

Business Notes

Vernonia's new Postmaster already acquainted with most of staff



Janet Wedgworth, Vernonia's new U.S. Postmaster

After months with an Officer in Charge (OIC), Vernonia has a postmaster again. Janet Wedgworth took over the keys to the Vernonia Post Office on January 8. OIC is the terminology the postal service uses for a temporary postmaster.

Wedgworth has lived in Scappoose all her life, except for five years away at college. She will

continue to live in Scappoose, with husband Jeremy, and children, Allison (9) and Trevor (8). After college Wedgworth spent a few years working in grocery stores, then started working at the Beaverton Post Office in 1998. Her last position was six months as OIC at Canby, before spending December as OIC in St. Helens.

Programs continue during winter at Tillamook Forest Center

Winter hasn't stopped the great family fun at the Tillamook Forest Center, although it has moved some of the programs indoors. All events are FREE and open to all ages, unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, January 27 at 1:00 p.m., will feature "Owls: Silent Hunters of the Night."

Take a close-up look at the owls of the Tillamook State Forest. Learn to identify these incredible birds of prey and recognize their calls. Find out the adaptations that make these birds some of the most skilled nocturnal hunters in the forest. Learn what signs to look for

that will help you find owls in their natural habitat.

An Open Bluegrass Jam will be on Sunday, January 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Bluegrass music is a way of celebrating the settlers who composed music about day to day life experiences. It reflected the lives of those living in the hills and mountains. The Tillamook Forest has had its share of settlers and homesteaders, and we certainly have our share of mountains. Bring your mandolins, fiddles, guitars and banjos and join in the fun. All ages and abilities are welcome.

After starting in the office here, she found out she had worked in Beaverton with one of the Vernonia staff, Peter O'Leary; her high school English teacher is married to the Scappoose/Vernonia driver, Joel Haugen; and she went to

school in Scappoose with Nicole Conley, one of the Vernonia mail carriers. "I already feel at home here," said Wedgworth.

Wedgworth said she does not anticipate making any drastic changes in the Vernonia of-

ice, "From what I've seen, it's a well run office with a good, knowledgeable group of employees." She has already joined the Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce and looks forward to being involved in the community.

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