

Letters

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most likely "Rovian" facts: lies that are repeated so often, they become mistaken for the truth. Let's look a little deeper into the soul of the proposition writer, who in previous missives

has claimed to be a Christian. If so, perhaps he is in need of a refresher course in the book of Matthew, particularly:

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me. *Matthew 25:40*

"Judge not that ye be not judged. For with that judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." *Matthew 7:1-2*

The writer of the proposition, who appears to be so intolerant of anyone different than himself, might be well advised to go to Mexico and work with a wonderful Christian group there called "Habitat for Humanity". Get an idea of how Mexicans try to live day after day under extremely oppressive conditions. While working to help them improve their conditions, you might begin to open your heart to understand why so many of them risk their lives to slip into the United States in hope of a better life and a living wage. The idea that because Freightliner moved so many jobs to Mexico should be of benefit to all Mexicans is ludicrous. Just how many hundreds of thousands of needy workers is Freightliner supposed to hire?

Let me close with a fable of a wealthy Chinese Emperor. He slept fitfully one night, seeing in a dream a huge banquet of food at a table, and his many workers around it, all starving, but none eating, for their chopsticks were 3 feet long. His

dream disturbed him so that he spent much of the next day simply observing his workers, and seeking much self-reflection. As he slept the following night, again he saw the same banquet, and all of his workers around it, but this time they were eating; feeding each other with the 3 foot chopsticks.

The moral is that we must all work together to come to a solution to the problem, and disgracing and vilifying immigrants (legal or not) is not the way to go about it. And since the administration in Washington DC doesn't have a plan, nor do the Border States around Mexico, it is incumbent upon us to look into our hearts and work together with the immigrants to start to find a humane solution. As a good start toward that solution I encourage us all NOT to sign on to any anti-worker ballot measures circulating in the county. Thank you!!!!!!

**Gigi Gordon
St. Helens**

VHS Boosters need help of volunteers

To the Editor:

With the start of the school year also comes the need for volunteers. That mysterious group of people who give freely their time, skills or other resources in hopes of making a difference in the lives of Vernonia students of all ages. That being said, the Vernonia High School Booster Club would like to extend an invitation to the residents in our community to join the Booster Club and help with the many different responsibilities the Boosters undertake.

The Boosters have worked hard over the years to increase their ability to help students. At the senior awards banquet last spring, Booster President Herb Huson was able to announce an increase in the quantity of scholarships awarded to graduating seniors from two to four. The money that allowed that scholarship quantity increase is earned through the hard work of many volunteers at various different events. Some volunteers help with football concessions, many help with the Jamboree BBQ or other events. There is also an annual donations of funds from the generous individuals who organize and oversee the annual Christmas Bazaar. That donation is earmarked specifically for scholarships.

If you would like to offer your time, skills or other resources please plan on attending the monthly Booster Club meetings. Those meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the VHS library. If you are unable to attend a meeting but would still like to offer your time, please contact one of the following individuals:

Booster Club President Herb Huson at 429-3300

Concession Director Lisa Brewer at 429-4250 or brewerl@hsd.k12.or.us

Booster Club Secretary Marla Rethwill at 429-2031.

**Marla Rethwill
Vernonia Booster Club
Secretary**

Thanks for Jamboree gaming show success

To the Editor:

Vernonia RidgeRiders Jamboree Gaming Show Results for Hi-Point Silver Buckle Winners, by class, were:

9 & Under – Kassidy Fetch
10-14 – Cortney Haworth
15-20 – Keerstyn Haworth
21-45 – Kendell Nelson
46 & Over – Vikki Issak

Vickie Dilday of Vernonia was the winner of the American Spirit Silver Raffle Buckle.

The Vernonia RidgeRiders would like to thank their Silver Buckle Sponsors: Oregon Mounted Shooting Assoc., Mike Pihl Logging, Napa Auto Parts & Shaw Supply, Sentry Market, Vernonia Hardware, Wauna Federal Credit Union and Weller & Sons Trucking. The RidgeRiders and all participants appreciate the donations from their sponsors which help make our Jamboree Playday exciting and competitive.

**Jeri Cropp
Vernonia RidgeRiders**

St. Mary's thanks to CATV for publicity

To the Editor:

St. Mary's Catholic Church would like to thank Mike and Georgeann Seager for advertising our upcoming Quilt Fair and Craft Bazaar as well as for promoting our other fundraisers, especially our Annual Rummage Sale earlier this year, on their Vernonia Cable TV.

We truly appreciate the support we receive from them and other community businesses in our fundraising efforts.

Thanks again,

**Judy Budge
St. Mary's**

4-H County Fair results continued

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Brianna Carr, Vernonia; Teri McGettigan, Warren.

Gaming, Key Race, Senior: White Award – Jessica Teeter, Boring; Stephanie Carr, Vernonia; Marissa Clement, Vernonia; Ashley Paleck, Vernonia; Katherine Van Winkle, Warren.

Gaming, Pole Bending, Intermediate: Red Award – Staci Baker, Scappoose; Brianna Carr, Vernonia; Alysha Sandstrom, Warren.

Gaming, Pole Bending, Senior: White Award – Jessica Keene, Rainier; Stephanie Carr, Vernonia; Marissa Clement, Vernonia; Ashley Paleck, Vernonia; Katherine Van Winkle, Warren.

Gaming, Flag Race, Intermediate: Red Award – Christine Mapes, Scappoose; Jennifer Rhine, Boring; Brianna Carr, Vernonia.

Gaming, Flag Race, Senior: Champion and Blue Award – Stephanie Carr, Vernonia.

White Award – Ashley Ekstrom, Rainier; Jessica Keene, Rainier; Maike Fox, St. Helens; Marissa Clement, Vernonia; Ashley Paleck, Vernonia; Katherin Van Winkle, Warren.

SHEEP

Crossbred Meat Breeds color incl., Yearling Ewe: Blue Award – Robbie Greisen, Scappoose; Mary

Jo Itel, Scappoose; Ashley Savage, St. Helens; Chelsea Yarbor, St. Helens; Jacob Tatman, Vernonia; Katie Tatman, Vernonia.

Market Lamb: Blue Award – Austin Haas, Clatskanie; Shelly Crape, Rainier; Elizabeth Green, Clatskanie; Brad White, Clatskanie; Cassi White, Clatskanie; Dalton Gonzales, Deer Island; Brett Keller, Portland; Michael Keller, Portland; Cray McDaniel, Rainier; Jett McDaniel, Rainier; Robbie Greisen, Scappoose; Mary Jo Itel, Scappoose; Ashley Savage, St. Helens; Brandy Savage, St. Helens; Courtney Savage, St. Helens; John Gardner III, Vernonia;

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