

Letters to the Editor

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facets of their upcoming adulthood.

We were able to enjoy the "thrill of victory" many times and suffered the "agony of defeat" a few times. But we did it as a team that understood that every player was trying their hardest.

I have been on and coached teams, as have many of us, that have lost because of a player not playing to the best of their ability. There is nothing worse in sports (life) than knowing that, no matter how hard you and/or your teammates try, one individual who is not giving their best effort can be the difference between winning and losing (or should I say "having more fun" as opposed to just "having fun"). If that happens in the adult world, that

person would probably be known as a "slacker" and would soon be replaced by a more able person.

Winning (success) is contagious, and once you taste it, you tend to want it more, not just in sports, but also life, and in the process, you work harder and stay much more focused toward that goal. Along the way, you learn more about yourself and probably discover abilities you never dreamed you possessed. That attitude transcends throughout your efforts in all aspects of life and will usually lead to success.

As a parent, I expect my children to give their best effort, no matter what it is. And, if it doesn't meet with the degree of success they want, then they know they need to try harder if they want to continue in that

endeavor, or find another interest to which their skills can be more aptly applied. Why should I, as a coach, expect less from my players?

I would suggest to the players who did not make the team this year to work on their skills. I am available to hit grounders/flyballs at the field if you are not able to do it with your parents/friends. Call me and we can set up a time to meet (503-429-3541).

It was a privilege for me to coach a group of young men who shared a vision and, although we didn't reach our ultimate goal this year, I know the majority of them will be back at it next year, with even more desire and focus.

To all players who try their hardest and give 100% of themselves, keep it up. How you approach sports is how

you will, or already do, approach life. And that approach will bring you success.

Even though we lost our last game, (a playoff in which the winner went on to the state tournament), and were obvi-

ously disappointed, there were smiles and laughter after the game from most of the players. I wonder if it was because they were having fun and looking forward to more fun next year.

Glen Purvee
Vernonia

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTENT

The Columbia County Commission on Children and Families is requesting Letters of Intent to submit proposals to provide school based Tobacco Cessation services for youth using TEG/TAP; for a school based Alcohol and Drug Prevention Specialist to provide services for youth 5 to 18 years; for After School and Summer programs for youth ages 5 to 18 using a collaborative process and providing equity of service county wide; and to provide school based Medically Needy services. Prospective providers must be able to demonstrate their ability to provide research based services which strengthen current systems and can be provided county wide. A Letter of Intent must be submitted on one page and must include: program, name of contact, phone, fax and email address. They are due to the CCC-CF, Courthouse, Room 301, St. Helens, OR 97051, on August 6, 2001, by 4:00 p.m. Proposals are due on August 29, 2001, by 4:00 p.m. Questions can be directed to Jan Kenner at 503-397-7225.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to consider a Request for Partition of Tax Lot Number 4403-022-00202 (1876 and 1852 N. Mist Dr.) is scheduled before the Vernonia Planning Commission on August 16, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon. A staff report will be available to the public at City Hall for seven days before the hearings, and may be copied for a nominal fee. This request is governed by Vernonia Ordinances 710 and 711. Failure to raise an issue in a hearing, in person or by letter or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the board based on that issue. Public testimony is welcome, and written statements will be received before the hearing if you cannot attend.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours prior to public hearing to Janelle Serafin at 503-429-5291, TTY 1-800-735-2900 or at City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR. The City of Vernonia is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Region #1 Regional Workforce Board will meet Thursday, August 9, 2001 at 12:00 until 1:30 p.m. at Hump's Restaurant, 50 West Columbia River Hwy., Clatskanie, Oregon. Major agenda topics include "Impacts of the Energy Price Rise in Oregon Jobs." The full agenda will be distributed at the meeting. Confirmation of attendance required. The public is welcome. For information concerning the Regional Workforce Board or meetings, please contact Debbie Davis at MTC in Astoria, 503-325-1156 or E-mail: ddavis@mtctrains.com
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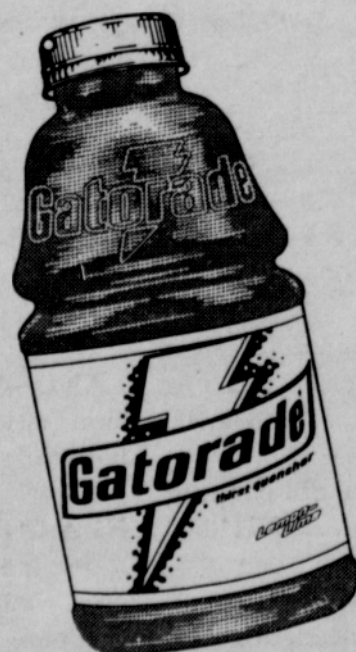
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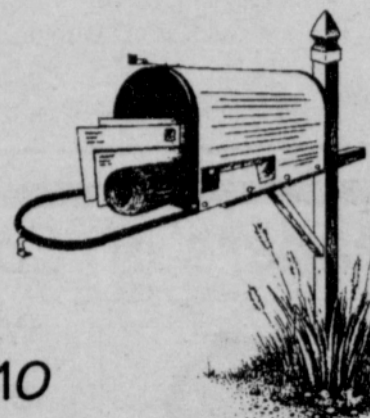
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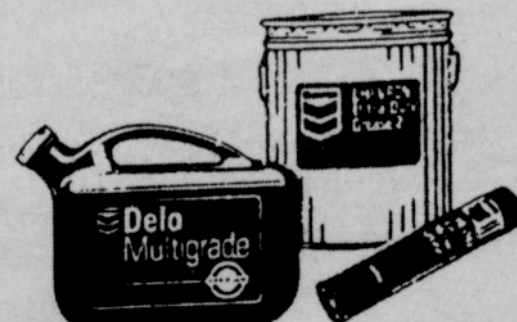
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