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"the Upper Nehalem River Valley"

It's been a long time since we had a winter 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.

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A log truck containing a large amount of equipment was increasingly snow-covered on Wednesday, December 9, at 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 14. The incident occurred either on the morning of Friday, November 20, or the early morning hours of Saturday, November 21, 2009.

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 the Oregon Department of Wildlife Division.

Vernonia Cares still seeking donations

Back to basics. These three simple words describe the efforts at Vernonia Cares food bank. We all have a shelter. Everyone is affected by the current economic crisis across the country and it is compounded, here in Vernonia, in the wake of last December's flood. Back to basics

to helping local residents with food assistance. "We really stretch your donation through the Pacific Food Bank. Approximately 14 percent of your donation (dollars or food) stay in the community.



Children, like this one, enjoyed the snow on Wednesday, December 9, at Vernonia's Anderson Park.

is not a bad thing. On average, 475 families are helped. Over the past year, we have received a lot of flexible funding. Item is food, therefore it is greatly needed.

Vernonia Sentry is also helping by accepting "Check Stand Donations" through December 31st. As always, it is 100 percent tax deductible. Vernonia Cares needs your