

Boosters Buzz

Vernonia Youth Soccer-- Euro 2012 is the UEFA Soccer championship that is underway in Poland right now. National European teams are playing to win the coveted competition that happens every four years.

Vernonia is gearing up for its second British Soccer camp, run by Challenger Sports, for kids 3-12. It will take place July 16-20 at the High school



football field (this will be enclosed by fencing for safety during the construction work), running 9:00 AM-4:00 PM daily with full & half day options for the kids 6 and older. The camp provides

high-level soccer coaching from British coaches. Each day the kids get individual foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, games and scrimmages while also teaching respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship and leadership. The camp was a big success last year.

Signups for camp are done online: <https://registration.challengersports.com/FindACamp/FindACamp.asp?IdS=00043F-3135400&Method=CampSession&Key=19105571|20516&~=>

The camp is a kick off to our Vernonia Youth Soccer season - the club awarded full scholarships to three of our players! Soccer signups will be held July 12th & 19th from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Vernonia Library. Practices will begin early August for u10 teams and later in August for u8/u6 teams so signups are needed prior to August 1st. Every effort is made to keep the costs as low as possible for parents.

Contact Mark Lemay at (503) 432 7742 with any questions.

Fireworks!!--Don't forget to stop by and support Junior Baseball at their fireworks stand this year. They will be



The Vernonia Midgets took 2nd place and won the Sportsmanship Trophy at the 2012 Banks Tournament this season.

open Saturday June 30 from 12-8 PM, Sunday July 1 from 1-8 PM, Tuesday July 3 from 12-8 PM and Wednesday July 4 from 12-8 PM.

Snack Shack Help--The Boosters are currently looking for someone to take over management of the Snack Shack. Anyone interested please contact Lisa Brewer at 503-475-1803.

Speaking of the Snack Shack...it will be open during 4th of July activities, selling,

what else?--hot dogs and hamburgers! Stop by during the concert and before the fireworks and support the Boosters!

Next Booster Meeting--The next meeting is July 11 at 7:00 PM and will be held at Anderson Park at the covered picnic area.

Join the Boosters!!--It's just a \$10 membership fee and goes towards helping support local youth activities.

Columbia River PUD Announces 2012 My Fair Lady Court

Columbia River PUD has announced the members of the 2012 My Fair Lady Court. The My Fair Lady pageant is held during the Columbia County Fair each year to recognize senior women for their outstanding service in our community. The PUD, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, and Northwest Apparel are co-sponsors of this year's pageant.

This year's My Fair Lady Princesses are: Lorraine Aucourt, representing St. Helens; Carol Sleight, representing Scappoose; Marily Sue Tift, representing Rainier; Bes Savage, representing Clatskanie; and Lilja "Tobie" Finzel, representing Vernonia.

Lorraine Aucourt

Lorraine was born in Butte, Montana, and raised in Deer Lodge, Montana. She moved to Columbia County in May 1997. She is widowed and has 2 sons and one daughter, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Her most treasured memory is the day she married her husband in April 5, 1952. She worked as a registered nurse for 39 years. Over the past 21 years she has volunteered with Loaves & Fishes, Senior Center Board of Directors in St. Helens and Scappoose, St. Helens Food Bank and the Top



Standing left to right: Bes Savage, Carol Sleight, Lilja "Tobie" Finzel. Seated left to right: Marily Tift, Lorraine Aucourt.

Notch Thrift store. Her hobbies include playing pinochle, sewing, gardening and enjoying her family.

Carol Sleight

Carol Sleight was born in San Rafael, California and was raised in Tucson, Arizona,

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Mario Leonetti

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day on the weekends. If I got too tired the loggers would take over and cook their own breakfasts and leave their tabs on the cash register."

Leonetti sold the restaurant and opened a tavern in Prescott during the time the Trojan nuclear plant was under construction and then decided to get out of the tavern business when he found out he was going to become a father. He came back to Vernonia and opened a restaurant again, this time where the Chinese restaurant now operates. From there he moved to what was known as the Pine Cone around 1981 and ran that for just over ten years.

Eventually Leonetti ended up in the current location on Madison Avenue, starting in 1993.

Today, Mario's restaurant is going through some changes once again. Tunstall and Leonetti say they hope to add a deli case and serve food to go, like their salads, their dressings and salsas. They intend to serve specialty Italian meats like prosciutto and mortadella.

Leonetti says they are teaching their staff to focus on customer service and training them to understand what working in the food industry is really about.

Tunstall says she is also making improvements to the interior of the restaurant, like new table covers, curtains and she hopes to paint the inside of the building sometime soon.

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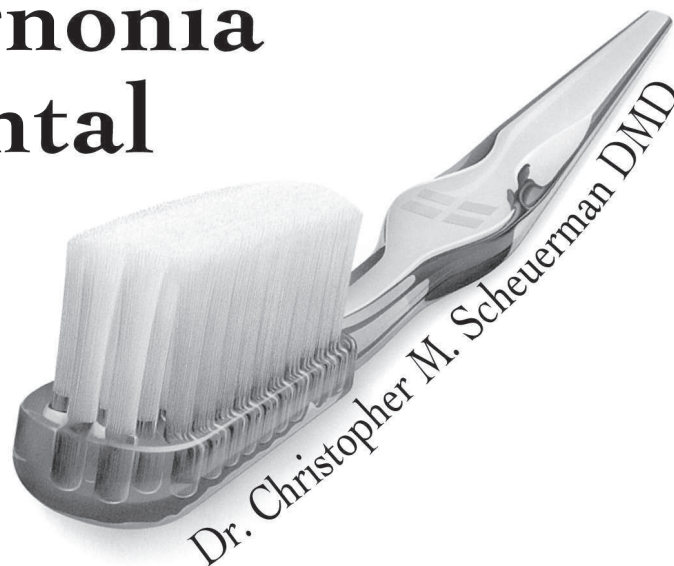
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