

Vernonia Student Presents Research at Diversity in Science Training Symposium

Research relating to cancer, genetics, medicinal plants, and social relationships will be among student research presented at the 15th annual University of Kansas-Haskell Indian Nations University Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Forty students presented posters of their science and engineering research on Wednesday, April 15, in Tecumseh Hall at Haskell Indian Nations University.

Among the presenters was Jacob Dixon, VHS class of 2010, a senior at Haskell Indian Nations University studying environmental science. Dixon is a scholar in the Bridge program, and he is mentored by Andrew Short, assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology. Dixon is affiliated with the Seneca-

Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma.

The Office for Diversity in Science Training (ODST) is led by Estela Gavosto, director, and James Orr, past director. The symposium presenters include undergraduate and graduate-level students from both universities supported by the Office for Diversity in Science Training. They are scholars in programs funded by the National Institutes of Health that support and give opportunities to underrepresented students to pursue research careers in biomedical and behavioral sciences, including the 500 Nations Bridge Collaboration, Haskell, KU, the KU Initiative for Maximizing Student Development Program and the KU Post-Baccalaureate Research Education Program.

Banks Library Holds Plant, Book and Art Sale

The Friends of the Banks Public Library are gearing up for their annual Plant, Book and Art Sale. The sale will include local crafts and garden art, in addition to a broad selection of plants and used books. The sale will be held at Schlegel Hall in Sunset Park on Friday, May 8 from 2 PM to 7 PM and Saturday, May 9 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Friends of the Banks Library will be able to shop early at 1 PM. This sale is a perfect opportunity for last minute Mother's Day shopping. Credit cards are accepted.

Plants are coming from local nurseries and gardeners, and will include vegetable starts, annuals, perennials, planters, herbs, and trees. The Friends always strive to have some unusual varieties available. All are offered at reasonable prices and the Friends receive a portion of all sales.

Books for all levels of readers will be offered for sale as well as some videos and other materials. Items for sale will include private donations as well as withdrawn library materials.

If you wish to donate plants or books for the sale, please contact the Banks Public Library at (503) 324-1382.

Vernonia's Voice is published twice each month on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Our next issue will be out May 7th.

Notice of Budget Committee Meeting

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Columbia County 4-H & Extension Service District, Columbia County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, will be held at the OSU Extension Service office, 505 N. Columbia River Hwy, St. Helens, OR. The meeting will take place on April 22, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 21, 2015 at the OSU Extension Service office, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORS 271.735(2)

PUBLIC NOTICE. In accordance with ORS 271.735, the city council of the City of Vernonia will hold a public hearing on May 4th, 2015 on the acquisition of a CONSERVATION EASEMENT for the property located at 1462 Bridge Street in Vernonia, county of Columbia, Oregon, commonly known as the "Lincoln Elementary School Property", whose real property description is Tax Lot 03000 of Map 4N4W05 Section AC, approximately 1.14 acres. The acquisition of this conservation easement is a condition imposed by the city of Vernonia on the approval of land use application PAZC 14-01. The city of Vernonia will hold a public hearing on the question of acquiring the conservation easement on May 4th, 2015 for the purpose of providing interested parties with a meaningful opportunity to comment on the conservation easement.

A copy of the proposed conservation easement may be obtained from the City of Vernonia representative identified below. Questions or comments about the conservation easement, or the public hearing, are to be directed to the city of Vernonia representative identified below. Requests for special accommodations in order to participate in the public hearing should be made seven (7) days in advance of the public hearing. Written comments concerning the conservation easement must be received by the city of Vernonia no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 4th, 2015. Hearing location: City Hall Council Chambers, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon, 97064. Hearing time: 7:00 p.m. City of Vernonia contact: Josette Mitchell, City Recorder, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon, 97064, jmitchell@vernonia-or.gov.

VHS Spring Sports Report

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league leading 4x100 relay team that includes Rice, Cheney and Nikita Moskalev. The 4x400 team also leads the league, with Rice, Cheney, Sullivan and Jarod Medearis and sometimes Dominic Szlavich running.

In distance events Cheney is ranked second in both the 800 and 3,000 meters. Brett Jones and Medearis are ranked first and second in the high jump and Cheney is ranked third in the triple jump. Dylan Taylor leads the throwers and is third in the shot and fourth in the discus.

Meghan Sullivan leads the girls team as she has for the past three years. Sullivan currently has the best 100, 200 and 400 meter times in the

league and anchors both the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams, which are ranked third and first respectively. Máca Veselkova, Lisa Paje and Cecilie Birkelund round out the relay teams. Senior Julia Fletcher, new to the sport, is already second in the league in javelin and may provide some depth in the 4x100.

"I think the key for us this year is we have more balance, due to the improvement in our field events," said Brown. "Field events are becoming a strength for us this year and Coach Teresa Williams gets all the credit for this. If we can win the championship, that will be the reason why."

Celebrate
ARBOR
DAY

Friday, April 24th

Buy a coffee at Black Iron Grill
Get a Free Seedling!

(while supplies last)

Courtesy of Upper Nehalem Watershed Council



831 Bridge Street

503-429-0214



Mist-Birkenfeld Volunteer Fire Fighter Association is having a Spaghetti Feed

April 25th from 5pm - 7pm

Mist-Birkenfeld Main Station - 12525 Hwy 202 Mist, OR 97016

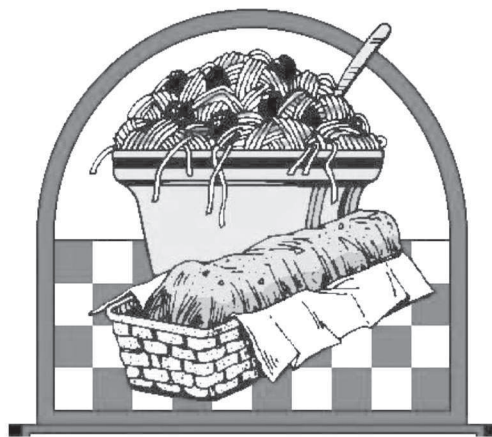
Adults: \$5.00

Children ages 5-12: \$3.00

Children under 5: Free

At 6pm Kelly Niles from Oregon Department of Forestry will be here to present information to home owners on how to prepare your home and property for a potential wild land fire.

For more information please call (503)755-2710



Vernonia Elementary School/Mist Grade School Kindergarten Round-Up Thursday April, 30th

Required for pre-registration
Immunization Records
Birth Certificate
or Hospital Certificate

Call 503-429-1333 to schedule
an appointment

To enroll in Kindergarten your
child must be 5 years old on
or before September 1, 2015