

Letters to the Editor

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Let's find these people and get them out of our town so we can keep Vernonia the way it should be, a safe community for good families. If you have any information, please contact the Vernonia Police Department. Together we can make sure Vernonia is the good place to live!

**Candace Swayze
Vernonia**

Adult foster care home nears closing

To our many Vernonia friends:

Having owned and operated an adult foster home for over six-and-a-half years, my wife and I want to give thanks to the many wonderful families and individuals who have entrusted us and our caregivers to tend to the needs and provide the required care of their loved ones. Over these years we have cared for 42 different indi-

viduals, most of whom either lived in our community or have had family ties to Vernonia. Over these years, while tending to your mothers and fathers, your grandparents or your siblings, many of you have become very close to us and, indeed, we value your friendship, your love and your support. You and your loved ones have always given us the impetus to continue in a very demanding, yet socially rewarding business. Thank you all for your many kind words and gestures over the years.

Unfortunately, due to personal health issues, we will not be accepting new clients into our facility from this day forward and we regret the inconvenience this will undoubtedly cause to some of you. We will, however, do our best to continue answering your questions and will try to help you find acceptable alternative arrangements for your loved ones, should you want our input and

our experience with dealing with the elderly. We are saddened that, at this particular point in time, there are no other facilities located in Vernonia. My wife and I challenge any of you with large hearts, loving hands and endless compassion for our frail elderly to consider for yourselves the values of this wonderful business.

On a personal note, I want to thank each and every one of you who has offered their love and support to me, as well as their friendship and the attributes attached for caring about me, and the endless offers of help while I am dealing with personal health issues. You are a wonderful group of friends and I thank you one and all for allowing me a place in your community and in many of your hearts. God Bless you.

Sincerely,
**Don Foster
Rising River Ranch
Retirement Residence
Vernonia**

Ike Says . . .

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We probably saw more elk than deer, but we didn't keep track of the elk numbers. We observed one deer with hair loss syndrome, but most of the deer were too far away to get a good look at them. We did not count even one fawn.

Our discussion turned to elk and the low bull escapement numbers in the Saddle Mountain Unit. The management goal for bulls was set at 20 bulls post-season, as observed in early winter counts. Currently post-season is only averaging around 18. Herman indicated he may recommend that either tag numbers or the number of hunting days be curtailed to try and bring the bull numbers back up to the management goal. Currently, 4,000 tags are being sold for the two elk seasons; Herman suggested that number may have to be cut to 3,000. As for season shortening, we would probably have to revert back to the four-day and seven-day season format that we started out with in 1979. These will not be popular changes with local hunters, and one must ask if this is fair to bull hunters while ODF&W has waged war on cow herds in the Saddle Mountain Unit. Remember, the population of

elk in 1979 was close to 11,000 elk; today ODF&W claims we are at or near the management objective of 7,800 (my numbers come up with about 6,000). With this many fewer cows, bull production is down (250 less by my calculations), so it is no mystery why we are not escaping more bulls post season. In fact, many hunters believe ODF&W has intentionally managed the Saddle Mountain Unit to fail so they can place it under another management scenario (spike only) to maximize tag sales.

If you want to make your feelings known about this subject, attend the North Coast Game Association's annual spring meeting. The meeting will be April 29, at 3:00 p.m., at Astoria Middle School. Representatives of ODF&W have been invited this year to explain their concerns and management of local wildlife. Participants will be allowed an opportunity to respond directly during the meeting.

Izaak Walton League
meetings are on the third Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome. For meeting location, call (503) 429-7193.

Dessert, dance benefit for Women's Resource Ctr.

The Columbia County Domestic Violence Council will be holding a Dessert and Dance Saturday, April 29, at the Time and Again Ballroom, 213S. 1st St., St. Helens. This event is sponsored by the Domestic Violence Council as a way to reach out to the community in a positive and supportive manner, as well as to raise money for the Columbia County Women's Resource Center.

The Dessert and Dance will feature the music of Zuzo Blue. Tickets are \$25 per person, and the proceeds will benefit the Columbia County

Women's Resource Center.

For more information, contact Donna Jo, at (503) 397-5863, or Karin, at (503) 397-7110.

Web sites for garden information

Gardeners can't seem to get enough information about their favorite subject. For a rundown of all that OSU Extension & Experiment Station Communi-

cations offers on the subject, look up <<http://eesc.orst.edu/>>, Go to "Gardening information," then link to:

- The latest news releases

about gardening,

- Extension publications,
- Audio files from the Northwest Gardens radio show,
- Monthly garden calendars,

- Other gardening websites.

To access Oregon's online Agricultural Progress Magazine go to <<http://eesc.orst.edu/agcomwebfile/magazine/>>.

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