

## Lions Commence Fundraising for Dewey Pool Improvements

The Vernonia Lions Club, in conjunction with the Vernonia City Parks Committee and City Council, have begun planning for a restoration of the Dewey Pool Swimming Hole area.

The Lions have begun fundraising for the project which will include a new, professionally installed, long life liner for the wading pool, and renovations to the steps and sitting area surrounding the pool, as funds allow.

The way Vernonia forms the swimming hole and wading pool from Rock

Creek, a Class A stream, is very unique as there are only a hand full of communities in the nation that enjoy this luxury.

The project is being headed by Lions Club members Rick Hobart, Jerry Keenon and Teresa Bruckin.

The entire project is estimated to cost \$30,000, with \$2,500 already committed from the Lions Club.

A Donation Account for the project has been set up and donations can be made at any U.S. Bank location under the account name "Vernonia Lions Club."



## Living With ALS

*Pam Kofstad is learning how to live with a terminal illness*

By Scott Laird

Do you remember two summers ago when everyone was filming themselves dumping buckets of ice water on their heads and then posting those videos on the internet and challenging their friends to do the same?

The ALS Challenge was an internet sensation and ended up raising millions of dollars over several months for medical research while raising awareness about this unusual disease.

Vernonia resident Pam Kofstad did the ALS Challenge in the summer of 2014. "I did it," said Kofstad in a recent interview. "I didn't even know what ALS was."

Little did she know she would soon be learning more about ALS than she could have ever imagined.

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Until two years ago Kofstad was a happy and healthy administrative assistant at Pacific University in her late 50s. She enjoyed spending time with her husband Harvey, her five children, her 13 grandchildren and her many friends. Then everything changed.

After developing difficulty moving her left toes, foot and eventually her leg, Kofstad spent a year searching for answers to what was causing her condition. Finally Kofstad received an answer, but it was not an answer she was ready for.

Last April she was diagnosed with ALS, a terminal illness that affects the nervous system and muscles. During the last year she has slowly seen her day-to-day living skills deteriorate

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## St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Thursday,  
March 17th  
5:15 PM

Everyone welcome  
Starts at Pat Knight's House  
Bridge Street & State Avenue



## Logger Boys Basketball Advance to Pendleton

*Lady Loggers Eliminated in First Round of State Playoffs*

The Vernonia Loggers are headed to the OSAA 2A Boys Basketball State Championship!

The Loggers and Lady Loggers basketball teams both hosted the Bonanza Antlers in the first round of the OSAA state playoffs on Saturday, February 27, 2016.

The Logger boys defeated Bonanza 65-60 to earn a trip to the final eight in Pendleton on March 3-5. The #2 ranked Loggers face #7 Burns at 8:15 pm in the first round on Thursday, March 3. The Loggers have now won 25 straight games and have a 25-1 record on the season. The Loggers won the Northwest League title on February 20 with an 84-78 win over City Christian.



Clay Sullivan

The #8 ranked Lady Loggers fell to #9 Bonanza 60-58 in a tightly contested match-up earlier in the day at the Vernonia gymnasium. The Lady Loggers finished their season with a 24-3 record that included their fourth straight Northwest League title after they beat Neah-Kah-Nie 54-49 on February 20.

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Pam Kofstad with her speech therapist Fred Fox, compiling a word bank.