

Snow Selected to Attend American Legion Leadership Program



Winter Snow, a junior at Vernonia High School, has been selected by the Vernonia High School faculty and the Vernonia American Legion Post 119 to attend the 2014 American Legion Boys State Leadership Program held at Willamette University from June 15 to 21.

and leadership potential with expenses associated with attending the program paid by the Vernonia American Legion.

During the week-long event, individuals are exposed to the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs.

The annual American Legion Boys State event has been a program of The American Legion since 1935. The American Legion is a patriotic veterans' organization whose focus is on service to veterans and communities. Today, the Legion is one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States with

a membership of over 2.4 million veterans located at 14,000 locations worldwide. The Legion serves in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines. Over the years, the Legion has and continues to influence considerable social change in America winning benefits for veterans, serving communities and producing important programs for youth.

The Vernonia American Legion supports a variety of local programs and civic events focused on enhancing the quality of life for community members. Membership in the American Legion is open to any honorably discharged veteran of the United States military.

Schools Update: Thank You

By Dr. Ken Cox

This is my last article as superintendent of the Vernonia School District and the most important message I can leave you with is to say -Thank You!

Thank you for the many friendships that Carol and I have enjoyed. Thank you for the patience and understanding of our staff during the many challenging times that we have faced.

I want to thank each of you for your support of our schools. We wouldn't have the facility we have today without your support of our bond back in 2009. This single act of commitment to the future of our community was the initial push that started the wheels of opportunity rolling and became the catalyst for making our new school a reality. Because of your resilience in

wanting to move our community into the 22nd century we were able to garner the support of corporate and philanthropic leaders from across the region.

We have also had the support of many elected officials from across the state, but none of these can compare to the countless hours and conversations had on our behalf by Senator Betsy Johnson. Her tireless commitment to our community and our new schools project has had a significant impact on our success.

Together, we made a difference. Not only for the children of Vernonia, but for generations to come.

When I accepted this position, Carol and I talked of spending three or four years in Vernonia. Then, in December of 2007, we had an event that changed all of our lives. I would like to believe that we are all better people because of that event, not just because

we got the mess cleaned up in the weeks and months (and years) to follow, but because we realized that there is far more to this life than our homes and the things that we collect in them. Our children, our families are, and should be, the center of our lives. They are our future, in the most literal sense of the phrase. It is for the betterment of their lives that education is so important.

I am proud of all the staff that I have had the privilege of working with for the past eight years. We have some excellent and very dedicated teachers,

aides and other staff members. I will miss the many smiling faces and will remember the many good times we have had together.

Finally I would like to express my confidence in the future of this district. Mr. Miller will do a great job in my place and it is my hope that you will give him the support you have given me. Please keep in touch, our email is kencarcox@gmail.com and we are both on Facebook. We will return to visit but until then take care and enjoy life to the fullest.

Vernonia Students of the Month

May 2014



Anika Suppes Grade 5

Anika is known as a very kind hearted young lady who shows great compassion for her classmates. She is not only kind, but also an amazing student who is organized and has great study habits. Anika says her favorite subject is math and she likes playing basketball. In her free time she likes volunteering with the Vernonia Freewheelers Club.

Haley Lindsay Grade 8

Haley's teachers say she is a great kid who always tries her best on her assignments, studies for tests and cares about her work. Haley enjoys writing and has written a children's book which she hopes to get illustrated soon. She says she likes music and writing songs. She and a friend are starting a YouTube channel in the near future. She plays basketball and runs track.



Makenzie Anderson Grade 12

Mackenzie recently graduated from VHS where she played basketball and softball; she was also a percussionist in the band. Makenzie is involved in local church, is a volunteer summer camp counselor and also helps her mother run a day care business. She racked up 770 community service volunteer hours during her high school career. Next year Makenzie will attend PCC and hopes to transfer to the Art Institute to study Interior Design.



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FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING			
A public meeting of the Columbia County 4-H & Extension Service District will be held on June 11th, 2014 at 6:20 pm at Columbia County Courthouse Room 308, St. Helens, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 as approved by the 4-H & Extension Service District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at the OSU Extension Office, 505 N. Columbia River Highway, St. Helens, OR, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as used the preceding year.			
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2012-13	Approved Budget This Year 2013-14	Approved Budget Next Year 2014-15
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	395,093	348,519	386,519
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges			
Federal, State and/or Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations			
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt			
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements			23,000
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	9,377	22,000	13,200
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	227,466	221,000	230,000
Total Resources	601,903	579,519	652,719
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	112,586	164,800	147,364
Materials and Services	107,830	133,000	131,000
Capital Outlay	11,333	7,000	6,000
Debt Service			
Interfund Transfers			23,000
Contingencies		254,719	325,325
Special Payments			
Unexpended Fund Balance and Reserved for Future Expenses	370,154	20,000	20,000
Total Requirements	601,903	579,519	652,719
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit, Composite General and Building Fund	FTE	FTE	FTE
	3	3	3
Total Requirements	601,903	579,519	652,719
Total FTE	3	3	3
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING *			
The FY 14-15 budget is about the same as FY 13-14 with the exception of a transfer into the building fund to keep pace with building repair cost inflation.			
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2012-13	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2013-14	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2014-15
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate limit 0.0571 per \$1,000)	0.0571	0.0571	0.0571
Local Option Levy			
Levy for General Obligation Bonds			
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1	
General Obligation Bonds			
Other Bonds			
Other Borrowings			
Total	\$0	\$0	



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