

Letters

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 happening to our schools. The barricades are up, the doors are locked promptly at 3:15, the superintendent and HS principal are driving around town at lunch to see where the kids are, and teachers are looking out the windows of their classrooms with binoculars and writing down the names of kids that walk the wrong direction. Further, the last drama production wasn't advertised on the high school reader board, but the curfew hours are.

Does anyone remember reading George Orwell in high school? If not, I suggest a review of Animal Farm and 1984. Big Brother has arrived in Vernonia and he is indeed watching. The high school has a handbook with page after page of rules that are ignored. Will the new Code of Conduct be in addition to the handbook or instead of it? Whose "accepted standards of good citizenship" are going to be adopted? It seems to me that the school has its hands full maintaining discipline on its own property. If the students break the law, let the police do their job and deal with it. By the same token, the school needs to deal with school issues and keep the police out of it. If the two areas of responsibility are combined, the issues become blurred. I have had personal experience with Colonel, er, Mr. Funderberg's "investigative techniques" and they leave much to be desired.

Finally, one more point to ponder: the superintendent, both principals, the vice-principal, the head of Special Education, and the head of Maintenance all live elsewhere. These are our administrators, and not one of them lives here. If this is such a wonderful community, why don't the leaders of the

school district want to live here? Perhaps we should change our name from Vernonia schools to Vernonia Military Academies. Can dormitories and uniforms be very far off?

**Alice Brock
 Vernonia**

Deadline nears for Shay brick engraving

To the Editor:

Just a reminder. Orders for engraved bricks to placed at Shay Park will be needed by September 15. The engraver will be out September 21 for all orders taken this past year.

We will continue to take orders all year long and more bricks will be done next September.

To order, call 503-429-5201. Thank you for your support.

**Donna Webb, for
 Vernonia Pride**

Extraordinary help is greatly appreciated

To the Editor:

Having grown up in and around Vernonia, I am well aware of the friendliness and kindness of the people there. But I felt one person in particular should be commended for his extraordinary help.

On Wednesday (July 30) my husband and I were headed to Vernonia, having just turned off at Staley's Junction, when our pickup had a transmission problem and we were stuck in the middle of the road with our trailer. A man who lived right there noticed us and came to offer help. We had tried to contact a towing company in Vernonia but had not had any success. This gentleman offered to tow our trailer and myself into town while my husband stayed

Obituary

BARBARA F. BUSCH

Barbara Francis Busch, 95, Vernonia, died August 16, 2003. Graveside services and interment will be August 25, at 10:00 a.m. at the American Legion Cemetery in Granite Falls, Washington.

Mrs. Busch was born December 15, 1907, in Everett, Washington, to William F. and Annie Madden Klaus. She grew up in the Everett area. She graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle. In 1993, she moved to Vernonia.

Survivors include two daughters, Betti Jo Mortvedt and Shirley Dickey, both of Vernonia; a son, Jim Busch of Bothell, Washington; twelve grandchildren, most of whom live in Vernonia; eighteen great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to Washington County Hospice, 427 SE 8th Avenue, Hillsboro, Oregon 97123.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia is in charge of arrangements.

FLORENCE M. DREYER

Florence Marie Dreyer, 82, Woodburn, died August 11, 2003. A memorial service was held August 20 in Hope Lutheran Church in Woodburn.

Mrs. Dreyer was born December 17, 1920, in Portland. She graduated from Jefferson High School and was head cook for the Lake Oswego School District.

In 1937, she married Lloyd James. He died in 1965. In 1972, she married Leonard Dreyer.

She moved to Jewell in 1982 and to Woodburn in 1987.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Loy-Dene Carter; two sons, Steven and Hank James; four stepdaughters, Susan Dreyer, Joan Reed, Cathy Holmes and Jean Kent; a broth-

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VERA LYTLE

Vera Lytle, 83, Corvallis, died August 5, 2003. Private interment was held.

Mrs. Lytle was born May 20, 1920, in Ivy, Arkansas, to Jesse and Ethel Riggan Holloway. She grew up in Ivy.

In 1935, she married William R. Reid. They lived in Leola and Hot Springs, Arkansas. In 1945, they moved to Bridgeport, Wash. They later divorced.

In the early 1950s, she married Lloyd Leonard. They lived in the Kelso/Longview area.

Later, she married Lyle Lex. They lived in Kelso. They divorced.

In 1976, she married Charles W. Lytle. They lived in Sitka and Kake, Alas-

ka. They moved to Manning and, later, to Banks.

Mrs. Lytle moved to Corvallis in 2002.

She worked as a maid at the Best Western Hotel in the Kelso area.

Mrs. Lytle was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd, in the 1960s; her husband, Chuck, in 1990; two sisters, Frances Leonard and Lois Holloway; a son, Tommy Reid, and a daughter, Linda Kay Reid.

Survivors include a daughter, Billie R. Alvarado of Oakridge; a son, Jack Reid of Longview, Wash.; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to Benton Hospice Services, 2350 NW Professional Drive, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Forest Grove Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings regarding vacating G Street west of Rock Creek are scheduled before the Vernonia Planning Commission on September 4, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. and before the Vernonia City Council on September 15, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064. The vacation was initiated by James Brunsman pursuant to ORS 271.080. Public testimony is welcome. If you cannot attend the hearing, you may file written testimony or objections with the City Recorder by 5:00 p.m. on day of the hearing. The portion of G Street to be vacated is described as follows:

G Street west of Rock Creek in Second Addition to the City of Vernonia, Columbia County, 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 hearing is governed by ORS 271.005 to 271.170, ORS 197.763, ORS 227.100, and 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.

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 Kate Conley at 503-429-5291, TTY 1-800-735-2900 or at City

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CHARTER SCHOOL

Pursuant to ORS 338.055 the Board of Directors of Vernonia School District will conduct a public hearing on the application for a public charter school on Thursday, August 28, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Vernonia School District 47J offices, at 475 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon.

This is a public hearing when any resident may testify on the provisions of the proposal for the Technology Learning Center. A copy of the proposal for the charter school may be reviewed in the school district's offices between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**Michael Funderberg, Superintendent
 Administrative School District 47J**
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Columbia County Commission on Children and Families is requesting proposals for the Court Appointed Special Advocates program and Case Management for Middle and High School youth program. To receive a copy of the Request for Proposals call 503-397-7211. Publish August 21, 2003

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