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It's been a long time since we had a 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 a smooth transition," stated Epler.

Epler did not return phone calls on Wednesday.

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A log truck continues to work in the snow on Wednesday, December 9. This photo was taken at 10:30 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 9 at Vernonia's Anderson Park.

Vernonia Cares still seeking donations

Back to back these three simple words describe the efforts at Vernonia Food Bank. We all have a role to play in helping local residents in need. "Can you really stretch your dollar?" is a question that is asked frequently to this year's donors. Flexible donations make a huge difference to those in need, right here. The dollars saved in meat products, are donated to Vernonia Cares to help their funds into the New Year.

Approximately 14 percent of the dollars (or food) stay in the community. Vernonia Cares is also helping by accepting "Check Stand Donations" through December 31, 2009.

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 your help.