

Vernonia Students to Work on Wetlands

On March 13, 2013 the entire Vernonia School will be working on the Wetlands Restoration Project on the old OA Mill site. The VHS Forestry Class will be leading the project.

The Forestry students developed a restoration plan that focuses on the planting of native trees and plants and the removal and control of invasive species. The students selected fast growing trees and plants that are adapted to the wet, heavy soils in the wetlands. Students will be planting hemlock, western red cedar, sitka spruce, ponderosa pine, oregon ash, black cottonwood, willow, dogwood and plants like sword fern,

salal, huckleberry, salmonberry and oregon grape to provide habitat for animals and birds, and shade to help control the 2 major invasive species, scotch broom and reed canary grass.

The Forestry students also created an informative and instructive video to be broadcast to the student body via the 4-1-1 news show at the school. The overall plan includes the eventual building of an interpretive trail around the wetlands, and some students will be working inside with Mr. Lower and Ms. Allen to create the informational pictures and signs for the trail.



Boosters Buzz

Titus Field Construction-
The Boosters

are beginning construction work on Titus Field to serve as an alternate baseball and softball fields until the new fields are ready at the New Spencer Park. Volunteers will be needed for completion of this project. If you have questions or for volunteer information please contact Brooke Morrison (503) 726-8427 or Amy Cieloha (503) 429-0745.

Attention Vernonia Pie Makers!-Here is a Volunteer Opportunity. Boosters provides healthy homemade soup and scrumptious pie for the participants of the Vernonia Marathon. If you are a pie maker and want to lend a pie, mark your calendar for Sunday, April 14, 2013 and contact

Allison McLeod (503) 429.0734 allisonmcleod@me.com to be counted in!

Keep your eye on the Booster Buzz for more details and also more Volunteer Opportunities!

WANTED: Umpires for youth baseball. Paid training !!! Paid position!!! Have fun, earn money, help the youth in our community! Please call Brooke Morrison (503) 726-8427 or Amy Cieloha (503) 429-0745 if interested.

Also WANTED: Parents of Kindergarten and First Graders, we need parents to step up for T-Ball. We need a T-Ball board, coaches and parents willing to help. Please call Lisa Brewer at (503)475-1803 for information.

Loggers Take 6th at State

The Vernonia Loggers boys basketball team brought home the sixth place trophy from the OSAA 2A State Championships in Pendleton.

The VHS boys ended the tournament with a 2-2 record, losing their final game to Central Linn 67-51. In the final game, Jared Leone led the Loggers with 23 points and 6 rebounds. Austin Cutright added 12 points and 11 rebounds

and Jesse Edgar scored 8 points and had 8 rebounds.

The Loggers earned their trip to Pendleton with a first round win, defeating Regis 41-40. Vernonia lost in the quarterfinals at Pendleton 61-46 to Oakland, but bounced back in the consolation round, beating Oakridge 52-44.



VRFPD Recruits Public Information Officer

The Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District is pleased to announce the recruitment of Luara Onderdonk for the role of Public Information Officer. Onderdonk is filling an important position that was recently created within the department to enhance the services VRFPD provides to the community.

Onderdonk, a native of Alaska, has been a resident of Vernonia, along with her husband Gregg, since 2006. She says she intends to "live out the rest of her days" here. Onderdonk brings a diverse resume of skills and talents to the position of PIO with her extensive background in medical and educational professions. She is currently an instructor at Anthem College in Beaverton where she instructs the Allied Health Course,

which covers Bloodborne Pathogens, Medical Terminology, and Anatomy & Physiology. She is also in transition to a new position here in Vernonia as a Medical Assistant for the the new Vernonia Health Center.

In addition to her strong medical ties, Laura is a member of the Community Emergency Response Team in Beaverton and in November of 2012 she became a member of the Search and Rescue for the Columbia County Sheriff's Department and is also a member of the Mist/Birkenfeld Search and Rescue Team.

Besides taking on her new role as PIO for VRFPD in January, Onderdonk began attending Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training, which she will complete in May.

VHS Alumni Basketball Games March 16

6 pm Women Alumni vs. VHS Varsity
7 pm Men Alumni vs. Men Alumni
8 pm Men Alumni Winner vs. VHS Varsity

No admission - Donations accepted



Burger Feed & Bake Sale

Alumni Players Wanted!

Contact: David Weller 503-805-2801 or
email: dwballer21@msn.com

All proceeds go to buy new jerseys for the boys basketball program.

Doernbecher Dash

10k Run, 5k Walk or Run

Sat, April 13, 2013 9:00 AM

Starts at Anderson Park, Vernonia
(The course is the same as the Bear Creek Run)
Cost is \$20, Register online at the VHS website

All Proceeds go to
Doernbecher's Children's Hospital.

This run is being organized by
VHS Student Body President Samantha Wallace
as part of her Presidential Challenge.

For more info contact:
Samantha Wallace

Email: sawall6@msn.com Cell: 503-369-2495
or Teri Willard: Cell: 503-941-6804

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