

Vernonia Police Department report for March, 1995

During the month of March 1995, seven (7) Nuisance Abatement Orders were served at various residences located within the City of Vernonia. Of the seven, two were taken care of by property owners, one was issued a citation for failure to comply and four are still within the fourteen-day time period.

Eight animal complaints were handled by the Vernonia Police Dept. Two individuals were cited for Allowing Dogs To Be a Public Nuisance/Run At Large. Four dogs were impounded.

March 7, at about 1:00 a.m. Sgt. Gene Baska re-

sponded to the Scappoose - Vernonia Hwy. Jct., to assist St. Helens Police Dept., which was in pursuit of a motorist. Sgt. Baska was setting a flare pattern in the roadway when the suspect's vehicle approached. The driver ignored the flares, driving thru and nearly striking Sgt. Baska. Officers continued to fol-

low the suspect to McDonald Road where he went into a ditch. Daniel Ray Elliott, of Banks, was arrested for Attempting to Elude and Reckless Driving.

March 31, at about 10:30 p.m., Vernonia Police Officer Brenda Dean stopped a driver suspected of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, near Bridge Street and Weed Ave. The driver started to walk away from the scene and was placed under arrest. He pushed the officer and fled on foot. Officer Dean pursued on foot and caught up with him in front of the Vernonia Library, where he continued to resist. Back-up officers arrived and the suspect, identified as Jeremy J. Williams, was subdued and taken into custody. Williams was arrested for D.U.I., Escape, Resisting Arrest and Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver. He was transported to the Columbia County Jail.

As reported over the last few months, car break-ins seem to be on the rise. Remember to lock your vehicles

and keep valuables out of plain view.

The above are some but not all cases handled by Vernonia PD in March, as reported by Jim Walters, Chief of Police.

CALLS FOR SERVICE...91
CASES..... 66
CASES CLEARED..... 39
TRAFFIC CITATIONS...35

Work of 9-1-1 director recognized by state award

Sally J. Smith, Administrator of Columbia County Emergency Communications District (9-1-1) received the state "Impact Award" last month. The award was presented by Associated Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO).

The Impact Award is given

to a person, team or group employed in emergency telecommunications, public sector, whose actions have positively impacted the career field statewide.

Smith was the first telecommunicator appointed by the governor to the Board on Public Safety Standards & Training (BPSST) in 1994.

She was also Executive Director of Oregon Life Belt Committee and spearheaded efforts to pass the safety belt law in Oregon. Additionally, Smith was instrumental in legislative changes requiring certification for 9-1-1 communicators. Oregon is the only state which requires annual re-certification of telecommunicators. She was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Oregon Special District Association.

Man sentenced for multiple charges

Mike Reed was sentenced Monday by Circuit Court Judge Ted Grove to 24 months in state prison and 36

months post-prison supervision following his arrest Nov. 10, 1994, by the Vernonia Po-

lice Department. He must also pay restitution totaling \$8,668, most of which resulted from damage caused when Reed ran into a Vernonia Police Car.

Reed pleaded guilty to two charges of Criminal Mischief I and a single charge of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle. Additional charges of Attempting to Elude, Reckless Driving and one charge of Criminal Mischief I were dismissed.

VERNONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE COMPANY REPORT FOR MAR., 1995

TYPE OF CALL

Chimney Fire	1
Medical	12
Motor Vehicle Accident	4
Illegal Burn	5
TOTAL:	22

Firefighters Responding	164
Equipment Responses	45
Hours on Incident Scene	15.5

OTHER

Burn Permits Issued	53
Violation Notices Issued	5
Citations issued	1
Fire Prevention Classes	3

WEATHER REPORT MARCH 1995

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI	LO	PRECIP. AMT.
1	53	19	--
2	50	18	--
3	50	20	--
4	49	21	.57
5	45	31	.09
6	46	28	--
7	48	27	--
8	54	27	.11
9	51	44	1.08
10	58	42	.70
11	52	43	.15
12	56	35	.13
13	51	38	.70
14	57	43	.62
15	56	36	.18
16	55	31	.02
17	62	33	--
18	64	40	.28
19	55	37	.25
20	49	42	.51
21	49	35	1.02
22	46	32	.32
23	49	30	.02
24	49	30	.06
25	45	31	.14
26	49	29	--
27	57	27	--
28	65	26	--
29	66	26	--
30	69	28	--
31	73	35	--

Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Precipitation in March totaled 6.95 inches plus .5 inches of snow on March 4.

Openings on charter study group

People interested in serving on a charter study committee for consideration of home rule in Columbia County are asked to submit a letter with a brief statement of credentials to the county Board of Commissioners. The committee will also investigate organization, finance, personnel and authority which may be elements of a new charter.

The Board of Commissioners and the county's legislative delegation will each appoint four members to the committee, with the eight members then appointing a

Sheriff sets time for fingerprints, photos

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office has changed the time when people can obtain fingerprint and photo services needed for concealed weapons applications and employment identification applications. The new days and hours are Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ninth member.

Letters should be submitted to Board of Commissioners, Columbia County Courthouse, St. Helens, 97051.

Community Center Project meeting set

The next meeting of the Community Center Project will be May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernonia High School gym. George Cress, director of economic development for Columbia County will be the guest speaker.

More information will be available in the next issue of *The INDEPENDENT*.

Bid date set for Hwy. 47 project

According to the Oregon Department of Transportation, the contract for realignment of Highway 47 between Beaver Creek and the Nehalem River is scheduled to go out for bids April 27.

Included in the realignment project will be paving of the Banks-Vernonia Linear Park from Vernonia to the Washington County line.



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