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



A log truck continues to travel on the road as snow becomes increasingly snow-covered on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011. This photo was taken 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 18, or the early morning hours of Saturday, November 19, 2011. When a person is found using equipment on the property, re-prod timber trees were destroyed. Damage estimated at approximately 100,000 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. The reward is being offered by the Oregon Hunters Association-Columbia County Chapter and Longview Timber in cooperation with the Oregon State Police Game & Wildlife Division.

Vernonia Cares still serving the community

Back to basics these three simple words describe the efforts at Vernonia Food Bank. We all have a role to play in the shelter. Everyone is affected by the effect of 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. "Our donations really stretch your dollar through the Pacific Food Bank. It's approximately 14 cents per pound. All of your donations (dollars or food) stay in Vernonia to help this community.

Epler resigns

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. When contacted for comment, Epler said he was not returning phone calls on Tuesday.

The board will fill an interim position, "The board will fill an interim position, " stated Epler. Minutes from the December 9 board meeting have not yet been transcribed and were not available at press time.

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Children, like this one, enjoyed the snow on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at Vernonia's Anderson Park.

purchase a turkey and a thirty-dollar donation for a family's meal, including turkey, stuffing, and cranberry sauce. You may specify the item you wish to purchase, such as a turkey, or 'general fund'. As always, it is 100 percent tax deductible. Vernonia Cares needs your