

Letters

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hometown event came from a wonderful group of colorful people that painted a beautiful day. I so hope to come back and visit again to hear more stories of people's lives. Since Mike and Georgeann have two Model T Ford cars, dated 1924 and 1923, I received a country ride in Vernonia. I do believe the Rose Festival even photographed this Model T and presented [it] in *The Oregonian* as part of their write up column. It was a very pleasant flash back in time to visualize a car my mom and dad may have rode in when they were young.

My boyfriend, who is a paraplegic, was lifted caringly in a private plane to do aerobatics that day. It gave me a warm

feeling seeing Larry enjoy something that is a love of his life.

A special Thank You goes out to Tanner Hurley who biked into the airstrip to find out what was going on due to the flyers' announcing the event. He came as a blessing to Larry and myself. I wondered if he was an "angel" for he "flew in" just in time to help Larry get lifted into the plane for his "time in the sky." I'd so love to find out what career decision Tanner makes.

Again, thank you for this gorgeous town of Vernonia. I do hope to return soon.

Blessings always,

DeVon A. Chapman
Vancouver, Washington

Vernonia Justice Court

June 13 - 27, 2006

Jennifer Lea Grittman, 22, Vernonia, Furnishing Alcohol to Minor; case dismissed by DA.

Ivan Torrez, 31, Hillsboro, pled guilty to Disorderly Conduct; 18 mo. probation, Drug/alcohol eval., no contact with Lyons Den or other parties involved; \$521 FF&A.

Traffic..... 43
Bicycle citations..... 2
Marine..... 6
Weighmaster..... 1

Stolen funds intended to feed local families

To the Editor:

On April 25-26, Vernonia Cares Food Bank was burglarized of funds through a forced entry access. Several people have asked me about this break-in. The burglary happened after we went home from work on Tuesday, April 25. The thief broke in the office door.

Some people expressed the opinion that it was one of our staff who stole the money. Why would we break down the door when we had a key? I trust my fellow volunteers and staff completely. If they can't be trusted, they ought to be leaving. If you would like to discuss this, I am at the food bank every Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Stop by for coffee or tea to talk and see what we do.

Now, to the person(s) who did this theft: You must be very proud of yourself, to steal from a food bank! How can you hold your head up in public?

You not only took the food

bank's money, you also took about 20 hours of our time. These funds were the profits from a fundraiser, of which my wife and I were the chairmen. We drove to Aloha twice to pick up the products for this event, too. We are 71 and 68 years-old. We don't have many extra hours!

The food bank is on a tight budget. We assist an average of 185 people a month. The money we make from fundraising is used to pay expenses, like buying food through the Oregon Food Bank, and keeping six freezers and refrigerators running. Since the break-in, we've spent some of those funds to implement new security measures.

We work hard at the food bank to furnish a needed serv-

ice to the Vernonia, Buxton, Timber and Mist areas. If we are the nearest food bank to them, these people come to Vernonia Cares Food Bank. With gas prices what they are, some people wouldn't have food if Cares didn't provide it. If people in town don't have transportation, we even deliver their food order, if we can.

In closing, Mr. Thief, if you haven't spent all the money, you could return it anonymously to us by mailing it to Vernonia Cares, P.O. Box 126. No questions will be asked. Otherwise there is an open police investigation.

Sincerely,

Dave & Rosie McCoy
Vernonia Cares
Volunteers

Did You Know . . .

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ful driving through and around the schools as many children still use the playground equipment and basketball courts.

Watch for future articles in The Independent for more information on "Vernonia Night Out" on August 22, 2006. This will be an event similar to the National Night Out we had last year, but not so close to Jambooree.

Ike Says . . .

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done or the beavers trapped out, the results are a silted in mess. What happened on my secret stream will remain a mystery and the stream will recover over time. While the little stream is impaired, the fishing was still good, with around 30 Cutthroats landed in little more than two hours of fishing. I did not see much sign of Coho juveniles, which is a change from the past.

My father and I recently took our annual trip to Oxbow reservoir on the Snake River. It is absolutely amazing the amount of fish production these reservoir systems produce. The fishing was so good the last two days of our trip for catfish, that my back started to hurt! The crappie this year, while numerous in spots, were small and made great bait for catfish. It is interesting that, over time, you start to recognize people from previous years. Dad and I have become acquainted with sever-

al of these people. This year was the second time we threw a catfish feed at camp, with two other couples contributing to a potluck dinner. Good times indeed.

Izaak Walton League
Nehalem Valley Chapter
meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Call 503-429-7193 for location of meeting.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

Trivia answers (from page 19)

1. Six: southeast and southwest Portland; and Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, and Wal-lowa Counties.
2. Queen of Rosaria.
3. Pendleton Woolen Mills.
4. Ashland, at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.
5. 1970.
6. Its depth (1,932 feet) and clarity of water create the appearance.

WEATHER REPORT

JUNE 2006

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP. AMT.
	HI	LO	
1	64	54	.60
2	65	49	.07
3	69	55	.40
4	66	49	.04
5	69	43	--
6	66	40	--
7	62	48	T
8	58	49	.01
9	55	48	T
10	66	42	--
11	81	48	.10
12	67	52	.45
13	66	53	.02
14	61	51	.07
15	67	53	T
16	66	49	T
17	65	40	--
18	62	39	--
19	64	40	--
20	64	39	--
21	67	37	--
22	72	36	--
23	76	39	--
24	86	44	--
25	93	46	--
26	97	49	--
27	77	37	--
28	78	38	--
29	81	42	--
30	85	36	--

Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Measurable precipitation in June totalled 1.76 inches.

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