

Local Logs Become Part of New School



Cory Colburn of Fall Creek Woodworking processes local cedar logs that will be installed in the lobby of the new Vernonia school campus.

Local cedar logs will be used to decorate the lobby of the new Vernonia school building. They will frame a donor wall to highlight the contributions of many individuals, companies and foundations that have made the new building possible.

The logs came from trees grown on the new school property by former land owners Don and Delores Webb. The trees have seasoned on the property since being felled last year and were expertly processed by hand by local woodworker Cory Colburn of Fall Creek Woodworking.

Colburn split three thirty foot logs which will be secured by P&C Construction to the east wall of the main atrium of the new school, giving the appearance of a living forest inside the building and honoring the history and heritage of this northwest community.



Say Goodbye to the Mods!



The first modular classrooms were removed from the Vernonia school campus on June 20th. High school and middle school students have attended classes in the mods since 2008.

Calling All High School Students

Any students wishing to lend a hand at the Vernonia Community Garden have the opportunity to receive Community Service hours. There are many aspects to it's creation, care and harvest. Planting is underway and daily watering will be necessary as the weather warms. A large portion of the garden is being planted to supply Vernonia Cares Food Bank with fresh produce. There may be an opportunity to participate in workshops as well and to educate gardeners that rent plots regarding the care of their garden. If interested, please call Penny Costley (503) 429-0196 or Pat Stacklie (503) 429-7563.

Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program Holds Graduation for 43rd Class

On Wednesday, June 13, 126 cadets from the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program (OYCP), a

cadets from 58 high schools and 18 Oregon counties, including Gloria Ramirez, of Vernonia. The ceremony marks the 43rd time a class has graduated from the biannual program.

With 126 cadets, Class 43 is one of the largest graduating classes in OYCP history. In December 2011, Class 42 graduated with 132 accomplished cadets, the largest class in program history.

"The Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program is a demanding and extremely fulfilling endeavor for the youth who participate," said Oregon State Rep. Jason Conger. "I congratulate all of today's graduates for their significant

accomplishment. Their dedication to bettering their own lives and their community is inspiring."

Of the graduates, 21 received high school diplomas and 10 earned GEDs. Ninety-five cadets were able to earn enough credits through OYCP to return to high school and graduate with their classes.

In addition to Rep. Conger, Bend-La Pine School District Deputy Superintendent John Rexford; Deschutes County Commissioner Tony DeBone; Bend City Council Member Kathie Eckman; and Deschutes County Sheriff Larry Blanton were also in attendance. The event drew hundreds of family members, friends and community supporters of the graduating cadets.

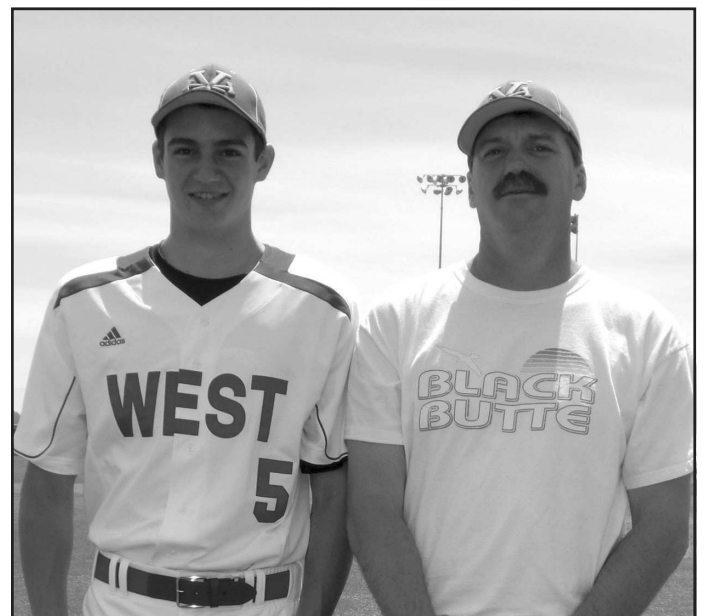
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Gloria Ramirez of Vernonia was among 126 graduating National Guard cadets.

statewide alternative high school, graduated from the rigorous 5 1/2-month residential phase of the program. The class featured

Butcher Named All-State



Josh Butcher of Vernonia High School (pictured with VHS head baseball coach Aaron Miller) earned 3rd Team All-State honors and played in the All-State Senior All-Star Series at Linfield College on June 9 and 10. This season at VHS Butcher was named Team MVP and also named 1st Team All-League.