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# THE INDEPENDENT

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It's been a long time since we had snow like Christmas. Epler resigns



...long-time Fire District Board member Paul Epler, resigned his position during the December 9 meeting of the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors. His resignation was effective December 15.

Minutes from the December 9 board meeting have not yet been transcribed and were not available at press time.

"The board will fill an interim position in order to maintain the community and going to pursue fill-position," stated

not return phone Tuesday.

**The INDEPENDENT  
GIFT SUBSCRIPTION  
1 YEAR ONLY \$20  
503-429-9410**

A log truck continues to travel through the snow on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. This photo was taken at approximately 10 a.m.

## Reward offered for information on damage to trees

A reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for criminal activity on Longview Timber property, off Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy. near milepost 47. The incident occurred either on the morning of Friday, November 20 or the early morning of November 22, when a Longview Timber re-prod timber yard was damaged. The damage estimated at several thousand dollars.

Contact Sr. Trooper Robin May at 503-397-0325 ext. 43, or the Oregon State Police TIP line at 1-800-452-7888. Callers may remain anonymous.

The reward is being offered by the Oregon Hunters Association-Columbia County Chapter and Longview Timber in cooperation with the Oregon State Police and Wildlife Division.



Children, including this one, enjoyed the snow on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at Vernonia's Anderson Park.

## Vernonia Cares still seeking donations

Back to back these three simple words describe the efforts at Vernonia Cares food bank. We all have a role to play in helping local residents in need. Your donation through the Pacific Food Bank is appreciated. Approximately 14 percent of your donation (dollars or food) stay in the community.

is not a... Over the past year, we have had a flexible market for food, therefore it is greatly needed. Vernonia Sentry is also helping by accepting "Check Stand Donations" through December

purchase a turkey and a thirty-dollar donation for a family's meal, including turkey, stuffing, and potatoes. Please specify your preference on indicating 'turkey, stuffing, or 'general fund'. As always, it is 100 percent tax deductible.

Vernonia Cares needs your help.