

## Vernonia Baseball Finishes Fifth in State Tournament

The Vernonia Senior National (7th and 8th grade) baseball team wound up their season with a fifth place finish at the Junior Baseball of Oregon (JBO) State Tournament. There are over ninety teams throughout the state that participate in JBO, and twelve teams made it to the double elimination State Tournament. Vernonia had finished league play with 19 wins, 0 losses and 1 tie while their overall record for the season was 24-3-1.

In their opening game on Thursday, July 24, Vernonia stayed close but a couple of base-running and fielding errors allowed Sherwood to outlast the Loggers 7-4. Jake Titus had a home run in the game while Josh Butcher, Jackson Miller and Austin Cutright each had two hits.

In game two Friday morning, the Loggers eliminated Molalla with a 12-1 victory. Joe Benes and Miller combined to strike out twelve batters and allow only three hits. TJ White hit a home run for the Loggers and Cole Harkson had two doubles while Butcher and Brandon Orth had two hits apiece.

Wilson of Portland was the Loggers' next opponent on Friday afternoon, but Vernonia's offense proved to be too much as they cruised to an 18-8 victory. Benes and Orth teamed up on the mound for the win while several players had outstanding hitting performances. Butcher, Miller, Benes, Orth, and Dillon Smith had two hits apiece while White had three hits including a double and another home run.

Saturday morning found the Loggers with tired arms facing a very strong hitting team in Lynch from Portland. The Loggers hung in there against eventual state-runner-up Lynch, but allowed five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to lose 15-5. Miller and White each had two hits apiece in the game.

Other players participating on the Senior National Team were Chris Curtis, Nathan Owen and Jake Bringman. It was a great season for the boys who are already looking forward to being contributors to the Vernonia High School baseball program. Many thanks go to the parents and community members who supported the squad throughout the season!

## On The Shelves: What's Happening At Vernonia Library

By Nancy Burch

All legally established public libraries in Oregon are eligible to receive a yearly "Ready to Read Grant" from the Oregon State Library. This grant must be used for early literacy services for children 0-5 years old and for the statewide summer reading program for children 0-14 years old. Application has recently been made for Vernonia to receive this grant of \$1,000 for 2008-09 to be divided equally between the preschool program and the summer reading program.

Funding for the activities and prizes this summer came from this grant for 2007-08, from the City, from the Friends of the Library, and from a grant from Beaverton Rotary that was made possible by Scott Laird. The Reading Program was enjoyed by at least twenty youngsters each week as they learned about and made spiders, butterflies, bees, mosquitoes, and other bugs. Total amount of time spent reading has not yet been added up, but movie tickets to Regal Cinemas may be claimed by Memo Bolanos, Garrett Loders, Cassandra McFalls, Sara Jenkins, Victoria McFalls, Jacob Vigil, and Dakota Vigil. A very nice thing happened when Camrin was waiting to purchase the movie tickets. When a lady behind her overheard her say they were for Vernonia's summer readers, this lady paid for the tickets herself.

This is the time of year that all libraries must submit statistical reports to The Oregon State Library. This report requests specific numbers concerning revenue, expenditures, number of patrons, circulation, number of Internet users, number of items in the collection, etc. These generalities must be broken down into specifics. For example, expenditures must reflect how much was spent for salaries, benefits, books, audio/video, and so forth. The report is not complete yet, but some of the numbers might be of interest including circulation, which was 24,099 last year, Internet users totaled 5,445, the library collection totals 23,763, and there are 2,094 registered patrons.

The preschool story time will begin again on Mondays in September at 10:30 and will be held on each Monday when school is in session. All preschoolers and their parents are welcome to hear a story and enjoy a craft/activity.

Adult movie night will be Thursday, September 18th at 7:00 with Grumpy Old Men being shown. Family movie night will be Saturday, September 20th at 7:00 with the original version of The Parent Trap being shown. The choice for the monthly book discussion to be held Monday, September 22nd at 5:30 will be The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein. The public is encouraged to attend any or all of these events, and remember that popcorn is always provided at movie nights.

