

Don't Stop This Press

Most of our readers are familiar with the people who write, take photographs, help with ads or perform the other jobs needed to provide your community newspaper. However, there is one group of people you never see...those who prepare the paper for the press, operate the press, then bundle and tie the newspapers for us to deliver. So, here are a few of those hard-working people at *The Daily Astorian*, where *The INDEPENDENT* is printed.



Letters

Thank you, wonderful citizens of Vernonia

To the Editor:

Congratulations Vernonia citizens! You donated one hundred percent of the turkeys and hams for this year's Christmas boxes prepared by Vernonia Cares. This was a tremendous help due to the increased need the organization is facing. In the past few years, the need has doubled, then doubled again, according to Vernonia Cares director Sandy Welch. Citizens came forward with turkeys, hams, turkey breasts and monetary donations to make it all come together. In addition to cash donations, citi-

zens donated over 3000 Saver Shields at Vernonia Sentry. In friendly competition, the volunteer fire department and fire board donated the most turkeys among the organizations participating in the "Turkey Round-up" challenge. The savings in meat products allowed the organization's fund to stretch beyond the holiday season. Once again, the citizens of Vernonia have shown what a community is all about. Thank you!

Thank you to the Cedar Ridge Sports Camp, the Vernonia Sentry, the Walters family and the Denckla-Rohm family for providing freezer storage space. The early donation effort

would not have been possible without the ability to store the donations adequately. Thank you!

Thank you to Randy Parrow and Errold Burch at Vernonia Sentry for accepting and storing check-stand donations, as well as facilitating the Saver Shield redemption and turkey order, allowing Vernonia Cares to purchase turkeys at a great savings. Thank you!

As we begin a new year with an increased demand on Vernonia Cares resources, here are a few ideas to keep in mind. Very few hygiene products are ever available to the clients at Vernonia Cares. Especially needed are bar soap, deodor-

ant, toothpaste, toilet paper, shampoo and feminine hygiene products, to name a few. Also, when planting your garden this year, please remember that Vernonia Cares is very happy to accept overflow produce – yes, zucchini, too!

Wishing you a wonderful new year, with gratitude, and until next year,

**Pat & Bob Stacklie
Turkey Drive Coordinators
for Vernonia Cares**

North Street Players appreciate audiences

To the Editor:

Thank you. Thank you,

thank you!!! To all of you who came to The North Street Players first production, "A Christmas Carol."

I modestly must concede it a success in no small part, to the dedication of the wonderful Players themselves and the professionalism of our director, George Ray, and his helpers.

I'm looking forward to future theatrical productions and your continued patronage.

If you are interested in participating in any way, shape, or form, please call me at 503-429-8425.

Thanks again,

**Sally Harrison
Vernonia**