

More Letters

Commissioners work hard to be fair to all

To the Editor:

I think that our County Commissioners should be commended for the patient and respectful manner in which they continually meet the public. There have recently been some very strong feelings shown by the public in relation to the Fair Ground concert issue. People have been upset, frightened and angry.

I had the pleasure of sitting through several County Commission meetings. These meetings were packed with people with views, both pro and con. The Commissioners politely listened to all who wanted to speak. They allowed everyone to say what was on their mind. One or two people

actually spoke their minds several times. Our Commissioners remained courteous, even while they were being disparaged.

I must admit that I feel proud to be part of Columbia County. It is next to impossible to please everyone. Our Commissioners do not have an easy job, but I really believe that they are trying very hard to do their very best.

Bill Eagle
St. Helens

Winning shouldn't be kids' primary focus

To the Editor:

Regarding Robb Wilson's statement in The Independent, May 16, 2001, about summer baseball. Robb, it's not so much about the kids as it is about the coaches.

The coaches we have this year stress one thing and only one thing, WINNING.

I've coached baseball since the early 1950s. Baseball players at this age (10-16) should be taught skills, good sportsmanship, team work, team strategy, ability to get along with each other. Winning is nice, but *winning isn't everything*.

My grandson is 14. He played on a championship team two years ago, but this year, because of our winning coaches, was not good enough to make the team.

If the Vernonia Baseball Association would pay for the insurance, I could field a team of your rejects that could beat the Vernonia winning team that never loses.

By the way, the score books have 15 entries, but the city of Vernonia only has 12 players that maybe can play *winning baseball*.

Don Bruers
Vice President, Vernonia
Baseball Association

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