

More Letters

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As we realize the cuts that are necessary to balance next year's school budget we are very fortunate to have these funds set aside that can be spent only on art programs at our schools. For this we owe a big thank you to the community. It certainly will be exciting to see what programs we will be able to bring to the schools next year. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Personally, I would like to give extra thanks to the people who helped put together another great run: Thanks to Gina Dixon, Orissa Burghard, Debbie Johnston, Julie Chesley, Carla Strand, Schann Nelson, VHS Cheerleaders, VHS Tech Crew, VHS Track Team, Napa Auto Parts, Gwin Logging, Vernonia Sentry, the many parents who helped with the run and the volunteer book-keepers who helped tally the donations.

Sincerely,
Leslie O'Leary
Run Coordinator

Parent seeks 2002 graduation photos

To the Citizens of Vernonia:

If you recently attended the Vernonia High School Graduation on June 9, 2002, and took any pictures or videos that included my son, Troy Hargrave Jr., please contact me at the number listed below, or stop by and show me.

My pictures of the graduation did not turn out as I had hoped. I would really like to

capture those moments as this is a once in a lifetime event. I am interested in all pictures and video's that include him, but am especially looking for one where he received his diploma.

Thank you,
Wendy Hargrave
948 Cougar St.
Vernonia, OR
(503) 429-6030

Septic tank location is a concern

To the Editor:

I find it very difficult to believe that Columbia County is going to permit septic tanks to be put in the flood plain below seasonal groundwater levels just upstream from two domestic drinking water intakes on Rock Creek at Keasey. What kind of County Government would cause it's people to drink effluent-tainted water intentionally?

Nice people don't sell their timber land to corporations. Their smile doesn't come from their heart.

Thank you.

Marcia K. Denison
Vernonia

[Ed. note: The writer did not specify the site of the permits referred to.]

More on Banks first 100 year celebration

To the Editor:

The Banks Chamber of Commerce is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Banks Post Office and surrounding

community named for the John L. Banks family. The City of Banks was not incorporated until 1921 and will not be 100 years old until then. The Banks Chamber of Commerce has never said this was the centennial for the city. We are astounded by the lack of integrity and the poor judgement from this group. Our Chamber members have worked hard and spent money out of their own pockets, not to mention the long hours spent researching this information. We have invited anyone that has true historical knowledge to share it with the community and to join us in our fact finding mission during this historical event. As to date, this group has not come forth with anything to help, but instead, seek to hinder our efforts. We again invite them to contact us. Please join our community in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Banks Post Office and the naming of the surrounding community. We will be having a centennial strawberry shortcake sale at Sunset Park on the 4th of July, meet the direct descendents of John L. Banks at the Banks BBQ, a chili cook-off, time to be announced, and more.

Candy Deeth
Banks

Vernonia Cares says thanks for the help

To the Editor:

Many thanks are due to people and organizations that have supported Vernonia Cares Food Bank during the last few months. In April, the Vernonia Lions Club donated \$200 toward repairing our commercial freezer. Thanks, Lions! Anyone wishing to help toward the additional \$600 needed to complete the repair is encouraged to join in! All gifts are tax deductible.

A second round of thanks goes to the vendors who participated in our Business Expo on May 11. Participants included DMZ Tax Service, Bridge Street Espresso, Vernonia Community Choir, The Oregon Dept. of Employment, Larry and Gail Snethen, MTC Corporation, The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce, Vernonia Lions Club, ReMax Realty, Vernonia Hardware and Ajax Machine. Thanks, too, to the people who took the time to attend this event. We hope you made positive contacts with the businesses represented at the Expo. Cares plans to make this an annual event so, vendors, start planning for next year (possibly March of 2003). Thanks, also, to the school district for the use of the WGS gym.

A third thank you goes to the Vernonia Postal Workers who gathered 839 pounds of food during their canned food drive on May 11. Our shelves were becoming empty of certain foods and your addition of canned foods helped to meet the need. Thank you, especially, to Peter O'Leary, who headed up this project. Thanks, too, Vernonia, for those who donated food for this Postal Workers Food Drive.

The most recent addition came to Vernonia Cares through the Rose City Motorcycle Club. They spent several months gathering canned food and money during their motorcycle tour registrations. They used the money to buy groceries, especially some we don't often have donated, and then loaded them into a van (provided by Bob Lanphere) and on their motorcycles. The Club then brought them out to Vernonia Cares on June 8. As you can see from the picture elsewhere in this paper, they provided many cases of food.

Special thanks to Den and to Char for their organization of this entire project. This family-oriented club also helps other organizations throughout the year. Their many good deeds are commendable. On behalf of Vernonia Cares: Thank you!

A special thank you is extended to Sandy Deweber, who has faithfully served as a volunteer and treasurer at Vernonia Cares for over six years. She recently resigned so she can spend more time with her family. Thanks, Sandy. We'll miss you, but enjoy yourself! You've earned some rest time!

The number of clients continues to increase here at the Food Bank. In May 2002, we served 86 households, containing 158 adults and 95 children, for a total of 253 people. The need is great; please be as generous as you can to help feed the hungry in and around Vernonia. It takes both food and funds to keep this Cares open. Gifts can be sent to Vernonia Cares, PO Box 126, Vernonia, OR 97064. All donations are tax deductible.

We also could use volunteers. Could you spare four hours a week? Please call 503-429-1414 or come by 627 Adams Avenue (front entry of the Legion Hall, behind West Oregon Electric) during our business hours, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Many of you brought plastic and paper sacks for us to use filling the grocery orders. Your response was great. Thanks! We can still use more, especially paper sacks.

The Food Bank is your hand extended to this community. Thanks, again, to all of you who are willing to help demonstrate that "Vernonia Cares."

Thankfully,
Sandy Welch, Director
Vernonia Cares Food Bank

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Tips to keep contents of safe deposit box secure

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- Be sure your spouse, children and at least one relative or close friend know that you have a safe deposit box and where it is located.
- Put your Social Security number and other identification information in your box along with names and contact information for a couple of family

members or friends.

- Set a recurring date every year to personally inspect the contents of your safe deposit box, such as a birthday or anniversary. Keep a list at home of box contents, including names, numbers and other details on stocks, bonds and insurance policies.
- Check with your financial institution at least once a year to be sure your box rent is paid. Don't assume that it is being paid by a pre-authorized debit

from another account.

- Contact the bank or credit union if the branch where you rent a box merges with another financial institution, closes or relocates.
- Always notify your bank or credit union when you change addresses.

If you are in charge of finances for another person, make sure that you or an authorized person takes these steps for them as well.