

# Schools Update: Classified Substitute Teachers

By Aaron Miller

Substitute teachers and other substitute employees are a daily part of life for students and school staff. Each day there is some position that needs to be filled due to illness, scheduled appointments or other life happenings. The issue, however, is usually not whether or not a substitute employee will be needed in the building, but whether or not there will be a person available to fill this need.

Currently there is a real shortage of people available to fill the need for substitute employees in a variety of positions within the Vernonia School District. These same issues are being felt in neighboring school districts as well.

The number of people willing to substitute in schools is dwindling, whether it be as a teacher, an assistant, a custodian or an employee in the cafeteria. This problem is even larger for a community like Vernonia, given the distance from here to other communities of size where more substitutes may live. Substitutes in the education field are becoming harder and harder to come by these days.

The Vernonia School District (VSD) is in need of dedicated, quality people willing to substitute in our schools. As the largest employer in town there are 87 regular employees, who at one time or another are in need of a substitute. We are looking for dedicated people willing to sub in all departments, at all levels: teachers, assistants, custodians and food service work-

ers, kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

We anticipate this will be a continuing issue into the 2017-18 school year, so if you are interested in learning more about subbing, please contact Superintendent Miller at (503) 429-5891.

Substitutes in the VSD are hired by the NW Regional Educational Service District (NWRESO), and are called through an automated system run through their offices. Anyone interested in subbing for the District needs to register through the NWRESO Human Services department, who can be reached at (503) 614-1428. You can also call the District Office at (503) 429-5891, if you have questions you would like answered about potential sub jobs here in Vernonia prior to applying through the ESD.

# Vernonia Student to Spend Academic Year in Germany

Savannah Norman of Vernonia has been awarded a scholarship for the 2017-18 academic year and will join a group of fifty American high school students sponsored by ASSE International Student Exchange Programs who will live with a host family and attend high school in Germany for one academic year.



to help prepare ambitious young people for a global future. The CBYX program has enabled more than 23,000 students to expand their global perspectives and make new friends. Congress-Bundestag students are youth ambassadors of the United States, sharing their life and culture with their German hosts and

will live with a carefully selected host family while becoming a member of her German host community, attending school, participating in community life and learning more than she ever imagined about another country and culture, about the world and its diversity and about herself.

When Savannah leaves for Germany, a group of German scholarship

students will be arriving to live with American host families while attending high school in the USA. Students and families interested in receiving more information about hosting a Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship winner from Germany or other ASSE International Student Exchange Programs should call 1-800-733-2773 or visit ASSE's website at host.asse.com.

Since 1983, the United States Department of State and the German government have co-sponsored the prestigious Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship (CBYX) Program

building greater understanding of the United States and its diversity.

As a Congress-Bundestag scholarship recipient, Savannah will experience German life firsthand. She

## COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF

In the Matter of Directing the )  
Sale of Real Property Acquired )  
by Columbia County; 58442 )  
Nehalem Highway South, Vernonia)

### NOTICE OF SALE BY AUCTION OF COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY

Pursuant to Order No. 19-2017, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County on April 26, 2017, I will offer certain real property for sale on May 25, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Columbia County Community Justice Facility located at 901 Port Avenue, in St. Helens, Oregon. The property is located at 58442 Nehalem Highway South, Vernonia, Oregon (the "Property"), with the Property having a Map ID Number of 4N4W-08-DO-00500 and a Tax Account Number of 24097.

The Property will be sold for a minimum sale price of \$30,000.

The specific terms and conditions for the sale (the "Terms and Conditions"), along with other sale information, can be viewed at the Board of Commissioners Office, Columbia County Courthouse, 230 Strand, Room 331, St. Helens, Oregon, or electronically at <http://www.co.columbia.or.us/departments/board-of-commissioners-office-main/surplus-property>. Prospective buyers should review all sale information carefully.

The sale Terms and Conditions must be accepted by anyone bidding on the Property. Sale staff will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the sale location to receive signed Terms and Conditions acceptance forms.

Other key terms and conditions of the sale include:

1. The Property will be offered by oral auction.
2. The Property will be sold to the highest qualified bidder for cash in accordance with a non-negotiable earnest money agreement that must be signed and returned to the County by June 16, 2017, or 10 days from the Agreement transmittal date, whichever is earlier. Bidders are required to deposit \$6000 in the form of cash or cashier's check to the County at the time of the sale. The remaining amount due under the agreement will be due with the signed Agreement.
3. The Columbia County Assessor estimates the Property's real market value to be \$187,940, with \$89,430 allocated to land value and \$98,510 allocated to improvement value. The minimum bid required under the sale reflects certain site conditions that may reduce the value of the Property.
4. The County earnest money agreement will require that the Property be remediated to a safe and sanitary condition acceptable to the County and that the buyer's obligation to remediate the Property be guaranteed with a cash deposit of \$25,000.
5. The Property will be sold AS-IS without covenants or warranties of any kind, subject to any municipal liens, easements and encumbrances of record. The Property will be conveyed with a standard County quitclaim deed, which can be viewed at the County offices or online as provided for above. The quitclaim deed will contain specific reservations to the County that should be reviewed carefully by prospective buyers.
6. No elected or appointed County officer or employee, their family members, or intermediaries may purchase from the County, directly or indirectly through this auction.
7. In the event that there is a conflict between anything in this notice and the Terms and Conditions, the Terms and Conditions will prevail.

Sale questions should be directed to Steve Planchon who can be contacted at (503)467-8699 or at [Steve@Planchonconsulting.com](mailto:Steve@Planchonconsulting.com). Land use or code violation questions related to the Property should be directed to the Columbia County Land Development Services at (503) 397-1501.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017

Jeff Dickerson, Columbia County Sheriff

## Vernonia Students of the Month

April 2017



**Aubrie Morrison** Kindergarten

Aubrie's teacher says she is good at following directions and always does what she is suppose to do. Aubrie is known for being kind and will often offer to help in the classroom. Aubrie says her favorite subject is math. In her spare time she likes to play.

**Kortnie Adams**  
Grade 6



Kortnie is a pleasant student and a hard worker who looks to improve her work and is willing to do extra projects. Kortnie says her favorite subject is math. She plays volleyball and basketball. In her spare time she likes to color, play with her animals, and babysit.

**Megan Ely**  
Grade 12



Megan played volleyball, was named First Team All League in basketball, and won the District Title in the javelin. She plays the bassoon in the band and was a captain of the robotics team. She is the National Honor Society President and senior class Vice President. She keeps a breeding pair of sheep and raises market lambs for 4-H. She has served as a councilor at summer basketball camps. She just accepted a scholarship to play basketball at Linn-Benton Community College and will be dual enrolled at Oregon State University where she hopes to study biology or something animal related.

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