

Ladies' Tea Party All Ages Welcome

P.E.O. is planning a special tea party on Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 1:00 - 3:00 to honor mothers, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and girlfriends. There will be a light luncheon served, a raffle, some entertainment, and a chance to have a photo taken of friends and family to commemorate the affair.

The tea party will be held at the Vernonia Christian Church, 410 North Street, Vernonia.

Cost for this "all-girl event" will be \$7.00 per person. Raffle tickets will be sold at the party (\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00) for a basket of popular items. The drawing will be held at the close of the party.

Proceeds will be used to provide scholarships for women.

Tickets are available now at R&S Market in the Video Department. Mark your calendars, ladies, and watch for more information soon. Save the date now!

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Activists Rally Against LNG

activists organized and defeated the pipeline project, the owners of the project changed the route of the pipeline to travel across Columbia County. "You need to know who you are dealing with," said Sansone. Sansone passionately described in detail the history of the fight against the large corporations that have tried to force the project on local citizens. He told the audience that at one hearing over 200 landowners testified about the use by project proponents and employees of illegal tactics that included lying in public meetings, intimidation, and trespassing. Sansone explained that, since the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, FERC does not have to prove "need" for projects like this and that they react to market forces. "FERC is on the side of industry," said Sansone. He also expressed that because of the huge potential for corporate profits, these projects just don't seem to go away, even after they are denied. He also raised questions about the benefits to the local tax base from the project and the lack of an Emergency Management Plan. Sansone said the use of a diverse coalition of citizens and organization has successfully blocked the project so far using the expertise of the lawyers and skills of the community organizers from Columbia Riverkeeper. "We've

stopped two terminals and three pipelines," said Sansone. "You can do it too."

Steve Calhoun talked about his personal decision to move to Vernonia and the difficulty residents have in finding good water from wells or getting river rights to pump water. He said Rock Creek is a good source of high quality water and that local citizens should not take their access to water for granted but instead protect it. Calhoun also suggested that local citizens unify and approach local government leaders, including the Vernonia City Council, to express their concerns. Michael Calhoun agreed and encouraged citizens to "collectively use our voices," to oppose the project.

Rick Davis, a local resident and third generation oil industry employee who has vast experience with pipelines, expressed grave concerns about the safety of pipelines in general and a lack of accountability by the industries that rely on them. Davis provided detailed descriptions of abuses by the oil and gas industries and the realistic danger posed by a pipeline through this mostly forested region. Davis expressed anxiety about the level of safety inspections this project would be allowed to operate under and the increasing number of accidents the industry is experiencing.

Local resident Diana Peach told the audience about a twenty page comment to DEQ she felt compelled to write following the initial informational meeting hosted by DEQ in

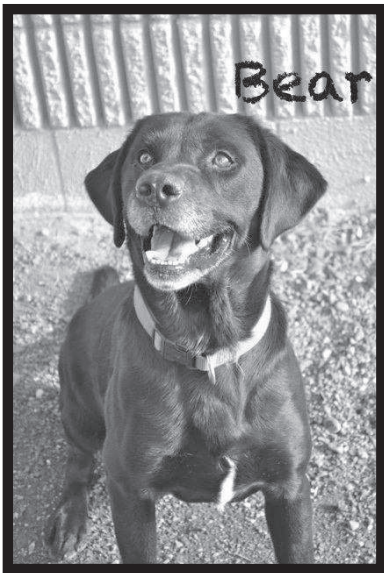
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Vernonia in January. Peach explained that, although she is not an expert on the issue, she is very concerned about how seriously the government is taking their responsibility to protect the state's environment and their citizens. Peach said she had sent her comments to most local legislators and had received phone calls from State Senator Betsy Johnson and a staff member from US Senator Ron Wyden's office.

Marilyn Tatman is an adjacent landowner to the proposed pipeline on Rock Creek, who has been opposed to the project from the beginning. Tatman said she is concerned about environmental and water quality and access to water by the community in the event of an accident. She said she believes the corporation trying to get the permits to build the project doesn't care about the local citizens. Tatman questioned the supposed benefits, like an increased tax base, from the projects. She explained that the pipeline is different from the natural gas pipeline in the nearby Mist-Birkenfeld area. She said she has had several bad experiences with representatives from the project. She also asked why local officials, including County Commissioners, have not been attending local meetings about the project.

Although no plans were announced for opponents of the project to meet again, there appeared to be considerable energy and commitment to continue to work to organize and inform the community about the project.

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