

New firefighter recruits welcomed by department; more needed

Among the new recruits in the Vernonia Fire Department is Trainee Aaron Dickey, Fire Chief Steve Weller announced. He joins Matt Poetter, who has been a trainee and member of the department for the past eight months.

"This now gives us two trainees," Weller said. "Trainees are 16 to 18 years of age and are not allowed to function in a full firefighter capacity, but are allowed to be involved in fire calls and all training," he explained. The department has provisions for three trainees, so one position remains open.

The new members will be attending Basic Fire Fighter School, along with other new volunteer recruits, Darryl Norton and Robert Knowlton, who have both been put on as full firefighter members.

"We currently have three others undergoing our application process and hope to have them placed on the department soon," Weller said, "but we're always interested in applicants to the department."

The Basic Firefighter Recruit Academy involves instruction on the use of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, Fire Streams, Fire Department Orientation, Hazardous Materials Training, First Aid, Hoses and more. The course requires 60 hours of intense training, the minimum allowed for basic firefighter requirements.

"There is a tremendous amount of dedication needed, even at the beginning, to become a firefighter," Weller said.

Reward offered for information leading to arrest for local arson

Oregon State Police are offering a \$5,000 reward for direct information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for starting an arson fire on the evening of March 15, 1994, at 1061 Washington Street, Vernonia.

The fire was investigated jointly by the Vernonia Police Department and the OSP. Anyone with information is

asked to call either Vernonia Police Chief James Walters at 429-7335, or OSP Detective Janes at 1-503-731-3027, Ext. 251.

WEATHER REPORT MARCH, 1994

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI	TEMPERATURE LO	PRECIP. AMT.
1	57	46	.07
2	62	45	.05
3	55	48	.31
4	61	41	.17
5	51	25	.10
6	49	23	--
7	54	25	--
8	57	28	--
9	60	29	--
10	60	34	.13
11	49	32	.09
12	56	29	T
13	69	38	--
14	67	28	--
15	65	31	--
16	55	31	.04
17	51	39	.31
18	51	38	.32
19	47	32	.42
20	47	34	.15
21	45	32	.88
22	45	32	.70
23	41	29	.04
24	47	29	--
25	61	24	--
26	64	27	--
27	73	29	--
28	79	30	--
29	77	33	--
30	72	37	.03
31	56	46	.12

Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Total precipitation in March was 3.93 inches.

VERNONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT Report for March, 1994

CITY
Medic Assist 10
Illegal Burn 3
Structure Fire 1

RURAL
Motor Vehicle Accident 3
Medic Assist 3
Grass Fire 1
Good Intent Call 1
TOTAL: 22

Firefighters Responding 142
Equipment Responses 48
Hours on Incident Scene 22.25

OTHER
Inspections Conducted 5
Violation Notices Issued 6
Burn Permits Issued 57
Walk-ins for Assistance 86
Training Hours 152

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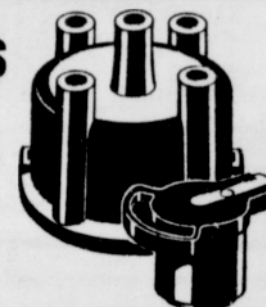
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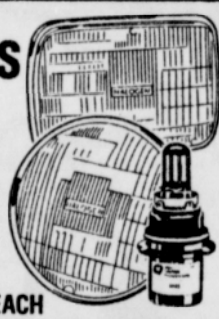


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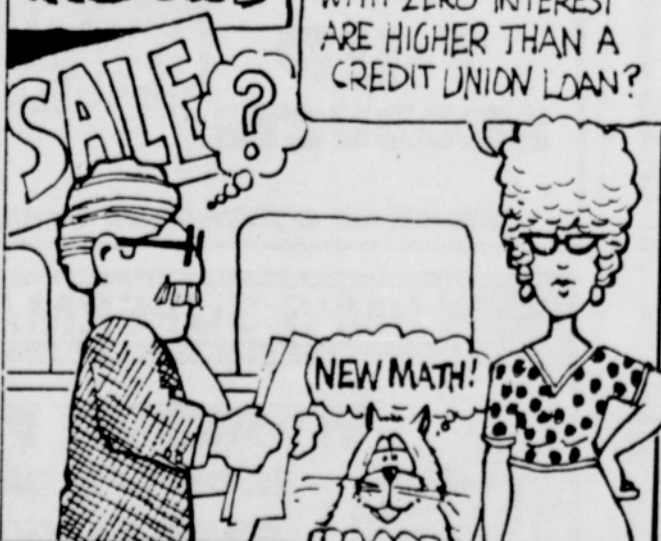
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