

Columbia County United Way will continue to serve Boy Scouts

At their monthly board meeting held October 12, the board of directors of United Way of Columbia County voted to continue support of Cascade Pacific Council, Boy Scouts of America funding. The board emphasized the importance of valuing diversity in all programs and services funded by United Way dollars. Fred Granum, Director of Field Service for the Big Thunder Council, Don Cornell, Director of Field Service and Mark Manchester, District Director of Cascade Pacific Council Boy Scouts of America were present as representatives of the local Boy Scouts.

Dave Dupuis, Board President, said, "Recent news re-

garding United Way organizations and Boy Scouts of America have caused many questions and misunderstanding in our community. In an effort to clarify this issue, I feel it is important that everyone understand some basic points."

1. Each United Way is autonomous. A local, volunteer board of directors makes all governing decisions. This board sets policy and procedures for the local United Way. All decisions regarding member agencies, fund raising and fund allocations are determined by this local board.

2. United Way of America has no voice in the decision making process of our local

board.

3. We have been a fundraising organization in this community for 36 years. Money raised in this community helps our 25 member agencies (service providers) deliver services to those in need in Columbia County as well as other non-profit organizations as designated by donor requests.

"We all understand the importance of Scouting to our community and appreciate the positive influence these programs have on our young people," said DuPuis. "We, as a board, feel it is extremely important to maintain our positive relationship with the Cascade Pacific Council Boy Scouts of America and to continue to

support these scouting programs in our communities. It is also imperative that we, as board members and members of the community, work together to promote the acceptance of diversity in all aspects of our

lives. With the assistance of many dedicated volunteers, donors and staff, we plan to continue our mission 'To increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another'."

Rummage sale aids two projects

There will be everything from furniture, books, kitchen items and clothes, to electronics at the garage sale scheduled for the first two weekends in November. The sale, sponsored jointly by Vernonia Pride and the Cemetery Beautification Committee, will be held in the building next to Lew's Place and across from Vernonia Realty.

Also available for sale will be four photographs by our own Chris Burkett, along with a raffle for his book. Prior to the sale, raffle tickets may be purchased from Sharon Parrow at Mike Pihl's office across from

city hall. Thank you for doing this, Mike and Sharon.

The Vernonia Cemetery committee is trying to raise \$3,500 for a "Memorial of Flags Monument," a six-foot granite monument which will display the names of those in whose memory the flags are flying. There will be an Avenue of Flags on 20 foot poles spaced 12 feet apart around the cemetery. A picture will be available to view at the garage sale. Donations to this monument may be made at any time at city hall.

For further information, call Synda Allen at 503-429-2400 or Donna Gehrke at 503-429-5201. Thank you.



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