

Letters, cont.

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Thanks to all for help with first River Fest

To the Editor:

The Vernonia River Fest would like to thank all of the volunteers, vendors, Metro West Transportation, Country Market, Oregon Fish & Wildlife, Sheriff's Posse, sponsors, non-profits, and businesses for being a part of a successful event. Our estimates were that 500 – 700 people attended the event, giving them an opportunity to see our City, parks, shops, and friendly people. A follow-up meeting will be on May 12, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the fine-tuning of future events.

Truly yours,
Mark Hall
Vernonia River Fest
Committee

A great clean-up day, on to the next project

To the Editor:

What a perfect day for being outdoors. The weather was beautiful and 110 people showed up to clean our town. It is truly inspirational to see people come together because they really care about the town they live in. It is amazing what can get done with lots of people, from young children to older adults, we had it all.

We would like to thank everyone who helped with food preparation to feed all these hungry workers. Gretchen Lindauer did a great job in planning food preparation. Katie Peotter did a great job soliciting food. Thanks to Sentry, Coca Cola, Pepsi, Frito-Lay and Franz for donating the food items. Thanks to Booster club for use of BBQ.

We spread barkdust, did yard work at Museum, cleaned up Linear Trail, weeded at Hawkins Park, spread wood chips on OA Hill, planted trees at lake, picked up litter through town and much more.

Thanks to Waste Management for use of 20 yard dumpster. Thanks to City of Vernonia and its employees for working and supplying materials for event. A special thanks to SOLV for the support financially and in planning. This event was put on in conjunction with SOLV under their SOLV

IT/Earth Day program. Again, thanks to all of you. It is because of you that this program is a success.

Vernonia Pride is always looking for volunteers. We currently are in need of a secretary. Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at City Hall. Please join us. Our next project will be fundraising for the 4th of July fireworks.

We have completed the bears and coyotes that will go on the downtown city lamp posts. They are gorgeous!!! We must wait to put them out until ODOT has finished its downtown street project. This should be about June, so watch for those to go up.

Donna Webb
Vernonia Pride

Adopt-a-Soldier time extended into June

To the Editor:

Thank you first of all to those who have helped our "Adopt-a-Soldier" program. If you have been meaning to stop by US Bank, Sentry, True Value Hardware, or Vernonia Hardware & Supply, don't hesitate any longer.

It takes just a moment to make a donation and it will be greatly appreciated and welcomed, I am sure. If you would like to make a cash donation, please contact Kinnell Steward at 503-429-8133.

Are you curious as to what is an acceptable donation? Simply stop by one of the above listed businesses and take a look on the donation box.

We have extended our donation period through the first part of June. Also, if you would like to just write a letter of encouragement, those will be gladly taken as well.

Please help out in any way you can! Thank you so much for your support.

Kinnell Steward
Cub Scout Pack 201

Rally co-driver says thanks for experience

To the Editor:

I wanted to drop a quick note to the people of Vernonia to say thank you from myself and the Performance Rally community. Being originally from a small town in Iowa myself, I know

how much a small community puts itself out there to host an event such as the one you so graciously opened yourselves up to on the Rally weekend.

Being my team's first rally, I am very glad we could base our service crew in your town. I know my crew enjoyed the grassy area at the school and your local shops. It was also uplifting to drive around in the race car and to see the children and families wave at us. It made us feel quite at home. My only wish was that as a co-driver I had had more time to visit the businesses and talk with the residents more myself. I did get to see quite a lot of the local country side between stages and service. What a great part of the country.

We are all very grateful to the Vernonia community and surround areas for opening their lives to us for a couple short days and hope that we can all do it again next year!

A grateful "tourist",
Terry Woltman
Lynwood, WA

Volunteers again make it a great Egg Hunt

To the Editor:

We couldn't have asked for better weather at this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Our bunny helpers did a fine job of boiling, coloring and hiding eggs. Vernonia Sentry donated the 120 dozen eggs and food coloring.

I would like to thank Mario Leonetti for the pizza and 2-fers coupons. He always calls us to contribute something for the kids.

West Oregon Electric, Janean Zavales of Napa Auto Parts, True Value Hardware, Keenon Land Services, Robyn Bassett of Vernonia Public Works, Oregon Coast Flowers, Amanda and D'lisa Watts and family, we appreciate your donations that helped make the hunt fun and successful. Weren't those farm animals a hit? I hope you all got to see the baby goats. They were so cute!

The Chamber of Commerce thanks everyone who purchased a bouquet of Calla Lilies, and those who made a cash donation. The bouquet I bought is just beautiful. The proceeds from the sales went to pay for the candy the Bunny handed out. We had a big turn

out, and Vernonia Ambulance stayed throughout the whole event.

Our helpers were:

Donna Webb, Jesse Gehrke, Arnie and Mary Tolonen, Bill and Mary Cota, Kristen Cota, Ray, Shelly and Shandy Cota, Gina Faber, Ken and Helen Bateman, Mario Leonetti, Mary Ann Shaw, Brian and Darlene Mcleod, Brenda Gooch, Darlene Wilcoxon, Nancy Dailey, Kim Wallace and family, Pam Monnin and family, Beth Delemos and family, Shawn and Jennifer Draeger, Randy Parrow, Jerry and Dolly Keenon

If I forgot anyone, please forgive me. We couldn't do this without volunteers, for you are the heart of the community. See you all next year.

Sincerely,
Dolly Keenon
Vernonia Chamber
of Commerce

Donkey Basketball filled gym with fun

To the Editor:

Thanks to many people, the Donkey Basketball game filled the gym and provided a fun filled evening for all ages.

Both the ball game and the taco feed for Zack Rumbolz were financially successful.

We wish to thank the following people who volunteered to ride the donkeys. The teams were The Volunteer Fire Dept. Association, high school girls equestrian club, school employees and the people who made up the city team.

Also, Tim Titus, who made a terrific clown; emcees Randy Parrow and Mr. Shannon; pooper scoopers Jerry Cropp and Bill James; cheerleaders Tony Hyde, Scott Rethwill, Luke Enneberg and Paul Johnson; scoreboard operator Karen Roberts; camera crew Bud Normand and Adam Buckan; custodian Brent Eagleston, who was stuck working instead of being one of the cheerleaders.

A special thanks to The Independent for the advertisement they provided.

We sincerely thank all of the above for making the evening a huge success and hope you will all look forward to doing it again next year.

DeLoris Webb
Vernonia Pride

WEATHER REPORT

APRIL 2004

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15	52	41	.24
16	54	37	.26
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20	51	39	.38
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29	76	30	--
30	82	33	--

Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Measurable precipitation in April totalled 2.52 inches.

CARD OF THANKS

The world is a little nicer because we share it with you. We want to thank you for your kindness through support, flowers, cards, food, and money for Rick's childrens education. No words can ever express how much we appreciate you.

Mike & Ilene Grady and Famiy

Thanks to all friends and neighbors for support, calls, cards, and flowers.

Michael Epling's Family

We would like to give out heartfelt thanks to the Vernonia Volunteer Fire Department, Paramedics, Rescue unit, Police Department, and also Columbia County Sheriff Pat Dean for their outstanding help on the early morning hours of April 17th. We would also like to give thanks to Heidi and Mickey for the use of their home and for being so very gracious after the tragic accident that morning. Thank you to whomever we may have forgotten to mention. We may have forgotten your names but you will never be forgotten for your efforts, goodwill, and help.

In Loving, Wonderful Memories of Chris Edwards.

Thank you so very much,
Shawn Hartman
Jailee Slaughter
Molly Wolfe
Kerry Schaumburg