

# The INDEPENDENT

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## Go-cart for fast shoppers



If others can pull with trucks, tractors and combines at the Banks Barbecue, why not a grocery cart? More photos on pages 12, 13 and 14.

## Volunteer help still needed for local Cycle Oregon visit

More volunteers are needed to help with the 2,300 visitors who will be coming to Vernonia September 16 and 17 with Cycle Oregon. Tasks still needing helpers include greeting riders, serving food, unloading and transporting baggage, and manning an information booth.

Community organizations will receive money in exchange for the volunteer work, so this is a win-win deal for all.

Anyone interested in helping in any way may call the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce office, 503-429-6081. Leave a

message and you will be contacted. Also contact the Chamber if you need more information.



## Open House discussion on new Stewart State Park

LL "Stub" Stewart Memorial State Park, Oregon's first new full service park in 66 years, will be opening in Spring of 2007. The park will cross part of the Banks-Vernonia State Trail and its main entrance will be from Highway 47, south of Vernonia. Because this will impact Ver-

nonia in many ways, an open house is planned for September 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Scout Cabin at the end of Park Drive in Hawkins Park. All citizens, especially businesses are invited to view the plans and ask questions.

How will park visitors affect traffic? Can any preparations be made now? How will business be impacted? These questions and more will be discussed by Dan Lucas from Oregon State Parks, plus representatives of the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce and the International Mountain Bicycling Association. Maps and other information will be available.

The meeting is being jointly hosted by the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce and the City of Vernonia.

### NOTICE

Because of DEQ regulations, the City of Vernonia cannot accept yard debris at the city's burn site by the transfer station.

## Salmon Festival Treasure Hunt starts soon

Treasure awaits those who seek...

Vernonia Salmon Festival Treasure Hunt is ready to begin! The kick-off party will be Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m., at Morning Mist and Out on a Limb, 919 Bridge Street. Everyone is invited. Get your first clue then!

The treasure hunt is a search for a metal medallion hidden somewhere on public property within the City of Vernonia. The winner will receive a basket full of prizes from participating merchants. Seven clues will be revealed each Tuesday and Thursday at different Ver-

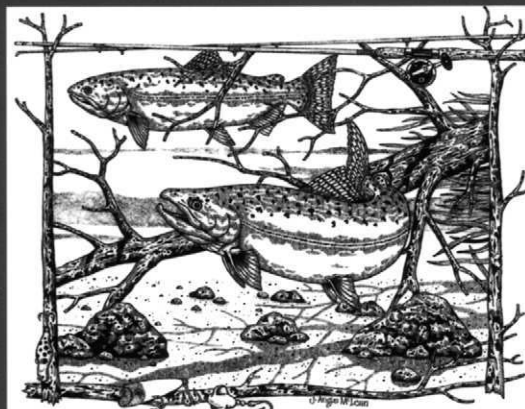
nonia merchants. No registration is required and anyone may participate. Follow the

clues to the treasure.

The winner will be awarded the prize at Salmon Festival on

### SALMON FESTIVAL 2005

TREASURE HUNT WINNER



HISTORIC VERNONIA, OR.

October 1. Salmon Festival plans include a parade, fishing, hay rides, scarecrow contest, pumpkin carving, oral auction and winetasting.

### Amateur Exhibition

Vernonia area residents are invited to participate in an Amateur Exhibition to be held in conjunction with Salmon Festival, on Saturday, October 1.

The exhibition is open to crafters, sewers, quilters, bakers, and many other talents. For more information, pick up a rule/entry booklet at one of the following area businesses: Lol-  
**Please see page 6**