

The Scuttlebutt - News From Around Our Town

Swedes in Vernonia-If you were passing through Vernonia on the morning of Friday, April 12 you may have witnessed a large group of people standing around a handful of white passenger vans at the Bridge Street Mini Mart taking photographs



of a loaded log truck parked across the street. It turns out the group were all from Sweden and were visiting the area as the guests of Oregon Cutting Systems, also known as Blount International, a world leader in the manufacturer of chainsaw chains, guide bars, and other forestry accessories. The Swedes were all dealers and distributors of Oregon products; the trip to the U.S. was an incentive Oregon Cutting Systems offered their reps over there. For many in the group it was their first visit to the U.S. They spent the morning in the Vernonia area with Frank Chandler, owner of C&C Logging, who hosted the group at his timber harvesting operation. The group stopped on their way to Camp 18 for lunch and recorded their visit with a photo at one of Vernonia's landmarks, Shay Park. Their tour guide during their visit: Vernonia's most famous logger, Mike Pihl, who happened to be at the Mini Mart and asked if he could go with them to the

cutting site they were visiting. He's on the far right of the photo, in the back row.

Lordy, Lordy Look Who's Forty... or something like that-Barb Carr celebrated her April 16th milestone birthday a little early with friends



Barb Carr celebrated with friends and family at the Scout Cabin.

Sportsman Banquet-The fourth annual Vernonia Sportsman's Banquet was held on Friday April 5th at the Vernonia Christian Church. All 350 tickets sold out and guests enjoyed the traditional BBQ dinner served by Cousin Kenny. Organizer Chad Hewitt said the message delivered by guest speaker Chad Shearer, star of Shoot Straight TV, was well received and that folks told Hewitt it was the best Sportsman's Banquet so far.

Vernonia Marathon-On April 13, 2013 over 400 runners from all over the U.S. descended on Vernonia for the Vernonia Marathon and Half Marathon, organized by the Oregon Road Runners Club. The race began at Cedar Ridge Conference Center and proceeded down the Banks-Vernonia Linear Trail. The big

news this year was Vernonia High School senior Nathan Fleck who was running his first marathon; against 103 other finishers Fleck placed 4th overall with a time of 3:05:26 and took 1st place in the Men's Under 20 age group. Jennifer Draeger of Vernonia finished 40th overall with a time of 4:00:30 and finished 2nd in the Woman's 30-34 age group. In the Half Marathon, competing against 333 runners, Derek Handegard of Vernonia finished 8th overall with a time of 1:34:30 and took 1st in the Men's 40-44 age group. Other notable Vernonia finishers were Sam Potter with a time of 1:46:01, Don Shulte with a time of 1:57:28, and Kellie Murray with a time of 2:00:31.

Other Vernonia finishers were Rebecca Scotto, Maria Lemay, Kellie Shulte and Jeana Gump.



Nathan Fleck finished 4th in the Vernonia Marathon.

Fundraising "Main Event!"

April 19th & 20th - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Beaver Homes Grange, Goble, OR

We have an assortment of events to interest everyone.

Cancer Fighters & Columbia County Firefighters are hosting a combination fundraising event that includes a **Garage Sale, Arts & Crafts Sale, Custom Buttons, and Bake Sale** to raise money for Columbia County Relay For Life 2013.

Saturday the 20th, from Noon until 5:00 PM we will also be offering a Spaghetti Lunch/Dinner to our list of events for you to enjoy that will include a salad, and garlic bread for \$6.00 a plate. For a little extra donation, a delicious desert will be available.

Relay for Life reaches out to survivors each year to provide cancer patients and their families symbols of hope and the opportunity for people to find support while coping with this horrible disease. "Cancer Fighters" from Cancer Treatment Centers of America, along with Columbia County "Firefighters" have teamed up to support Relay for Life.

If you would like to join our team, become a sponsor, donate items to our garage sale, bake sale, Arts & Craft sale, or our Silent Auction, or dedicate a Luminaria in honor of someone who has or is battling cancer, please contact our Team Captain. What you do makes a difference!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Contributions to our Team are tax deductible.
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Relay for Life of Columbia County
July 27th, 2013
10:00 AM
St. Helens, High School
2375 Gable Road
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