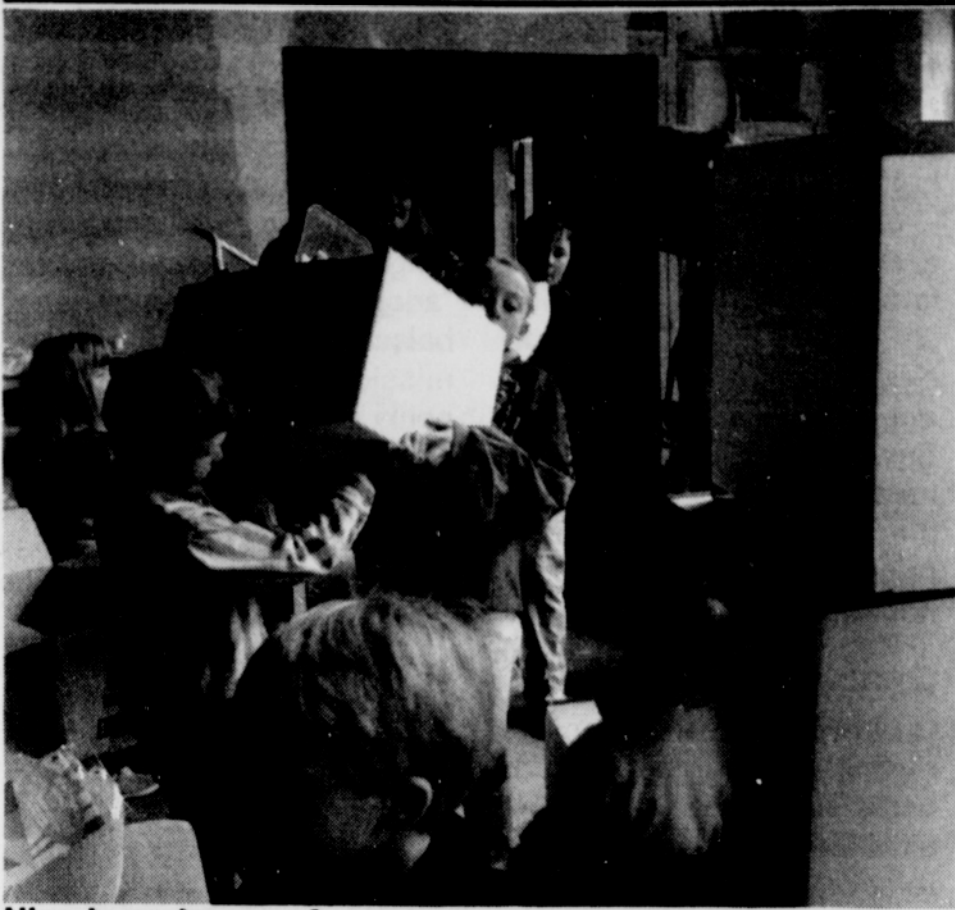




Nine large boxes of new toys, games and puzzles were delivered to Vernonia by youngsters from the Beaverton Four-Square Church. The children worked to raise the money for their purchases.

Luau show will aid Vernonia Cares

A Luau Show will be presented by Pacific University at Washington Grade School, Saturday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Performers will present

Hawaiian music, dancing and costumes. The price of admission for this live and lively show is hard to beat—just a food donation to Vernonia Cares.



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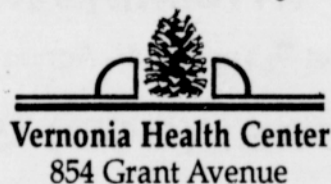
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Scaffolding is returned from Nehalem

Richard Egan, supervisor for Wildish Standard Paving Co. on the bridge widening job on Hwy. 47 south of Vernonia, was recently reminded that there are some great people in this area.

The Feb. 8 flood caused considerable damage to the construction that was underway on the bridge; it also ruined or swept away large amounts of construction materials, including two 24' x 2' aluminum scaffold planks worth about \$750 each.

The flood took the planks down-river about a half-mile, where Gary Moore of Vernonia and Brian Kennedy of St.

Helens waded in waist-deep water to retrieve them. When told by the adjacent property owner that the planks belonged to the bridge contractors, the young men said "No problem." They hauled the heavy planks out of the river, loaded them on a pickup and delivered them to the construction site. Though no one was at the site when they arrived, the planks were left with a note of explanation.

Egan didn't expect to see the planks again, figuring that, if they were found, they would be sold. He's pleased to know there are people like Moore and Kennedy.

She again urged people who have been flooded to forget their reluctance at coming in. The items were given by kind people who want to help, Fisher pointed out, adding that the quality and quantity are remarkable.

The "Boutique" is open 1-6 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays at the Vernonia Grange Hall, 305 North Street, just one block off Bridge Street at Washington Avenue.

To volunteer or for more information, call Fisher at 429-1204.

Try Flood Duds Boutique for style

The "Flood Duds Boutique", the area relief center for clothing, bedding, towels, curtains and such, continues to be "flooded" with donations that have been sent with love and concern by people from all over Oregon and southwest Washington.

The good news, said volunteer Genny Fisher, is the enormous, continuous supply of high-quality items available for flood victims. The bad news is that more volunteers are desperately needed to help sort the donations. "One or two hours a week would go a long way in helping people

who have been, and continue to be, going through so much," Fisher said.

ered to the Vernonia City Council Monday night by Diana Marcoux in the form of a \$9,000 check.

Marcoux, a member of the donations' committee, also spent the afternoon meeting local people and seeing the results of the massive flooding. She returned to California with the community's heartfelt thanks.

Nikon Precision brings \$9,000 gift

If Vernonia City Councilor Jim Jacobs had any doubts about the company he works for, those doubts are gone now. The Nikon Precision Inc. employee contacted his company's donations' committee at their Silicon Valley headquarters and explained the problems created by the February flood.

Their response was delivered to the Vernonia City Council Monday night by Diana Marcoux in the form of a \$9,000 check.

Annual Meeting set for United Way

The annual meeting of United Way of Columbia County will be held April 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at its offices, 7-1762 Columbia River Highway, Suite 6, Rainier. This is

the former training building at Trojan. The public is welcome.

At the meeting, 1995 will be reviewed, outgoing president Blane Peterson will be honored and officers for the 1999-97 year will be nominated and approved.

In the last few months, five new board members have been approved. They are: Sante Valpiani, a Coastal St. Helens Chemical engineer (formerly Chevron Chemical); Steve Petersen, a Rainier attorney; Sandy Goff, of Portland General Electric; Keith Morse, of More Power Computer Upgrades in Rainier; George Brajcich of Clatskanie, president of UPIU Local 1097.

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