

Sentry is Now R&S Market *continued from front page*

almost thirty-five years and met when Randy was dating Sharon's sister. "I told her he would be a good catch, but she didn't keep him!" laughs Sharon. Sharon started working at the market in 1979. Both Randy and Sharon have worked off and on at the market over the years, in fact Randy says he has worked for Gordon Smith five different times during his lifetime. At one time Parrow worked in Garibaldi at a different market for Smith. The Parrows came back to Vernonia to stay in 1992.

Over the years the Parrows have seen many changes in the market business. The biggest change according to Randy: going from no UPC codes to fully functional scanning systems. "We used to hand mark each item individually with a price tag when

the freight came in," says Parrow. "One nice thing about the old days, with the old, class five NCR registers with the hand crank, was that if the electricity went out they still worked," says Parrow with a laugh.

One of the big benefits for the community in having R&S Market here in town is that it provides local employment. "We hire locally and provide jobs," says Sharon. "They live here and pay taxes here." "Our customers who shop here help support over twenty different families in this community," added Randy.

One of the challenges for the Parrows today, operating in the grocery business in a rural area, is competing with large retailers like Costco, Walmart and Target. "Our prices are high, we know that," says Parrow. "We

can't compete with Costco or Winco." "However, we can compete with Safeway and Thriftway and in some cases with Fred Meyer," adds Sharon.

As far as future changes, Randy says, because of the way people receive their media, he foresees a day when the store will do something different in the video department space.

Tourism has also had an impact on business at the local grocery store. The Parrows say customers driving the ten miles from Stub Stewart State Park as well as other summer weekend visitors have really boosted sales.

In the end, R&S Market is here to meet the needs of their customers. "One of the reasons that I think Gordon and Chuck survived here for so long is that they didn't chase fads," says Parrow. "They just stuck with being a basic grocery store."

Upcoming Events

Upper Nehalem Watershed Council Board of Director's Meeting - Thursday, December 4th, 6:30-8:30 PM at UNWC office, 1201 Texas Ave. www.nehalem.org, 503-429-0869

Friends of the Library Book Sale - Friday, December 5th, 10:00-5:00 & Saturday, December 6th, 10:00-4:00 at the Vernonia Library, 701 Weed Ave.

Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia - Saturday, December 6, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM. See page 10 for details.

Grace Fine Arts Exhibit - Friday, December 12, 6:30 - 7:45 PM at Grace Family Fellowship, 957 State Avenue. Student art will include sculpture, acrylic, watercolor and drawing. The choir will be performing and a short film highlighting the behind-the-scenes work of the young artists will be shown.

Santa Photos at WOEC



Santa will be available for keepsake photographs on December 4th, from 3:00-7:00 PM, 5th from 2:00-6:00 PM and the 6th from 10:00-2:00 at the WOEC office.

Prices:

Sitting fee per group \$5
(Includes one free photo in card w/envelope)
Additional copies in card w/envelope \$2
Additional 4x6 copies (no card) \$1
Photo packages with 8x10, 5x7, & wallet photos also available for purchase.
Great package prices of \$5, \$10, or \$15.

All proceeds will go to help families in the West Oregon Electric Co-op community.

Cabin in Vernonia Available for the Holidays and More!

The Cabin in Vernonia (formerly the Scout Cabin) is available for all your events, including weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, baby and bridal showers, class reunions, celebrations of life, business meetings or trainings and of course holiday parties. It is available free of charge for any youth activities.

The facility features a full kitchen, gas fire place and deck.

Rates start at \$30/hr. For more information go to www.CabinInVernonia.com.

Kathy Larsen recently took over scheduling for the facility; contact her at 503-449-3591 for reservations.

2015 Medical Shuttle Schedule

The attached schedule is for Demand Response Services to medical appointments in Portland and Washington County for the 2015 year. If information is needed regarding cost, please call 503-366-0159.

Please make appointments between 10:00 AM and 12 noon.

January 7, January 21

February 4, February 18

March 4, March 18

April 8, April 22

May 6, May 20

June 3, June 17



PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Vernonia will be borrowing funds from the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for the purpose of upgrading the City's Waste Water Treatment Facility.

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Vernonia Weather October 2014

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	63	42	0
2	68	38	0
3	81	38	0
4	83	41	0
5	82	44	0
6	82	47	T
7	81	44	0
8	73	43	0
9	75	49	0
10	64	49	.11
11	67	46	.13
12	63	44	0
13	69	42	.26
14	58	51	.21
15	54	47	.54
16	66	46	.03
17	58	49	.23
18	68	52	T
19	70	51	.05
20	64	49	.01
21	58	49	.15
22	55	46	1.15
23	59	43	.10
24	53	43	.25
25	58	42	.70
26	56	39	.05
27	56	40	.02
28	56	47	.30
29	60	47	.20
30	61	49	.80
31	53	39	.60
Ave/Tot	65.0	45.0	5.89

Weather data is collected at the U.S. Weather station at the Vernonia Water Plant

Bentler Family Benefit Rummage Sale

The Bentler Family lost all of their belongings including pets in a house fire... Benefit Rummage Sale will be held from 9am-5pm Fri, Nov 21 and Sat, Nov 22, at Grace Family Chapel (old First Baptist Chapel, now part of Grace Family Campus) 359 A St. Tons of great items and all money goes to benefit this family in finding a home. Questions for donations or to work the sale please call, Lisa @ Vernonia Florist 503-429-2000

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Call for meeting times and locations

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Call 503-397-5211 -or- 1-800-294-5211
For after hours Crisis call: 1-866-866-1426
<http://www.ccmh1.com/crisis.html>

Narcotics Anonymous NW Region
503-345-9839
<http://portlandna.com/>

Alcohol Anonymous NW Region
503-366-0667
<http://www.pdxaa.com/>