

Letters

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Christmas trees in our schools, singing songs with children about Santa and do all the fun things that come with this special holiday. We have all probably experienced other communities, work places, schools, etc., where the political correctness out-ruled the season of Christmas. This Christmas I am thankful that my family lives in a community where we can openly celebrate this season of Christmas and all it has to offer. Merry Christmas,

**Amy Cieloha
Vernonia**

Thanks to many for help with Bazaar

To the Editor:

We wish to thank the following people for their help with the Booster "Christmas in the Country" Bazaar: Barbara Rainbolt, Julie Ramsey, Penny Dean, Cathy Ward, Junior High Lead-

ership Class, Reginald Ward, Justin Ward, Teresa Gray, Marilyn Landers, John Dotter, Bryan Dotter, Sierra Waters, Jessica Farr, Cheyenne Farr, Derek Ramsey, Clayton Smith, Bill Yeo, Steve LeSollen, Nate Underwood.

Thanks to the following for their generous donations: Mike Pihl Logging, Vonnie McGinnis, Sentry Market, and all those who donated pies.

Lastly, thanks to the vendors and the customers, as well as the above mentioned for helping to make this year's bazaar a success!

**Corrie Smith, Jeni Waters
Shannon Dotter,
Kristin Ramsey
Bazaar Committee**

Fourth grade student earns contest prize

To the Editor:

Give Meren Deztler, a fourth grader, a BIG CONGRATULATIONS for being the big "Box

Tops" Winner!

Washington Grade School awarded her a mini jumping gym that was donated for the winner of this contest.

Meren had family members [from] out-of-state helping her collect all of the many "Box Tops" that made her a winner. Meren's dedicated, enthusiastic motivation should inspire us all to keep collecting those "Box Tops" for all our schools. Thanks, Meren!

Next contest deadlines will be June 1 and September 11. Each school in Vernonia will receive a donated gift to be awarded to the student who brings back the most "Box Tops" on each of those dates.

Good Luck!

**Virginia Kepner
Vernonia**



Ike Says

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unlike big game hunting. The friend who invited me has over 100,000 acres of private land to hunt on. This was a new experience for me, since I very rarely hunt on ranch land. The landscape was typical fallow fields and deep side canyons, where we tried to lure the coyotes out of their lairs. We failed miserably, much to the coyotes' delight, I'm sure. We never even saw one.

My friend was feeling disappointed that he did not get me into some coyotes, but I reassured him that I still had a good time. In fact I had a ball. We drove a pickup pulling 4-wheelers on a trailer and would drop the 4-wheelers off, then drive them out on mud roads to ridge tops. The 4-wheelers were the only way to get around since the thaw had melted the recent snow cover. My partner almost

found this out the hard way later in the day, when he pulled onto a partially improved ranch road and tried to turn around. Let's just say we were very grateful he had just installed a winch on his pickup a few days before our trip. Even though we didn't fire a shot, it was great day, the weather cooperated, it did not rain and I had a view of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams, they were gloriously white. I got to meet some new people and ate lunch in the big town of Dufur. While my friend was disappointed, I wasn't, you don't always have to pull a trigger to have a good time.

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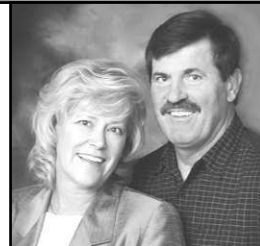
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