

Vernonia Justice Court

November 13 - 27, 2007

Traffic..... 36

WEATHER REPORT

NOVEMBER 2007

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP. AMT.
	HI	LO	
1	53	28	--
2	57	25	--
3	63	28	T
4	61	36	--
5	67	33	--
6	64	32	--
7	64	34	--
8	58	41	--
9	53	41	.32
10	55	33	.16
11	52	34	.17
12	53	39	.32
13	51	32	--
14	54	28	.03
15	55	43	.42
16	52	48	.44
17	57	39	.21
18	41	38	.47
19	44	37	.15
20	55	32	--
21	47	27	--
22	47	26	--
23	47	23	--
24	40	27	--
25	48	25	--
26	40	26	.52
27	46	32	.24
28	40	32	.96
29	40	32	.22
30	38	30	.02

Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Measurable precipitation in November totalled 4.65 inches.

Did You Know . . .

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hour or so, the water burst from the river/creek banks and started consuming the town. Officers Walters, Dalrymple, Conner, and myself worked feverishly to block off flooded streets and tell people they should evacuate. I soon realized the town was going to be bisected, so I put officers and vehicle on both the east and the west side of the city to respond to calls and assist citizens. As I waded through waist deep water checking residences, I wondered if this flood was worse than '96 but soon realized it didn't even matter, this was the 2007 Flood and we needed to focus on the task at hand as well as the future of our little town.

The future will hopefully be bright. Through the recovery phase we have received massive amounts of help from numerous police agencies to make sure we had 24-hour coverage. The fire department has also received help from numerous departments to ensure adequate fire protection for the district. The State Fire Marshall's Office sent in an Overhead Team to help manage the recovery phase and everyone from ODOT to the National Guard to the Department of Corrections, and everyone in between, has come to our town

to help us recover. To everyone I want to say thank you and would like them to know if they are ever in need, we will be there for them!

Unfortunately, with the pain and sorrow of the disaster come the inevitable swarm of people who want to profit from the pain of others. We continue to receive reports of scammers, thieves, and con-artists trying to prey on the misfortune of others. Don't be victimized twice during this event. Use common sense and never give your personal information to anyone over the phone, even if they are claiming to be "helping" Vernonia Flood Victims. There are still plenty of volunteers helping to haul flood debris away, don't be pressured to pay anyone for this service. Ask for the credentials of anyone wanting to inspect or be in your residence. Register with Victim's Assistance at the Vernonia Community Learning Center to help with your needs or if you have items to donate. Any monetary donations should go through the accounts set up at Wauna Federal Credit Union and US Bank. If you feel you have been contacted by a scammer, or if you are the victim of any type of crime, be sure to report it to the police. We need to know what type of activity is occurring.

Boating safety courses offered

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spots. When we talk to boaters, many tell us they thought they knew all there was to know about boating safety. After taking a classroom course, they realize there's a lot more to it," Koloszar says.

Classroom courses are organized to make learning easy, fun and interactive. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, Oregon State Marine Board volunteer instructors and other private providers offer classroom courses throughout the state.

Another option is taking an equivalency exam from your local Sheriff's office. Equivalency exams are designed for the experienced boater who wants to challenge taking a boating safety course. Approved Internet courses are also available.

Prices for classroom and Internet courses vary from free to \$45. The fine for not carrying a boater education card is \$97.

The Mandatory Education Law was passed in 1999, with the goal of reducing boating accidents, property damage and fatalities on Oregon's waterways. Statistics show that educated boaters are less likely to undergo reckless behavior that can lead to accidents or fatalities. Since the law was passed, there's been a reduction in

boating accidents, and motorboat fatalities are trending downward.

For information about classroom courses in your area, taking an equivalency exam, or for an approved Internet course, visit the Marine Board's website at www.boatoregon.com.

Vernonia Police Dept.

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18, and Brandon Peura, 20, both of Vernonia, cited for MIP. Peura was also cited for Trespassing in the Lincoln School donation tents.

— Jason Hennessey, 22, Vernonia, cited for Providing Alcohol to a Minor.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

Trivia answers (from page 19)

1. Salem, beginning in 1850.
2. Portland, where his family was involved in the hotel business.
3. Operating a women's hat shop in Albany.
4. The Bible, and the "Sears and Sawbucks" and "Monkey Ward" catalogs.
5. 1910-1914, but they lost all five championship games.
6. Sumpter mining district in Baker County.

Obituary

KRISTEN S. "LENNY" AKERS



Kristen S. "Lenny" Akers, 59, Vernonia, died December 7, 2007. A private celebration of her life will be held on her birthday in May, 2008.

Ms. Akers was born May 18, 1948, in San Jose, California, to James Leslie and Lois Mae (Cronkite) Akers. She was raised in San Jose.

She was fiercely independent, curiously seeking out culture and challenging injustices in a spirit that took her

many places. Ms. Akers moved from Los Cruces, New Mexico, to Vernonia in early 2007 to be near her family.

She was a flight attendant for World Airways, based in Oakland, Calif., and Japan. After traveling extensively throughout the world, she returned to Northern California, working in the medical field and caring for a brother, Stephen, who was in a coma. In addition to her work, Ms. Akers was creatively gifted, working in textiles and wood, plus oriental landscaping.

Ms. Akers was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Stephen.

She is survived by five sisters, Gretchen Lindauer of Vernonia, Lisa Akers of Barstow, Calif., Judy Simpson of Star, Idaho, Karin Martin of San Diego, Calif., and Julie Akers of Portland; three brothers, Mark of Vernonia, Mike of Depoe Bay, and Kevin of Bend; many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that remembrances be to Death with Dignity National Center, 520 SW Sixth Ave., Suite 1030, Portland, OR 97204 (www.deathwithdignity.org), or to the Vernonia Public Library, in her memory.

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

SCOTT MCNAIR

Scott McNair, 55, Battle Ground, Washington, died December 6, 2007. Private burial has taken place. A memorial service was held December 14.

Mr. McNair was born June 15, 1952, in Portland, to Richard and Pat McNair. He lived in Vernonia until age 6, when his family moved to Amboy, Wash. He graduated from Battle Ground High School in 1970 and earned a Bachelor's degree in microbiology and public health from Washington State University in 1974.

He married Pam Dunning in 1972; they had two children and she died in 1997. He married Jackie Doney in 2001.

Mr. McNair worked for the local health department until starting his own septic engineering/consulting business, which he continued for nearly 30 years. He also worked in real estate, land development and residential construction, as well as owning a motel, mobile home park and equipment rental shop, and raising alpacas and other exotic animals.

Survivors include his wife; his father, of Amboy, son Cory of Ridgefield, Wash., daughter Traci Kuzma of Van-

couver; stepsons Jason Dixon and Jordan Dixon, both of Washougal, Wash.; sisters Sue Dier of New York, Teri Sund of Battle Ground, Keri Tobel and Lisa McNair, both of Amboy; five grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the ALS Association of Oregon & SW Washington.

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