



# Vernonians cleaned-up the town on April 28



## Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



H o , Hum – not a dull or slow minute t h e weekend of April 21 - 22 . T h e Road Rally was a lot of fun for ducks and fish. You can't class it as déjà vu either. 2006 (if you recall) it was hot and dry. Sleeveless shirts and shorts weather, no breeze and drink anything that was cool. This year we had RAIN, wind and mud. For clothing, I personally had on hat, gloves, t-shirt, long sleeve shirt, heavy vest and winter windbreaker.

A warning – I got a postcard in the mail the other day – It may not be a scam, but to me it is wrong. "Final Notice – vehicle warranty protection expires,

ID#, blah, blah...call within 72 hrs to re-establish coverage, have VIN# and exact mileage. This is no apology – just fact. In a conversation with friends the other day, just talking, personalities came up. Speaking of and to me one said I was not very diplomatic. Ok. so – Black is Black, White is White and Truth is fact – anyhow you cut it – I'm stuck with what I think, don't want my opinion – don't ask or draw my attention to something askew. This is still America, land of the free, I think.

Back to the Road Rally now – Vernonia Cares says Thank You to one and all who stopped at their food booth Saturday and Sunday and for all donations toward our goal of providing food and other services to the folks of this area.

Remember – May is going to be warmer.

## Next Museum Talk will be May 20

The Vernonia Pioneer Museum Association's May Museum Talk will be held Sunday, May 20, at 2:00 p.m. with Mark Greathouse. A descendant of the Malmsten family, Greathouse will discuss his ancestors, who were early homesteaders in the Vernonia area. This event will be held at the Vernonia Pioneer Museum, 555 E. Bridge Street.

Over twenty-five patrons enjoyed last month's talk featuring Ralph Condit. We appreciated

his overview of Vernonia's founding and his anecdotes about the Condit and Parker families.

Stop by to see our special May display on the Vernonia Melodramas. Regular museum winter hours (1-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays) will continue through May. The next Museum Board meeting is Wednesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. All members and supporters of the museum are welcome to attend.

## Oral history training to be offered

The Columbia County Cultural Coalition is sponsoring an Oral History training session, June 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Community Cultural Center in Clatskanie. The cost is \$35 including lunch.

The trainer is Donna Sinclair. The session is limited to 30 registrants.

To register, or for further information, contact Larry Cole at 503-728-9854 or via email at ldcole@charter.net.

## Hearing on Skills Park on May 17

The Skills Park Group, along with project planner Ric Balfour and Associates, has been hard at work completing the Master Plan for the park development, and are ready to request permission to begin construction!

On Thursday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, they will present their plan, and request a Conditional Use Permit at a Hearing before the City Planning Commission. If you are interested in getting an update

on the Bicycle Skills Park, please come out and show your support for the Skills Park effort, and for the future of Vernonia.

In addition to the Bike Skills Park, the Conditional Use request will include the development of a Skateboard Park, the new Senior Center, a Mill Interpretive Center, and an Event Amphitheater on privately held property on the site.

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### Vernonia Community Learning Center

939 Bridge St., Vernonia

Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m

Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Along with an open heart and mind, participants (17 and up) should bring a notebook and pen or pencil, a bag lunch for Saturday and, if possible a piece of cardboard —like the side of a box.

Call (503)429-4748 for more information or to pre-register

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## Vernonia Lions Club presents No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em Tournament



Saturday, May 19 at The Buckhorn Restaurant

Registration starts at 5:30 pm.

The tournament starts at 6pm

**\$40 Buy-In No Re-Buys 50% goes to charity  
Room for 49 players only, so sign up fast!!!**



**Projected Pre-paid VISA card Payouts:**

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With 20 players	\$180	\$112	\$68	\$40	\$0
With 40 players	\$344	\$208	\$120	\$80	\$48

Payout structures for other amounts of players available upon request.

To sign up, or get more information, please call

Aaron Miller at 503-429-6049 or George Tice at 503-429-3751.