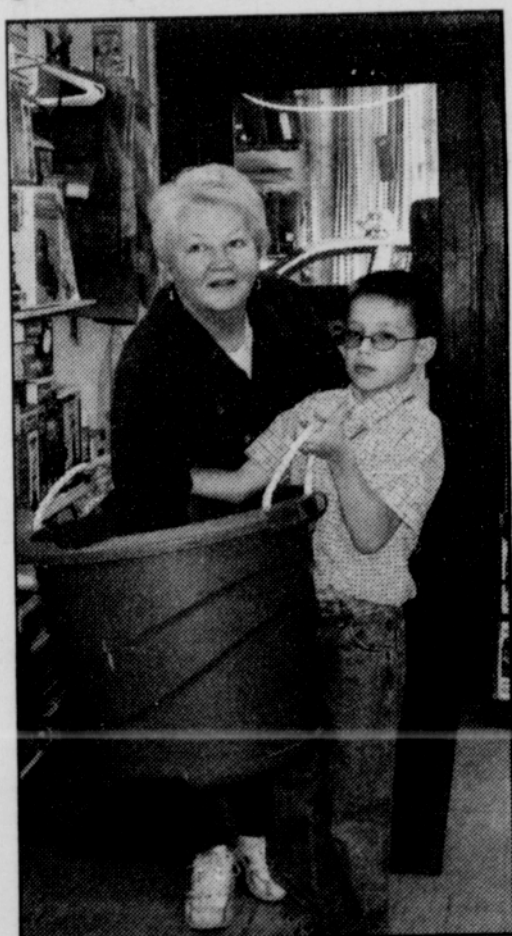




Above, Shawna Mulvey, of Country Kitchen, drew a winner for Sue Wren on December 18.

Below, Mary Tolonen and Bridger Steward worked together at Vernonia True Value to give away Holiday Bucks certificates to Joe Kim, Pam Smith and Margaret Brown.



Holiday Bucks final drawings held on Dec. 23

Spending money at home was fun for Vernonia shoppers this year, with every \$50 spent on Holiday Bucks cards providing a chance to win a certificate for \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100. The winners of the \$25 certificates were Kim Tierney, Marie Krahn and Sue Wren. Winners for the final drawing on December 23 were; Joe Kim - \$50 certificate, Pam Smith - \$75 certificate and Margaret Brown - \$100 certificate.

Lions Club gives Xmas donations

In the holiday spirit, the Lions Club made donations to three local nonprofit organizations in December - Vernonia Head Start, Toy & Joy, and Vernonia Cares.

The Lions mission is to serve the community, which they do in many ways. Their efforts include helping to provide glasses and hearing aids for those who cannot afford them,

and screening for sight, hearing, diabetes, and blood pressure. They also sponsor the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Venture Scouts. Lions members build projects like the gazebo in Hawkins Park and are spearheading the Skateboard Park project.

To join the Lions Club or for more information, call Becky Abney at 503-429-0517.



Above, George Tice from the Lions Club hands a donation to Matt Davis of Toy & Joy. In background is Gail Snethen. Below, volunteers prepare Christmas boxes at Vernonia Cares.



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Donna Webb's name
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World's largest Xmas stocking

The world's largest Christmas stocking at Vernonia Hardware was won by Kara Christie of Vernonia in a drawing held on Monday, December 20, 2004. Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District Chief Paul Epler above (right) drew the winning

entry.

Kara and her sister, Kristen, both get to enjoy the large selection of toys and games included in the stocking.

Vernonia Hardware also donated a second stocking to the Vernonia Toy & Joy program.

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