

# from the editor:

This month *Vernonia's Voice* celebrates our ten year anniversary. That's right, it's been ten years already!

This publication started out as just a crazy idea – that a small town newspaper could have a positive impact on our community by sharing good news, positive stories, and recording the daily experiences of the people who live here.

In ten years we've watched this town live its life, day in and day out. We witnessed a natural disaster try to knock us down, and watched as this community banded together to collectively pick itself back up and rebuild. We've watched this town struggle, and we've watched this town succeed.

We would like to take just a moment and thank those who have helped us reach this ten year milestone. Certainly to Evan Doyle, who was there from the very first cup of coffee and shared her vision, talent, and love and passion for this little town. To Rebecca Wright and Flighwright Design, who helped bring that vision to life on paper and helped form the original and colorful look that has remained our



*Evan Doyle, Scott Laird, and Rebecca Wright celebrate the publication of the first issue of the Voice in June 2007.*

signature. And to Amy Shearer who provided graphic design expertise in the early years.

We certainly need to thank all of our many advertisers who have supported us over the years, especially those who have helped anchor us from the very beginning, including R&S Market, Sharon Bernal Real Estate, Grey Dawn Gallery, Muffy's Saddle Shoes, Vernonia Dental, True Value, R&R Motor Company, Meyer's Auto Body, Marie Krahn, LMT, Mike Pihl Logging, New Day Massage, Payroll Plus, Absolute Marble, Steve Hemeon, Storage Too, and Wauna Credit Union. Thank you for showing faith and trust in us and for being our partner in this endeavour.

Thank you to our many contributors who over the years have

shared your stories, your knowledge, your letters, your photos, and your humor – you have truly helped make this publication Vernonia's voice.

And of course to you, our readers who have offered support and encouragement and made this labor of love worth the effort.

Living in a small rural town means that everyday occurrences hold special meaning. It also means that we all feel part of something collective – that when one of us wins, or one of us loses, we all share in the experience.

Please enjoy the following photos as we look back over the last ten years. We hope this helps tell the story of this community – of people going to work each day or volunteering, of people celebrating holidays, special events and milestones, of people witnessing triumphs and tragedies, of children growing up, and others growing old.

It has truly been an honor these last ten years, chronicling the life of this town and its people. Thank you for allowing us to share your experience.

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*From the very first issue of Vernonia's Voice. Our kids are our future. June 2007*



*Katie and Bill Organ at First Friday. November 2007*



*Loggers hard at work in the woods. August 2008*



*The flood on December 3, 2007 caused severe damage to homes, businesses and schools. January 2008*



*Remnants of the December 2007 flood that damaged all three buildings in the Vernonia School District. January 2008*



*Kelsey Brown helping Jackson carve a pumpkin at the annual Salmon Festival. October 2008*



*Sadie Gump taking part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt. April 2008*



*Girls having fun at Echoing Evergreen Summer Day Camp. August 2009*



*Employees of Wauna Credit Union on their float in the Jamboree Parade. September 2008*

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