

Letters

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must not give up and say there is nothing we can do. We must join as one voice and find solutions to a problem that will not just disappear.

In conclusion, I commend all educators and especially Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Shaw for doing a tremendous job with all the students in their classes this year.

**Liz White
Vernonia**

A great cleanup job by local volunteers

To the Editor:

Vernonia Pride would like to thank all of you hard workers

for coming out on May 7 and making Vernonia Shine. We had 100 plus volunteers that day. The high school leadership class got kids involved by helping paint the grandstands on Friday, May 6. This will be an ongoing project and if anyone would like to help them please let me know (503-429-5201).

Thanks to Terry, Gretchen, Brittney, and Sam Lindauer for organizing the food. Thanks to Audeen Wagner and Carolyn Keasey for helping with food as well. Thanks to Katie Poetter for getting the food...that is not an easy task.

Thanks to the city crew for getting out there and working and helping to organize the

event. Lastly, thanks to all of you who care about your town enough to come out and make it beautiful. Everyone did a great job and I really hope you had a lot of fun while doing it. Thanks to Penny with Jazzer-cise and Heather with New Day Massage. That massage felt wonderful. Remember, your house, your job, your life and your town is what you make of it...make it a great one.

**Donna Webb
Vernonia Pride**

Another point of view on VHS cheerleading

To the Editor:

Regarding the letter entitled

"Without support V.H.S. may lose cheerleaders" in your last publication.

The view expressed in this letter were the views of one individual and do not represent the views of the coach or the squad as a whole.

In contrast to the last letter, I personally would like to express my thanks to the many members of the V.H.S. staff and administration for their support of cheerleading as they are not paid to do so and have given extra time and effort to help us out.

I also would like to thank the community and local businesses for their financial support so that we could purchase uniforms last season.

I feel the lack of interest in cheer for the 2005-2006 sports seasons is not due to lack of support from V.H.S. staff or the community but rather a lack of interest from the V.H.S. students themselves.

I personally love cheerleading and feel that you should cheer because you want to and because you love your school and community, not because you were begged or forced to. If the students don't want a squad next year that's their right. If sometime in the future there are enough eligible students interested, I will be here, more than happy to help out.

**Christi Doyle
VHS Cheer Coach
Vernonia**

Vernonia residents show that they care

To the Community:

Thank you, Vernonians, for participating in the Letter Carriers Food Drive May 14, 2005. The total pounds of food collected was 780 pounds. (That beat the 2004 amount by 86 pounds.) Thanks so much!

A special thanks to our letter carriers and to the project coordinators, Peter O'Leary and Kate Laird. A second special thanks to Dave and Rose McCoy and John Frey, food bank volunteers, who unloaded and sorted the donation.

This food, gathered in our town, will be disbursed to people in the Vernonia area. Thanks for showing that Vernonia Cares!

**Sandy Welch,
Executive Director**

Vernonia Cares Food Bank

Shall we think more about tree cutting

To the Editor:

The recent letters to the Editor against the recent residential logging in our small town makes me wonder...

Why don't we rhapsodize about a stalk of wheat?

The trees give us shelter, the poor wheat we eat!

Trees and wheat grow from a seed,

A crop to harvest; they do not bleed.

I don't cry out in anguish when I see a cake,

I don't shed tears when I smell bread baked.

That farmer he chopped them down, those amber waves of grain!

No longer will they feel the sun, the wind, the rain

The animals that lived there too

Where will they go? What will they do?

But I'm not sorry those stalks are ghosts

I enjoy them now as my morning toast.

I sit in my nice, warm, wood house

Read my paper and complain and grouse

About those whose opinions are different from mine

And pen these words in a silly rhyme.

I'm a logger's wife and proud to be

And, yes, we get our money from those trees.

You can disagree with our choice of revenue

But that farmer's crop makes money too!

The trees come down to make room for a home,

And I bet before you settled here, no more to roam

There once were trees where your house now sits,

So think of that before throwing your fit.

The crops we harvest will grow back just fine

It's the way God planned it since the beginning of time.

I like trees, I really do!

Without them I couldn't write to you.

I don't mean to offend with pen and ink

Just offer up another way to think.

**Sincerely,
Kala F. Cota
Vernonia**

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Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian
Vernonia Public Library



Thank you to everyone who purchased books during the recent "adopt a book for the library" endeavor to add books to the library's collection. All of the books were "adopted" with most being chosen from the bibliography list to supplement the upcoming

Summer Reading theme of Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds. Plans are being finalized for this summer's programs, which will be under the direction of three enthusiastic, creative ladies—Camrin Eyrrick, Linda Johnston and Orissa Burghard. Activities will take place on Wednesdays, beginning June 22 and will include going on quests, building and firing catapults, making theme-related costumes, creating and riding on a float for the Jamboree parade and being entertained with magic and "magical" experiments by Mad Science. Sign-up sheets and schedules will be available shortly in the library. Don't miss out on these educational, fun-filled activities for youngsters ages 3 and older.

The library now has a book binding machine, the kind that uses plastic spirals to bind pages. Plans are to encourage youngsters participating in the various library programs to write and draw pictures for inclusion in these bound books which will remain in the library, and also for transcriptions of oral interviews conducted through the museum to have this information maintained in book form in the library. This machine was purchased with money donated at the 2004 Silver Tea presented by Vernonia Study Club.

Many times I like to choose a magazine from the library's collection and find an inspiration for something about which to write for this column and also to keep patrons aware of the periodicals to which the library subscribes. Included in the June/July issue of *Country* magazine is an article with great pictures on the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming, a contribution by an Indiana man as he recalls hay-making time and the de-

light in toasted, buttered bologna sandwiches at the end of the day, the recollection of being the only girl to race and win riding bare-back in a junior rodeo in Colville, Washington, pictures of a Cottage Grove "future cowgirl" and a Eugene Oregon National guardsman stationed in Baghdad. Quite a variety, isn't it? My favorite is an article entitled, You'll Sit Up and Beg for More of These Memories, about of course, dogs. It brought to mind our dachshund that dug under a logging road and was buried there for a week before we finally heard his faint bark and dug him out (with no ill effects except dirt embedded in his eyes) and our Labrador mix who must not have liked my pancakes very much because he always buried them...in different places. He would take each one off by itself, bury it and come for another to take to a different spot. Wouldn't memories like these be great to write and put together with our new binding machine? Come on in with your own written memories, short stories, poems, etc. to be bound and included in the library's collection.

New acquisitions include several by the writers who recently visited the library, Birdie Etchison and Patricia Rushford. Both of these ladies live in Washington State, but set most of their novels (romance and mystery) in Oregon. Ms. Rushford also has an entire series of mysteries for young adults, most of which were obtained for the library.

Other new acquisitions include *The Innocent* by Harlan Coben, *Lie Still* by David Farris, *In the Company of Liars* by David Ellis, *A Lotus Grows in the Mud* by Goldie Hawn, *A Land of Sheltered Promise* by Jane Kirkpatrick, *Oh My Stars* by Lorna Landvik, *4th of July* by James Patterson, *Delectable Mountains* by Earlene Fowler, *Superstition* by Karen Robards, and *Cut and Run* by Ridley Pearson.

**Vernonia Public Library: 701 Weed Ave.
Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.;
Tues., Thur. 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Preschool Story Time: Mondays, 10:30
a.m., when school is in session.
Phone: (503) 429-1818**