

Vernonia Clean-up Day is successful

More than 70 bags of garbage, including miscellaneous car parts, were picked up from city streets during Vernonia Clean Up Day, city council member Mario Leonetti announced.

Approximately 30 students showed up to help pick up litter, the second requirement needed to become eligible for the grand prize drawing for a mountain bike donated by Vernonia Sentry. The students first had to participate in making posters to remind residents of Clean Up Day.

A hot dog feed was provided for all participants in the clean up effort.

Others who helped Leonetti and his co-organizers, DeLoris and Don Webb, were the Oregon Highway Division, which provided litter bags; Stop Oregon Litter & Vandalism also donated litter bags, plus pens and coloring books; Vernonia residents



Mario Leonetti presents 16 speed Yokota mountain bike to winner Tom Enneberg.

Faith Reynolds and Gene Weller gave cash donations for prizes; Vernonia Variety and Barbershop Vernonia displayed the posters; Franz Bread donated hot dog buns; The Cookshack provided the hot dogs, plus stuffed animals; Pepsi-Cola donated

soft drinks; Nehalem Valley Sanitary Service hauled the litter away.

"It was a job well worth the time," said Leonetti. He also said that free car litter bags are available at The Cookshack.

Meeting set on lake plans, other city parks are showing progress

Another idea-gathering session will be held, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Washington Grade School cafeteria, on how to utilize the \$100,000 grant the city will receive for development at Vernonia Lake.

Mayor Scott Sword, city council and planning commission members will be at the meeting to hear from people who haven't yet made suggestions for development of the lake. Joe Paiva, deputy director of the State Parks Department, will also attend the meeting to assist the local planners.

In addition to the grant awarded by the Oregon Tourism Alliance, the city has also been awarded approximately \$25,000 from Columbia County for development of bike paths at the lake.

Other city parks are also being improved.

At Hawkins Park the wading pool has been resurfaced, new restrooms will be available for use shortly, additional public parking and

volleyball courts will be constructed. Renovation of the horseshoe pits has come to a standstill because volunteer Jerry Buck, who was organizing the work, has been ill.

Anderson Park will also have new restrooms, plus a shower and laundry room. The Ridge Riders are building a covered area near the horse arena, and road improvements are planned. A Park Host is now residing at Anderson Park, also.

Playground equipment at Ora Bolmeier Park should all be in place by June 16, the date of the official dedication ceremonies. The public is invited to attend the ceremony dedicating the park on OA Hill to Ora Bolmeier, a longtime city employee who recently retired.

"A lot is planned for our parks," said council member Mario Leonetti, who is in charge of parks, "so please help prevent vandalism."

"The parks are ours to enjoy and not for a few vandals to destroy."

Grants available for trail acquisition or improvement

The Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation will provide small grants for recreation trail projects from city, county and state trail managing agencies and from outdoor clubs and other volunteer organizations.

The funds may be used to acquire, maintain or construct non-motorized recreation trails in Oregon.

Approximately \$5,000 is available during the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1991. Application deadline is July 29, 1990.

Criteria for evaluating

funding proposals includes: whether or not the proposal is in the state recreation trails plan, is a designated state recreation trail, provides significant trail opportunity in a metropolitan setting or is a connector trail between a metropolitan area and a trail or recreation area more remotely located.

Grants will be made where there is a current trail acquisition, maintenance and construction program, investment or match by the applying entity.

For application information contact Peter D. Bond, Trails Coordinator, Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation, 525 Trade St. S.E., Salem, OR 97310, telephone 378-5012.



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Auction items needed for clinic

Items for the Vernonia Health Center's fund raising auction during Jamboree are urgently needed, according to Barbara Ervin.

Proceeds from the auction

will go to complete the new clinic building and purchase needed equipment and supplies.

For more information call the health center at 429-9191.



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