

Goodbye, Terry

By Scott Laird

Vernonia lost one of our good ones last week with the passing of Terry Schaumburg, who lost his battle with cancer.

Terry Schaumburg was one of this community's brightest stars. He truly embodied what it meant to be a Vernonian. He was friendly, easy going, funny, smart, proud, competent, caring and giving. He will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him, which was just about everyone.

Often, when long-time residents pass away, I'm asked if I'll be publishing something extra about their life, because they were such an important part of the community. As a newcomer to town, who has only lived here for eleven years, I've never felt I knew anyone who had passed away well enough to publish anything beyond the obituary provided by the family.

Terry is different. Even if you just met Terry, you felt like you knew

him and were his friend. And if you were his friend, then you loved him!

And he sure loved Vernonia! Whenever he called you or answered his phone, he always introducing himself as "Terry Schaumburg, Vernonia Oregon!" He was proud of being a Vernonian and he showed it every day in his actions and his words.

He was the current President of the Vernonia Lions Club, a group that he actively participated in for many years. Before he got sick, Terry could be seen around town regularly, volunteering with the Lions. He was constantly visible during Lions events, whether it was BBQing hotdogs or dressing as an elf at Christmas time. Terry gave back so much.

Several years ago he volunteered and brought some heavy equipment to help build bicycle trails at the old mill site. Known as an excellent road builder, he stayed all morning, going over the trail until he got it just right. When he



was finished he wanted to know what else he could do. Everyone who knew Terry has stories like this.

Terry was always working - and finding work for those who really needed it. He was always hustling up some job and was constantly in motion. He was up early in the morning gathering food scraps for his animals around town before heading out to the woods for a job logging or road building, or collecting metal somewhere in town. The guy just never slowed down. Until cancer caught up to him.

Just a week before his death Terry and his sweetheart and partner Brenda were married in a small ceremony. Terry was a man who lived and loved large and did things his own way. Our hearts go out to Brenda and all the rest of Terry's immediate and extended family.

I'm not sure that any of us will ever meet anyone quite like Terry Schaumburg. At least not someone who will be missed so much and by so many.

Goodbye, Terry Schaumburg, Vernonia Oregon.

What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

Adopt – a – Book for the Library December 4 – December 24

Create a unique holiday treasure by purchasing a book for the Vernonia Public Library's collection. You can even dedicate the book to the person of your choice. If you like, the library will place a special bookplate in the book commemorating the gift. Sponsored by the Friends of the Vernonia Library.

Holiday Booksale

Friday, December 5, 10 am -5 pm and Saturday, December 6, 10 am - 4 pm. Come support the Friends of the Vernonia Library at their holiday booksale. Find high quality books and more for the readers on your list.

Holiday Craft

Saturday, December 20, drop in anytime between 2 and 3 pm. Create an ornament for the Christmas Tree and a gift to put underneath. Designed for grades K – 5.

Family Movie Matinees

Tuesdays, December 23 and 30, 2 pm. Relax with a movie and popcorn at the library. Call or visit the library for movie titles.

Ongoing Programs

After School Reading Program

Tuesdays, 3:45 – 4:45 pm, while school is in session
Snack, stories, and craft or activity for elementary school children.

Stamp Club

December 4
1st Thursday of each month, 4:30-5:30 pm. Open to all ages! Come join us for some stamp learning, collecting, trading, and all around fun!

Book Group

December 29
Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm. Selection for December: Gather Together in My Name by Maya Angelou

Storytimes

Preschool Storytime

Mondays, 10:30 – 11:15 am, while school is in session
Stories and activities for children up to 5 years old.

Baby and Toddler Time

December 10
2nd Wednesday of every month, 11 – 11:30 am. Songs, rhymes, books, toys, and bubbles! For ages 0 – 3. Older siblings welcome.

Holiday Closures

Closed at 12 pm on December 24 & 31
Closed December 25 & January 1

Cedar Side Inn

Sunday Breakfast

Now serving 10am-9pm

Karaoke

Every 2nd & Last Friday

Taco Tuesday

from opening until 9pm
3 hardshell or 1 softshell \$4.25

Ladies' Night

every Thursday 6pm-close



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- Pool Tourny Most Friday nights
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- Beer & Kegs to go

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Happy Hour Mon-Fri 4-7
Lady's Night Wed 5-12

Events

Sat, Dec. 6th
Stepchild

Sat, Dec. 13th
Texas Hold Em

Sat, Dec. 20th
Third Member

New Year's Eve Party
with Patrick the DJ

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