

Vernonia Students of the Month

December 2014



Logan Morgan Grade 2

Logan is a student who tries his best and has a pretty good attitude, especially in PE class. Logan says his favorite subject in school is math. In his free time he says he likes to play video games. At home he helps take care of "Roy" who he says is a "very good dog!"

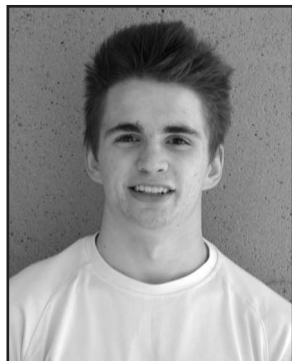
Kale Sullivan Grade 7

This is the third time Kale has been selected as Student of the Month. Teachers say Kale is an "exceptional" student. Kale says his favorite subject is PE and math. He ran cross country this fall, is currently playing basketball and will run track in the spring. He also raises award winning pigs in 4-H.



Dan Rice Grade 12

Dan is a good student who is a member of the National Honor Society. He ran cross country this fall, is currently on the wrestling team and says he will run the 400 meters on the track team this spring. His favorite subject is health. Dan is currently working on his Eagle Scout project. He says he plans to do an LDS mission next year before starting college.



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checked out in December 2013.

- New Members: 14 new library patrons in December 2014. Welcome!

- Library Director contacted the Portland Children's Museum to renew the library membership card that is set to expire at the end of January. Unfortunately, the Children's Museum has discontinued membership for all libraries so we will no longer be able to offer this service. This membership card has been purchased for many years by the Friends of the Library and has had regular use by families. Last opportunity to check out the Museum membership card: January 31, 2015. The library still offers a membership card to OMSI, please call or visit the library to make a reservation. The Portland Children's Museum has a new "Museum Access Program" which benefits families that are on some form of public assistance (WIC, free or reduced school lunch, etc.). Information on this program will be available at the library and is also available on the museum website.
- The library has new Picture Books and Board Books, funded by the Oregon State Library "Ready to Read" Grant. They are currently on display at the library, please check them out!

City Clerk / Administration

- The City Recorder had the privilege on January 5th at the first City Council meeting for 2015 to administer the oath of office to newly elected Josette Mitchell, as Mayor, for two more years, and Jill Hult and Mike Seager as City Councilor each serving for four years. Congratulations!

- The City of Vernonia hosted the first 2015 quarterly City/County Dinner for all County Officials on January 13, 2015 at the Cabin in Vernonia. This is a time for all officials to

come together to share what is happening in their city and support each other and this being the first meeting there will be the opportunity to meet those that have been newly elected.

City Administrator / Administration

- The City Administrator attended the Library Board Meeting. With the new Library Director recently taking the helm of the department it was a good opportunity to meet with the members of the Board and talk about incoming projects, future programs under consideration, and a comprehensive vision of the Library role in the community over the next 5 to 20 years.

- The City Administrator met the Parks and Recreation Committee's Chair (Scott Laird) to discuss upcoming projects.

- Focus was on improvements (restrooms and picnic shelter) at Spencer Park; and final improvements to the new baseball field (Spencer Park). These items/projects will be presented to the City Council at the upcoming Council meetings.

- The City Administrator and Finance Manager met representatives of WSC Insurance. Tom BeLusko, Principal and Alycia Johnson discussed Risk Management Best Practices and Incentives and suggested some potential opportunities that the City could explore while maximizing its insurance program/coverage and minimizing risks and cost (Bonus Program). Among some of the potential Bonus Programs were: Executive Risk Management Team (liability credit); Online Learning (liability credit); Elected Officials Training (liability credit); Continuity of operations plan and agility (property credit) and Volunteer Management Program (Workers Compensation Credit).

Throughout the holiday season many contributions were made to our community out of the generosity in the hearts of others.

Vernonia Cares Food Bank would like to recognize the loved ones of our generous friends who made donations as part of our "Caring Tree" project.

In Memory of:

Howard Graham
Bernice Frey
Bob Thompson
Lorraine Borst
Steve Grady &
Rick Grady
Shawn G. Ostrander
Zack Rumbolz
Elizebeth L. Holsey
Wayne & Idris Welch
Lavina Flattum

Micky, Don & Irish Bruers
Roberta "Mama" Wamboldt
George & Katherine Johns
Edward & Marion Cassel
E. V. Christensen
Tessie Aldrich
"Bear"
Guy & Nell Thomas
Harold & Ann McEntire
Terry Schaumburg
Virgil Hiveley

In Honor of: Faye Millis Sword

May this New Year bring peace and health to all in our great community!

Happy New Year from Vernonia Cares Food Bank

