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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.

When contacted for comment, Epler said he was going to pursue full-time employment.

"The board will fill an interim position in order to maintain the community and provide the best service possible," stated Epler.

Epler did not return phone calls on Wednesday.

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

A log truck continues to travel through the snow on Wednesday, December 16, 2009. This photo was taken at 10:00 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 hours of Saturday, November 21, 2009.

When a Longview Timber employee used equipment on a 10' x 10' x 47' re-prod timber lot, trees were destroyed. Damage estimated at thousands of dollars.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should 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.



Children, including this one, enjoyed the snow on Wednesday, December 16, 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 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 the population is in need, right here. The dollars saved in meat products, are Vernonia Cares' primary focus. Their funds into the Now

is not a... Over... are... that... flexible... item is food, therefore... is greatly needed.

purchase a... and a thirty-dollar donation... for a family's... deal, including... specify... reference on... indicating 'turkey, meat, or 'general fund'. As always, it is 100 percent tax deductible. Vernonia Cares needs you.