

Wrestling fans see no home town spirit

To the Editor:

Where has our spirit gone? This individual one-on-one opponent sport that requires self discipline and body weight control deserves more support from the school and the town, especially when the District Wrestling Tournament is held in our home town. Where has our spirit gone? Where were you February 21 when the Vernonia wrestling team needed to hear your cheers of support?

Each team member has put in hours of late practice. This sport requires the most individual self control of disappointment when a match loss occurs. No other sport requires so much of one individual alone. The one-on-one struggle to win on that mat. When you lose as a team, you lose together. When you lose as a wrestler, you lose alone. But through a win or a loss they gain friends from all the schools because of the mutual respect of the sport. Let's change our attitude. Let's support this wrestling team that now will have three wrestlers going to the State

Championships. Three other team members placed third in the district on Saturday. Let's give them the support they need and deserve. Let's develop a grade school wrestling program to put our school in better competition in the district. We are proud of our wrestling team which

placed third in the District. Let's find that spirit and support this wrestling team.

A big thank you to those Vernonia people who came and gave support.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Busch
Parents of a wrestler
Mist, OR

PUBLIC FORUM

Mt. St. Helens



"Well, there goes the neighborhood"

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SALEM- "I'm pleased with the legislation I've introduced so far this session. They will promote much needed economic growth in our

community, promote our area as a tourist mecca and fill some special constituent needs," stated State

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Vernonia Clinic often overlooked

To the Editor:

I liked your article on the local Health Clinic. Would you feel so inclined to do such a story on our Vernonia Clinic down the street where Dr. Earl Buchanan and I are continually, and have continually for the last five years been providing what we hope will be considered by our local residents as the "Best dental and visual health care anywhere".

We could use the publicity, as many local residents have erroneously assumed we are no longer here because the Maple Street Clinic is no longer here.

We "free-enterprise" businesses, as

you are well aware in your business, need just as much and sometimes more help than those funded by the government or supported by local volunteer and special interest groups in order to operate in the black and thereby continue to provide the desired and needed health care we are offering here.

In addition, I would like to somehow make local residents aware that in an effort to provide more efficient and upgraded dental care we now have a certified dental hygienist in the office on Fridays. With us as well is Dr. Don Payne who has and will continue to come on Mondays.

Our continued services are not funded by anyone other than our paying customers and we depend on our reputation, on your paper for advertising and on the good people of this community referring their friends to us, to remain here. And all the help we receive is much appreciated.

Robert W. Thompson, D.M.D.

Reader asks for VHS athletic info

To the Editor:

As an ex-Nehalem Valley resident and graduate of Vernonia High School, I like to keep up with the progress of the VHS athletic teams. It would seem that the hometown newspaper would report on various athletic events for the sake of those who cannot attend and for out-of-townners like myself. But each week when the paper arrives, I find either no sports news, or incomplete sports reporting by the Timberline staff.

The last three editions of the Freedom have contained no sports news. The January 29th edition contained a picture of the varsity basketball game with Lutheran. The caption under the picture does not say who won the game. It sure would be nice to know. In this same issue, an article about coach Curtis does not even mention how many games the team has won and lost for the season. I have had more success in finding scores to VHS basketball games in the Oregonian and Statesman-Journal newspapers. Why can't we have more responsible sports journalism from the Freedom and Timberline staff?

William C. Pringle
Salem, OR

NOTICE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RETURN DUE March 3, 1981

The PENALTY for late filing (after March 3) of personal property returns shall be \$1 for each \$1000 (or fraction) of true cash value, but not less than \$10 or more than \$250. (ORS 308.295)

We, therefore, urge you to file NOW so that it will not be overlooked.

ALL personal property must be reported not later than March 3rd.

If you have not received a form, please drop us a card or letter and we will mail you one.

DO NOT REPORT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, LIVESTOCK, FARM MACHINERY, RESALE INVENTORIES, OR LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES

except

FIXED-LOAD UNITS

IF YOU HAVE NO TAXABLE Personal Property, please check the proper box on the form, sign the "Taxpayers Declaration" and return to assessor.

THANK YOU

Henry T. Hudson
County Assessor

MAKE YOURSELF WOOLLY

A workshop for prospective contestants in the Make It Yourself With Wool contest, which is sponsored by the nation's wool growers to promote home sewing with wool by young persons age 10-24, will be held Saturday, February 28, from 10 am to noon at the Scholls home of the district director, Mrs. Louis Hesse.

The workshop will include information about the contest, fabric and pattern selection, wool sewing and pressing techniques, including interfacing, linings, buttonholes, etc. Prospective contestants with their mother and/or teacher are encouraged to attend. For more information and directions to the Hesse home, call 628-1415.

Social Security

QUESTION: My disabled son, who gets supplemental security income, is able to perform very simple tasks in a sheltered workshop where he earns a little money. Do I have to report his earnings to social security?

ANSWER: Yes, all pay received in a sheltered workshop is considered to be earned income and must be reported. The first \$65 a month of earned income plus one half of the earned income over \$65 is not counted in figuring SSI payment amounts.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Vernonia City Council will hold an open meeting for discussion and suggestions on amendments of the Vernonia Comprehensive Plan on March 9, 1981 in the City Library at 7 pm.

Don Dunaway
City Recorder

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