

# Time to herd food towards Vernonia Cares

It is time, once again, to begin herding turkeys for the Vernonia Cares Christmas food boxes. There are some changes this year to help citizens in their donation efforts.

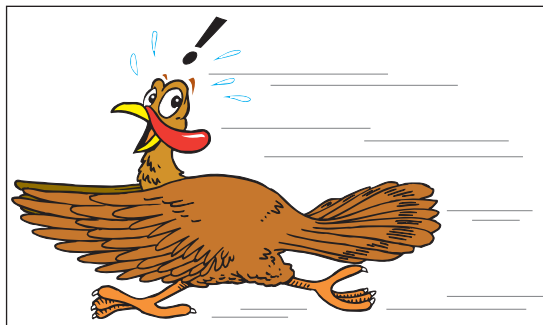
According to Vernonia Cares Director Sandy Welch, the number of people being served by Vernonia Cares is climbing. More than 300 clients, representing more than 100 households, are helped each month. This number is expected to rise during the winter months, so the goal this year is to provide 150 Christmas food boxes.

Between now and Thanksgiving, stores will advertise their turkey promotions. Suggested turkey weight for donations is 10-12 pounds. Locally, turkeys or hams purchased at Vernonia Sentry Market can be donated at the checkstand. Sentry will store them to be collected at a later date. Saver Shield receptacles are located at each checkstand and will be used by Cares to offset the cost of the food boxes. Donors may

also opt to sponsor a food box, at a cost of \$20, that will include a turkey or a ham. This may be done at any Sentry checkstand. Sponsoring a food box is a great way to help Cares meet their goal.

previously used donation site in the parking lot at Providence Family Medicine has been eliminated due to a lack of volunteers to man the site.

Last year, Jazzercise instructor Penny Costley



Herd a turkey or ham towards Vernonia Cares for their Christmas food boxes.

Turkey and ham donations may be made at Breaktime, located at 630 Bridge St. next to Creatures, Mondays through Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., or on Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Donations may also be made at the Jazzercise evening class in the Vernonia Baptist Church, 377 A Street, Monday through Friday between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. The

matched Jazzercise student donations for a total of 28 turkeys. In the spirit of friendly competition, Costley is issuing a challenge to any local business or organization to meet or beat that number this year.

Call Pat or Bob Stacklie at 503-429-7563 with questions. One hundred percent of donations stay in the community and are tax deductible.

## Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



it sent back to count. This is a percent of voters registered. Don't do as the first vote on 9-1-1 a couple of years ago. Young, 50s or elder fold need to wake up and know their vote does count.

While in the Tell mode. I was thinking how nice it had been not to see bottles and scraps of paper, etc. around the lake and no fish line, when what lay in the grass – a gob of tangled line and weeds – about 10 feet from a trash barrel. Same day, tied to a gate pole – yards and yards strung out in the grass of “shank weight” line, 2-1/2 ounces of it. Yes, I took it home, balled it and weighed it

on my little scale. Why throw it on the ground and leave it??

The changing and falling leaves are a sure sign summer is gone. Have you had your car winter-ready checked? I did, found a few things I was not expecting, but now I know I won't break down on the highway some place. Funny how a strange jerk wakes you up with the thought, “That's not natural,” so check it out.

I am happy my song title story last issue jogged so many forgotten memories of fun times and, should I say, quieter times. Thank you for letting me know I make a difference in your day.

Count Down Time:  
21 days to Thanksgiving.  
29 days to the Country Christmas Bazaar at Vernonia Middle School.  
52 days to Christmas.  
Are you ready for a New Year? 59 days away.  
I'm off to visit my teenage grandkids so – Ta, Ta – Ha.

## Welcome Additions

**Adrianna Fyrne Buchholz**



Adrianna Fyrne Buchholz was born July 12, 2005, to Jeremy and Sara Buchholz of West Linn. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Bob and Doris Buchholz of Mist and Steve and Cheryl Misner of Banks.

The baby's great-grandmother is Fyrne Taylor of Hillsboro.



**Michael Phillips Leonetti**



Michael Phillips Leonetti was born October 18, 2005, to

Stefanie and Mario Leonetti of Vernonia. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21-1/2 inches long.

He joins his sister, Vanessa, at the family home.

Grandparents are Michael and Nancy Johnson of Vernonia, Mario Leonetti, Sr., of Scappoose, and Lori and Pat Wayland of Forest Grove.



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