

Letters

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which the Parks committee chooses to plant, maintain and remove trees. An ordinance to specifically address trees is not necessary or advisable at this time within the City of Vernonia

- Resource Library – The council should make available a resource library within Vernonia Municipal Library. At minimum, the resource library should contain the following:

- Trees which are compatible with the Vernonia area climate
- The growth rate, needs and maintenance of tree species
- Policies – No recommendations.

The staff of Vernonia Public Works sections capable and there is a clear direction to decision making.

- Brochure – None recommenda-

tion. This would be covered by the Resource Library. Staff may direct individuals to the library informally.

- Arbor Day – no recommendations.

Ed. Note: Trees are mentioned in Vernonia's nuisance (health & safety) ordinance, in regulations regarding public rights-of-way, and in the planning code, but there is no "tree" ordinance.



Many will take scholarships with them to college

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Lindauer, Julianna Pelster (homeschooled).

Gene Weller Memorial (\$500); Kevin Johnston.

Vernonia Education Association; Brent Thompson (\$800), Willie Hansen (\$500).

Windermere (\$500); Brittney Lindauer.

WOEC Sam Hearing (\$500

each); Brittney Lindauer, Erin Gehrke.

VOLTA (\$1250 each); Colton DeWitt, Travis Baker.

Isaak Walton League (\$250); Erin Gehrke.

Mist/Birkenfeld Helping Circle (\$750); Kevin Johnston.

VHS Alumni (\$1000); Brent Thompson.

Wauna Federal Credit Union

(\$1000); Erin Gehrke.

Karen Pitt-Kilgore Memorial (\$700); Nandi VanMeter.

Holce Logging; Brent Thompson (\$3000), Brittney Lindauer (\$2000), Christina Sohler (\$2000), Nandi VanMeter (\$1000), Danielle Robb (\$1000), Jessica Espinoza (\$1000).

Zack Rumbolz Memorial; Nicole Frantz (\$4000), Jessica Leach (\$1000), Willie Hansen (\$1000), Brittney Lindauer (\$500), Kevin Johnston (\$500), Jeff Paleck (\$500), Megan Farmer (\$500).

In addition, Holce Logging also provided the following scholarships to 2006 graduates; Kristin Cota (\$3000), Tim Hein (\$1500), and Kristin Kelly (\$1500).

LESLIE GEORGE BOWDEN

Leslie George Bowden, 70, Longview, Washington, died June 4, 2007. Services were held June 9 at the Church of Latter-Day Saints in Forest Grove.

Mr. Bowden was born May 25, 1937, in Moise, Montana, to William Chauncey and Alice Long Bowden. In 1943, he attended school in Vernonia. Later, he attended schools in Scofield, Manning and Timber. He graduated from Banks High School in 1955. He worked at Long-Bell lumber mill from May to November 1955. He served in the U.S. Navy, then worked at Weyerhaeuser Company until he retired in 1992.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Chauncey Jr., and a half-brother, Elmer Nolan Carlson.

Survivors include his wife, June Scott Bowden; a son, Leslie Wynn Bowden; four step-children, Brenda Lee Chambers, Michael Duane Chambers, Patricia Sophie Chambers, and Robert Roy Chambers; his mother, Alice Long Bowden Carlson Rasmussen; three brothers, Duane Bowden,

glass fibers and a couple showed fungal problems. The areas will be cleaned and then re-tested to see whether the findings represented only residual debris or ongoing issues.

The board was presented with a suggestion to designate September 4 as an early release day, with dismissal at 1:30 for students in grades 1-6 and 9. Students in grades 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 would start school on September 5. This schedule would allow an orientation day for students in sixth and ninth grades. Board member Ernie Smith opposed the change; the majority voted in favor.

Retiring board members Tim Titus and Randy Hansen (Hansen was not in attendance) were given farewells, including a somewhat emotional one by board member Kim Wallace, and plaques in appreciation of their service. Newly elected members Tim Bamburg and Gregg Kintz will join the board

at the July meeting.

In other business, the board;

- approved an amendment to the superintendent's contract that will run until the contract is renegotiated,

- approved new language arts textbooks,

- accepted resignations of Brad McKedy, Dominic Nardelli, Dan Utter, Lindsey Dunkel, Adena Nelson, and Kim Morrison,

- approved the hiring of Ashley Rogers for middle and high school Math/Technology and David Spackman for Elementary Counselor,

- approved the resolution adopting the 2007-08 budget,

- approved a contract with Curl School Bus Service, Inc. This was needed due to a reconfiguring of Curl's Transportation Co., Inc.

The next board meeting will be held on July 12, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the district office, 475 Bridge St., Vernonia.

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Obituary

FLORENCE MAE AKERS



Florence Mae Akers, 94, formerly of Vernonia, died June 18, 2007. Funeral services are being held today at 1:00 p.m. at Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia with Pastor John Cahill officiating. Concluding rites and interment will follow at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Room at the Vernonia Baptist Church, 359 A St.

Mrs. Akers was born May 13, 1913, in Yale, Idaho, to Joseph E. and Ella Florence (Offill) Tipton. She was raised in several communities, including Vernonia, where she attended Pleasant Hill School.

In 1935, she married Lee William Akers. They made their home in Pocatello, Idaho, then Payette, Id., before moving to Vernonia in 1947. She was a homemaker. In 2004, she moved to Forest Grove.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a grandson, Steve Akers.

Survivors include a son, Larry Akers of Coquille; two daughters, Nancy Devine of Vernonia, and Joyce DeHart of Portland; a sister, Melissa Baker of Weiser, Id.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, Columbia/Willamette Chapter, 1311 NW 21 Ave., Portland OR 97209.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove is in charge of arrangements.

and Madras; his mother of Madras; a brother, Michael of Vernonia; a sister, Carol Elek of Redmond; and seven grandchildren.

MARY OLIVE FORD

Mary Olive Ford, 85, Clackamas, died May 25, 2007. A memorial service was held June 2 at the King of Kings Lutheran Church in Milwaukie, followed by inurnment at Willamette National Cemetery.

Mrs. Ford was born September 2, 1921, in Mist, to Charles and Jane (Salmi) Hansen. She graduated from Vernonia High School in 1941, and moved to Portland.

In 1943, she married Thomas J. Ford. After the death of her husband in 1982, she worked at several Fred Meyer stores as a fabric sales clerk.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Norman Hansen, and a sister, LaVerna Kulju.

Survivors include two sons, Charles Ford of Molalla and James Ford of Lebanon; a sister, Priscilla Roeser of

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