

Valentine Classified Ads

 **2 Horses, 2 Dogs, 2 Nutts!** Roses are red, violets are blue, you all are terrific neighbors, Mulligan's Meadow Thanks You!

 **Sophie & Trevor,** We're looking forward to seeing you this August! Your Vernonia Aunt & Uncle

 **Mom,** Please remember how much you are loved on earth and in heaven. Love, Tony & Dana

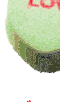
 **Jack,** You are such a delight and you are loved by many! I'm so happy to be in your life. Happy Valentine's Day! ~K

 **Tony,** Your unconditional love will forever be imprinted on my heart. Only 6 months to our 35th anniversary!

 **Jasper Louis,** You are our sweet boy, we LOVE you!! Happy Valentine's Day!! Love, Mom & Dad

 **Sailor Ann,** You fill our lives with laughter and fun, We LOVE you!! Happy Valentine's Day!! Love, Mom & Bearski

 **My Only One,** Thank you for the gifts you give me, the laughter, the love, and for being my friend! Love, me

 **Cici,** I love you! Jim

 **My Maven of Life,** I have such deep love & respect for you and gratitude for how you have enriched, expanded and strengthened my life. Happy Valentine's Day.

 **GB,** DYKHFYATM? YATMAMIHEM. ILYGBHTFAGMTBO! IMILWY. SB

 **Babe,** Thanks for always being there, for loving me through everything. Thanks for being my Valentine for almost 25 years. I love you. Love, Babe

 **GB,** IL2AWY. YAM. FY, SB

 **K8-** U R GREAT! Love, LLB

VHS Winter Sports Report

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on the sidelines at basketball games includes the competition team members plus Mackenzie Willard, Jessie Williams, Jaelynne McCallum, Sandra Meyera and exchange student Celine Loffler who has already headed home to Germany.

Head coach Denise Way is proud of her squad as they continue to help throughout the community and in the school. The Cheer Squad has been working closely with the Wrestling team this past year, doing community service projects together, including helping during Jamboree weekend and wrapping gifts for Toy and Joy at Christmas. The Cheer Squad also decorates the school and athlete's lockers before games. Way is also proud of her squad who maintain the high-

est GPA of any athletic team.

Recently the Cheer Squad and wrestling team held several practices together. The cheerleaders did the wrestling workout including a twenty station circuit training session. The wrestlers then joined the cheer squad and learned stunting and some choreography.

On February 8th the Cheer Squad will host a Friends and Family Showcase which will include routines by two other high schools and the Portland State Competition Team.

The Competition Squad also has the upcoming State Competition and the OCC Championships on the Weekend of February 14 followed by Spirit of the West Nationals on February 21 in Salem.

City Department Updates

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entire City budget. In a few weeks, the Finance Director will begin meeting with the department heads to get their input on their budgets. A first draft will be done by early April.

- Staff was kept busy this week assisting customers with their utility bills due to the change in policy. This was the first month of our new billing policy that requires account balance be paid in full within 30 days. This is a change from the previous policy of allowing a balance to be carried for up to 90 days.
- A job posting was placed on Monday for Assistant to City Administrator/City Recorder. After over 10 years of service to the City, Joann Glass will be retiring next month. She has been a great asset to the City and will be missed. We wish her all the best. The job posting can be found on the City's website, the League of Oregon Cities website and in the local newspaper.

- There is also a job posting for part-time custodian on the City's website and in the local paper.
- The Finance Department received property tax estimates for the upcoming fiscal year this week. After a decrease of almost 30% last year, property values have come back up and the estimate for the upcoming budget cycle is much better. This will allow for more flexibility when writing the budget for next fiscal year.
- The Library computers will finally be getting the upgrades necessary to get them back in use for the public. The City just received verification from Microsoft that our request through Tech Soup, an organization that helps non-profits and libraries receive tech products and services at a huge discount, has been approved.
- The City has received an updated schedule for the WWTP. While the bid process has been delayed, the schedule indicates that the project will still wrap up by fall of 2016.
- Staff has begun to come up with a plan to handle the new Spencer Park field scheduling. The City will be responsible for coordinating the use of the new fields beginning this summer.

Public Works

- Public works staff finished the last of the water meter ground truthing.
- Public works staff and Parks maintenance staff cleaned up

debris and graded the roads at the cemetery.

- Work has begun on raw water pump #2 intake modifications.
- Staff identified numerous water meter boxes that were broken and replaced them. These were identified during the water meter ground truthing.
- Parks staff responded to numerous cases of minor vandalism at Vernonia Lake restrooms. The toilets appear to be targeted on almost a daily basis this week.
- Public works continues to cold patch streets when extra time or staffing allows.
- Sewer Pump station #2 continues to be somewhat troublesome. The issue seems to be in the computer that controls the generator.
- Public Works staff assisted parks maintenance staff in repainting the interior of the restroom at Vernonia Lake.
- Staff finished modifications to the raw water pumps at the water plant.
- Staff rebuilt the motor on the bar screen at the sewer lagoons. We were able to replace the bearings in the motor instead of replacing the complete motor. The bar screen removes all of the large materials that are in the wastewater before they get to the lagoons.
- Parks maintenance staff replaced multiple lights at Anderson Park that had burned out.

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