

**Letters**

**From page 24  
U.S. born people are citizens of the U.S.**

To the Editor:  
In a recent letter to the Chronicle William Barnum argued that people born in the United States of illegal immigrants were not U.S. citizens because they were not "subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S." Other than diplomats and their families, I'm not aware of any class of U.S. born people living in the U.S. that are not "under the jurisdiction" of the U.S. If a U.S. born child of an illegal immigrant robbed a bank

in St. Helens she's going to jail like anyone else – a claim that the courts "didn't have jurisdiction" over her would be a joke. Moreover, arguing that people born in the U.S. weren't citizens unless they could show their parents were citizens would produce vast unintended consequences for the rest of us. Right now a number of states have adopted rules requiring, for example, proof of citizenship to vote. To meet these requirements under Barum's Rule, not only would a person have to show they were born in the U.S. to demonstrate citizenship, but in order to

prove their citizenship they would have to prove that their parents were U.S. citizens, and to prove that their parents were U.S. citizens (even though born in the U.S.) they would have to show that their parents were U.S. citizens, etc., etc. How many of us could do that if birth in the U.S. was not sufficient proof of citizenship? This obviously would produce a bureaucratic horror for all of us. Surely it make much better sense to keep the current rule which allows a person to demonstrate U.S citizenship by simply proving that they were born here.

Yours truly,  
**Michael F. Sheehan  
Scappoose**

**First poinsettia sale was well supported**

To the Editor:  
We would like to thank the community of Vernonia for their support of our first annual fundraiser with the poinsettia sale. Because of Vernonian's kind hearts and generosity, the Girl Scout Neighborhood 4-2 of Vernonia now has a solid foundation to build upon. This will help our Girl Scouts be the best that they can be,

and in return be able to give back to our community. Thank you again for all your support,

**Debroah Aeh and  
Girl Scout  
Neighborhood 4-2  
Vernonia**

**WEATHER REPORT  
NOVEMBER 2006**

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP. AMT.
	HI	LO	
1	55	37	.30
2	48	48	1.17
3	57	48	1.29
4	57	48	1.10
5	59	58	2.15
6	62	57	2.20
7	58	40	.52
8	51	39	.37
9	51	46	.17
10	46	34	1.53
11	51	41	.39
12	49	43	.95
13	53	31	.83
14	49	31	T
15	52	36	.72
16	53	33	--
17	52	36	--
18	51	46	.07
19	50	37	.34
20	47	42	.87
21	47	40	1.03
22	45	36	.93
23	43	37	1.04
24	42	31	.42
25	39	31	.60
26	46	29	.65
27	37	23	.49
28	39	20	T
29	39	20	.34
30	38	31	.07

Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Measurable precipitation in November totalled 20.54 inches.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Notice of Public Hearing**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vernonia Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on a request from Vernonia Cares Food Bank, Tax Lot Number 4404-032-04400, for a Conditional Use Permit for the use of freight box trailer to store extra groceries for the Food Bank in a General Commercial Zone, as provided for by Section 3.050 of the Vernonia Zoning Ordinance No. 711. A copy of the application is available for inspection at Vernonia City Hall located at 1001 Bridge Street, and may be copied for a nominal fee.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the Vernonia Planning Commission on Thursday, January 4, 2007, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon at 7:00 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed Conditional Use Permit will be heard.

The Public Hearing is governed by Vernonia Ordinance 711. A staff report will be available to the public at City Hall one week before the hearing, and

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may be copied for a nominal fee. Failure to raise an issue in a hearing, in person or by letter or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the board based on that issue. Public testimony is welcome, and written statements will also be received before the hearing.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours prior to public hearing to Kate Conley at 503-429-5291, TTY 1-800-735-2900 or at City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR. The City of Vernonia is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer. Publish December 21, 2006

**Public Notice and  
Notice of Public Hearing**

The City of Vernonia is the recipient of a 2004 Community Development Block Grant for the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department.

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Written comments are also welcome and must be received by 1:00 p.m. on December 27, 2006, at the Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia OR 97604. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the Vernonia City Council.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours prior to public hearing to Kate Conley at 503-429-5291, TTY 1-800-735-2900 or City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia OR.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the project, and records about the City of Vernonia's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at City Hall during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify Kate Conley, City Recorder, at 503-429-5291 ext 104, so the appropriate assistance can be provided.

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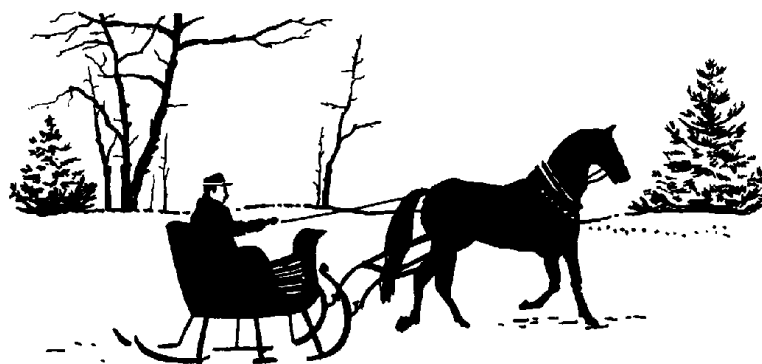
**Did You Know . . .**

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trict and Superintendent Ken Cox for the use of the Middle School as a shelter, Gretchen Lindauer and her family for cooking/serving thousands of meals in the shelter, John Lewis for his logistical support at the school, the student volunteers from the school who distributed thousands of flyers, the Vernonia Senior Center for opening their doors and helping people out, Grant Williams and the Vernonia Community Church for being a second shelter location, Mike Pihl for offering fuel for vehicles and generators, and everyone else (too numerous to mention) who volunteered their time and energy to help others. Though we

don't have a lot of resources in this community we continue to give freely to others to help in time of need.

I would like to end by reminding everyone that events like this remind us that we need to be prepared in advance. Everyone should have a 72-hour emergency kit large enough for everyone in your family. You can go to the American Red Cross website <http://www.redcross.org/> to see a list of suggested items for your 72-hour emergency kits. There is also a link to the Red Cross website on the VPD website. Thank you, again, to everyone who volunteered during the event and to all Vernonians for caring for each other.

*Wishing You and yours a very Merry  
Holiday Season and a Happy New Year*



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