## Girls Scouts Looking For Members

It is time to join the Vernonia Girl Scouts for a fun filled year. Are your daughters or granddaughters looking for some fun things to do? Our troops have been busy with activities such as going to camp at the lodge in Mountindale, making fleece blankets to donate to senior citizens as a community project, participating in parades, an overnight stay and behind the scenes tour at the Oregon Zoo & most recently spending the night at the Newport Aquarium in the halibut tunnel. If your child is entering Kindergarten - 3rd grades (Daisy & Brownie troops) and you are interested in coming to our first meeting; please contact Katie Poetter @ 503 429 0700. If your child is in the 4th - 6th grade (Junior troop); please contact Kinnell Steward @ 503 819 0143. For girls from 7th grade - 12th grade (Cadets & Seniors); please contact Tori Fallau @ 503 429 0919. We will also have a table set up at WGS Open House on October 8, 2008 if you would like to stop by. Troop leaders will give you the specifics on locations, times & dates for bi-monthly meetings. Don't miss out on a fun filled year ahead while making some great friends along the way.

## Vernonia Amateur Radio Operators to Meet

Vernonia Amateur Radio Association / Vernonia Amateur Radio Klub would like to announce the start its fall schedule of meetings again. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM at Mariolino's Restaurant the second Tuesday of the Month starting September 9th, 2008.

We invite the public to join us, you do not need to be an Amateur Radio Operator to join or attend VERA meetings. We hope to discuss a training schedule for the fall and winter season as well as resume our regular monthly business. If you have any questions please contact the Vernonia Amateur Radio Association Secretary, Dawn Moss at KE7HHI@ARRL.net or attend our meeting.

## Hospice Volunteer Training Available

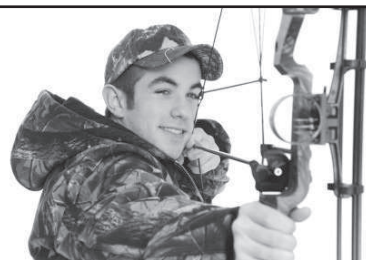
Do you want to give back to your neighbors and community? Hospice of Washington County will present a seven-session, 24-hour hospice training course on September 9, 11, 16, 18 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM and all day, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, on Saturday, September 20. The classes are taught by healthcare professionals for anyone interested in volunteering their time to care for and support patients and their families during the final stages of a life-limiting illness. Volunteers can help with direct care of patients, bereavement work with grieving families, clerical work in the office, public relations in the community, and planning and guidance work as members of the board of directors. There is no fee but pre-registration by September 9 is requested. For more information or to pre-register call the hospice office at 503-648-9565 or email [anne@hospicewc.org](mailto:anne@hospicewc.org).

### Request for Quotation Roofing, Siding, and Other Repair Work to Oregon American Mill Historic Building Vernonia Pioneer Museum East 511 Bridge Street, Vernonia Oregon

Columbia County is accepting price quotations from qualified, licensed and insured contractors to perform re-roofing, siding repair and other repair work to the Vernonia Museum, East 511 Bridge Street. A complete Scope of Work and bid documents are available from Columbia County Department of Land Development 503-397-1501, or from the Vernonia Pioneer Museum Association by calling 503-429-3713. Quotations may be mailed or dropped off at the Department of Land Development Services, Columbia County, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051. Quotes are Due by September 12, 2008.

This project is supported in part by a grant from the State Historical Preservation Office, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and Columbia County.

The County is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, does not discriminate because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, marital status, age if the individual is 18 years of age or older, or disability, and invites proposals, from minorities, women, and emerging small businesses.



**True Value**  
START RIGHT. START HERE.™

### Get Ready For Hunting Season!

Archery Equipment - Sporting Goods  
Calls - Cammo - Boots - Accessories  
Binoculars - Scent Killers - Targets



*Family owned & operated for 38 years*