

From the Sheriff's Desk . . .

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ardous situations that require a law enforcement presence before the emergency responders can go in. Currently they often must wait a long time for a deputy to respond. What will happen, though, when there is no deputy coming at all?

Next, because we have only one deputy on duty during the day, and one or two on duty at night and on weekends, our ability to respond to emergencies is greatly affected. In simple terms, one or two deputies in the midst of 657 square miles creates major difficulties in being where we need to be – when we need to be there – in order to be effective.

In answer to this situation, I prepared the foundation for the tax levy measure, known as Sheriff's Measure 5-210. This measure will provide the resources we need to keep what we have now, and add six additional patrol deputies and three detectives to investigate crimes and help keep our county from becoming a target for criminal behavior.

This is a limited, four-year tax levy with all money going to support improved law enforcement county-wide. It will better situate us to provide the backup and assistance that local agencies need, and provide tools to combat the trend toward lawlessness outside city limits.

At the end of four years, you can examine the results and decide if the levy should continue, or if it should sunset. Who knows? At the end of four years, the economic picture could change, and the modest number of deputies needed could be supported by the general fund. Right now, that is not the case.

If you do not act to provide the resources needed to keep going in these lean economic times, the future is dicey at best. We might be forced to go away for a time, as far as our ability to respond to emergencies in the county. I have a hard time believing citizens will allow this to happen to their Sheriff's Office. I believe you know the stakes and, even though it means additional taxes, that this is the kind of tax every citizen should support. It goes to the basic responsibilities of government, and dedicates resources 100 percent to what we intuitively know that we need.

This is our opportunity to take a stand for public safety in this county. The coun-

ty and the cities within it are facing drastic budget cuts in the coming years. If we have the courage to shield the Sheriff's Office from those cuts, we will take a large step toward helping the Office of Sheriff fulfill its mandate to conserve the peace in our county and ensure we have the basis for the strong, peaceful and free community in which we long to live.

Vital Vernonia project starts soon

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tinue to monitor how these indicators change.

Locally, Vernonia Economic Development Committee members Sally Harrison, Karin Davenport, and Chris Scheuerman will be directing this process and will organize opportunities for residents to provide input to the vision and indicators. Additional community members will be asked to serve on an advisory committee for this project.

The community will also be asked to collaborate during the data collection process if some indicators are based on surveys. This project was initiated in December of 2010 and is still in the planning phases. The final results, which show how the community is doing on each of its goals, will be presented in late 2012.

As Vernonia undergoes many changes, the indicator project may provide information that residents and decision makers need to plan and assess the results of implemented plans against the community wide vision.

This project has been successfully completed through community partnerships in both Willamette and Tillamook counties in 2009. Tillamook has used the indicator report to improve local decision making.

Oregon State Extension Service has provided the funding to make this project possible. For more information contact OSU Extension agents Social Demographer Lena Etuk 541- 737-6121, Community Economist Mallory Rahe 541-737-1403, or Extension Forester Amy Grotta 503-397-3462.

Practice Easter egg safety

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and kept indefinitely.

First, wash and dry the egg. Next, using a long needle, make a small hole at the small end of the egg and a larger hole at the large end of the egg. Stick the needle deep into the egg to break the yolk.

Then, either shake the egg, large end down, over a bowl or

use a baster to pull out the contents. The contents can be used in any thoroughly cooked recipe that calls for mixed yolks and whites. Carefully rinse the shell and stand it on end to dry. *Source: Tammy Roberts, MS, RD, LD, Nutrition and health education specialist, University of Missouri Extension*

WEATHER REPORT

MARCH 2011

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP. AMT.
	HI	LO	
1	39	32	.26
2	47	29	.29
3	47	30	.12
4	48	30	.38
5	49	31	.01
6	47	29	--
7	51	26	.01
8	55	38	.19
9	52	41	1.54
10	49	34	.21
11	52	31	.02
12	51	42	.22
13	51	42	.93
14	50	41	.38
15	53	40	.67
16	45	34	.24
17	46	35	.01
18	45	35	.25
19	49	32	.02
20	50	30	.15
21	48	36	.03
22	46	32	.01
23	56	35	.39
24	51	36	.26
25	49	31	.16
26	50	36	.34
27	50	32	.18
28	51	31	.11
29	49	43	.42
30	54	47	.04
31	56	41	.07

Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Measurable precipitation in March totalled 7.91 inches.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Vernonia School District 47J, Columbia County, State of Oregon,
(District Name) (County)

on the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, will be held at 475 Bridge Street, Vernonia Oregon.
(Location)

The meeting will take place on May 12, 2011 at 6:00 A.M. P.M. The purpose of the
(Date)

meeting is to receive the budget message.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 12, 2011 at 475 Bridge Street,
(Date) (Location)

Vernonia Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. P.M. and 4:00 A.M. P.M.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Listed below is the time and place of an additional Budget Committee meeting that will be held to take public comment. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

Date: May 26, 2011 Time: 6:00 P.M. Location: 475 Bridge Street, Vernonia Oregon

Public Notice

The Vernonia Police Department has in its physical possession the unclaimed personal property described below. If you have any ownership interest in an of that unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the Vernonia Police Department within 30 days form the date of publication of this notice, or you will lose your interest in that property and the property will be disposed of.

In claiming the property, please be prepared to provide a detail description and/or proof of ownership.

- Bicycles:
1) Vertical VFX Aluminum, 21 speed
2) Vertical FX6 Aluminum, 21 speed

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