

Ike Says . . .

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Scouting during the off-season will give a hunter a feel for the number and types of animals in the area. Hunting a late season, though, means that the bulls will have gone to hiding in their favorite haunts, usually a

thick reprod patch. This is the aspect of hunting bull elk that is hard to teach, it has to be learned and for me there seems to be some sort of sixth sense, something that seems to guide me in the right direction at the right time. I call it

thinking like an elk.

The last part of successful elk hunting is to be ready. In many cases, the decision to shoot must be made in mere seconds. You must have your head in the game, if you start daydreaming it is all over. Car-

rying your rifle slung on your shoulder is almost a guarantee that you will miss this opportunity, in addition to having a scope full of water. It is tiresome to carry a rifle in your hands all day, but it will make the difference in a lot of en-

counters with a wily old bull. Have a Merry Christmas.

Izaak Walton League, Nehalem Valley Chapter meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Call 503-429-7193 for location.

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can provide the groceries, including a turkey, for a holiday meal.

If you're interested in receiving a box, please call me at Vernonia Cares (503-429-1414) by December 12, so we can add you to the registered recipients. (You must be pre-registered so we can order enough groceries.) The holiday food boxes are not limited to Vernonia Cares clients; these are available to anyone within our community who needs grocery assistance for a holiday meal. If your church or organization plans to provide holiday groceries directly to someone, would you call me? This will prevent duplications. Thanks.

Many people have donated food, turkeys, and money. Again, thank you so much for your donations. Each year, directed funds support this endeavor, as I'm sure it will this year. We live in a generous community. Opportunities to give towards the holiday baskets include donating through the check stands at Sentry Market or dropping off food in designated boxes located in several other Vernonia businesses. Thanks, businesses, for the many ways you support Vernonia Cares.

Another opportunity to show community support to this food bank happens this Saturday, December 9. All local Scout troops will canvas our town, door to door, to pick up food donations. They will then bring it to Vernonia Cares. Last year the town gave over 1,000 lbs. of food during the "Scouting for Food" drive. Suggested items to donate are canned or boxed foods, baby diapers, paper products, or any cleaning or personal care products. I'm thankful to all the Scout troops and leaders who perform this valuable service each year for Vernonia Cares.

If you are donating food for the Scouts to pick up, please

have the grocery items bagged, marked and by your front door by 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 9. If your food isn't picked up by the afternoon, please call Vernonia Cares (503-429-1414) and leave a message. We'll make arrangements to come by and pick it up (although it might be a later day). As always, all food donated stays within this community and helps low income families.

Anyone wishing to donate tax deductible funds to this local food bank may mail them directly to Vernonia Cares at PO Box 126, Vernonia, OR 97064. If you wish the funds to go to the holiday food boxes, please designate that intent on the check. Otherwise, the money will help buy groceries and provide the support services (rent, electricity, etc.) to keep Vernonia Cares open year 'round. Through our regular food box distribution, Cares helps about 200 people (80 families) every month. One third of our clients are children.

Some people lament over the "smallness" of our town. However, because of our size, we are more in touch with the needs of our people. We have a strong network of caring peo-

ple in and around Vernonia who give of their time, talents and money to help others. I count myself blessed to live within Vernonia. I hope you do, too. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of you.

**Sandy Welch, Director
Vernonia Cares
Food Bank**

Boone thanks voters for all of the support

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my supporters and helpers who helped me win my re-election race. It is a privilege and an honor to represent everyone in House District 32.

I appreciate all of you who voted for me, put up yard signs, recorded radio ads and wrote letters to the paper in support.

I look forward to a successful session working with all of my colleagues in the Capitol and our Governor to make our Oregon the best state in the USA.

**Rep. Deborah Boone (D)
Oregon District 32**

Vernonia Justice Court

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duct II; 18 mo bench probation, civic responsibility class, no contact with victim, no alcohol, \$353 FF&A.

Jerry Keller II, 34, Vernonia, guilty of DUI; 2 days jail, 365 days jail suspended, 2 yrs bench probation, no drugs/alcohol, alcohol eval., VIP, \$1280 FF&A.

Warren Pilkington, 29, Warren, successfully completed probation; case closed.

Marta Dotter, 44, North Plains, pled guilty to Disorderly Conduct II (Harassment charge dismissed); 1 yr probation, no contact with Vernonia Sentry, no contact (with exception) with victim, \$634 FF&A.

Traffic..... 23
Game..... 7
Marine..... 2
DWS..... 3
Weighmaster..... 2

Hands On Art thanks all for talent show

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Hands On Art Board, I want to thank all the performers and the audience who attended our second annual variety show benefit. We raised funds for Hands on Art and a huge basket of canned goods for Vernonia Cares. Once again, special thanks go to Carol Pelster for contacting performers and directing the show, to Mayor Sally Harrison for being a great emcee, to Josette Mitchell for preparing and printing the programs, and to the staff and students from VSD 47J who helped with the sometimes quirky sound system, lights,

curtains, and other logistics.

I think I speak for the rest of the audience in saying that we had a delightful evening enjoying the many talents of our local artists. We hope that many more of you will be inspired to perform and to share the fun at next year's show.

**Tobie Finzel
Vernonia**

Councilor thanks voters for support

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all of you who voted for me for City Council. I appreciate your vote of confidence. I truly care about our community and will do my best to serve you well.

**Shirlee Daughtry
Vernonia**

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