

Letters

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Donations sought for All-Night Grad party

To the Editor:

For the past 23 years the parents of graduating Vernonia seniors have provided a Drug and Alcohol Free All-Night Party. The tradition began to provide a fun and safe environment for seniors to celebrate this special occasion. Our goal is to provide an evening of entertainment, good food, and prizes. We hope to encourage the graduating seniors to spend one last memorable evening together and keep them safe at the same time.

That is why we are asking for your help in providing this experience for our graduates. We are looking for donations of any kind, such as: merchandise, service coupons, gift certificates/gift cards, T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats or cash. Cash donations will be used to purchase additional prizes and to help cover the party expenses. Any and all donations are

greatly appreciated. Donations may be sent to: Grad Night Party, Vernonia High School, 299 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call (503) 429-7941. We thank you for supporting our efforts to keep our graduates safe. Tax deductible checks should be made payable to: VHS Grad Night Party.

Sincerely,

The Parents of Graduating Seniors of Vernonia High School Class of 2006

Suddenly aware of Measure 37 results

To the Editor:

"Will you walk into my parlor"? Said the Spider to the Fly this poem by Mary Howitt reminds me of Measure 37. What seems so innocent is really very deceiving.

I became acutely aware of the complexity involved with Measure 37, when I was notified of the \$2.7 million claim filed by a neighbor for compensation, with Columbia County.

If you ask thirty different people their opinion on Measure 37, you will get thirty different answers. The only thing they all seem to agree on is Measure 37 will affect us all, either by granting the landowners request for rezoning, or higher taxes to pay for the claims.

I urge the 60 percent of Oregon voters, who voted Measure 37 in, to call their County Commissioners and State Representatives and ask who the real winners are. Maybe we need to think about repealing this sham of a law.

Alice Hulse Scappoose

60 feral cats treated at spay/neuter clinic

To the Editor:

February 12 again brought out the trusty volunteers and heroic cat caregivers for the annual Columbia County Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic. Sixty cats were altered and released; two very sick cats had to be euthanized. Thanks to this clinic, there will be at least 90 less

homeless kittens born in the county this year. This means less suffering, less fighting for your pet cats, less illness, etc., etc., etc.! About 30 cats remained on a waiting list for the clinic...some were altered at local clinics at a reduced rate; several are on the schedule for surgery at a Portland or Longview Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic.

As always, special thanks to Officer Laura Snyder, St. Helens City Code Enforcement Officer for the overall coordination of the clinic. Thanks also to the volunteering veterinarians for donation of long hours and surgical skills. Without Bruce Hale (Vancouver, Washington), Stacy Martzel (Warren), and lunchtime relief by Lew Fowler (Midway Veterinary Clinic in Warren) – the clinic would not have been possible.

Several local businesses provided necessary support for the clinic: All About Pets, Columbia Feed and Seed, Red Apple Market, Houlton Bakery, Sunshine Pizza, Burgerville, R.S. Media, Boise Cascade,

WalMart, Valley Vet Clinic, Columbia Vet Clinic, and Midway Vet Hospital.

Every year, it amazes me to see the dedication, and skill, and efficiency of these clinics. As in many issues, we see that it takes a team effort to keep the community healthy and livable. Thank you all!

**Jan Meador
St. Helens**

CASA effort will miss Doreen Hocraffer

To the Editor:

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Columbia County would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to its former Program Manager, Doreen Hocraffer. Doreen's dedication, enthusiasm and hard work are directly responsible for the stability the CASA program currently enjoys. Her new community will be fortunate to have her. Our best wishes go with her. She will be missed.

**Alice Dorschler,
Columbia County Health Board and CASA liaison**

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