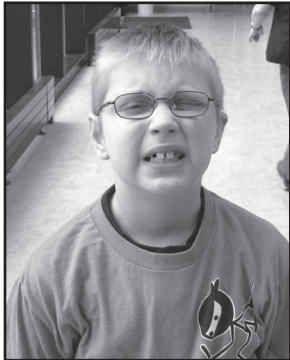
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## Vernonia Students of the Month

### December 2012

#### Eli Bauer, Grade 2



Eli has been working hard at his studies, is an excellent reader and has become good at problem solving. He is a good friend to the other students in his class. He loves to help in the classroom and do jobs. He is very active and also loves to play video games. He has a dog and four cats at home that he cares for.

#### Lilly Buchanan, Grade 7



Lilly is a bright young lady who gives her best effort on a daily basis. She is very willing to help her friends whenever they need it and sets a good example for her peers to follow. She is kind and has a big heart. Lilly says her favorite subject is Art. She plays basketball and says she enjoys riding quads in her free time. She also helps care for two dogs, two cats and 13 chickens at home.

#### Michael Bouslaugh, Grade 10

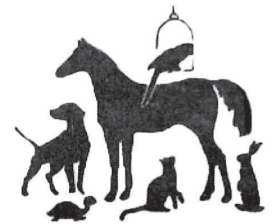


Michael is always willing to help out, especially in Ms. Jackson's room. He takes pride in making sure that the room stays clean and tidy. He also helps clean and do errands for Mrs. Campbell. Michael is wrestling for the first time this year and plans to go out for track. He has been working hard to keep his grades up and says he enjoys PE class. In his free time Michael says he enjoys fishing and hunting.

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