

Youth baseball readies summer play schedule

The Vernonia Youth Summer Baseball Association is planning a workday at the little league ball park the end of Missouri St., at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, according to Carol Davis.

A great deal of work needs to be done to get the park ready for the coming season, so many workers are needed. Volunteers are asked to bring shovels, picks, rakes and wheelbarrows.

Five teams will be participating in the Western Washington County Division of the Junior Baseball League

of Oregon.

The Vernonia organization is sponsoring teams in four age groups. There will be two teams in the 9-10 year age bracket, one each in the 11-12, 13-14 and the 15 year age groups.

In addition to these, there will be three Junior Midget teams playing in Vernonia.

Davis reports that some spots are still available in each group. Interested persons should contact Carol Davis or Kathy Morrison at 429-0153.



Vernonia High School track team member Brody McMann, in center lane, digs out in competition with other schools at Catlin Gabel.

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Spring horse club activities planned

Vernonia Ridge Riders horse club has two activities scheduled for May. The first, on May 9, is a four hour community ride, with participants bringing a sack lunch. Designated as an easy ride, newcomers are urged to join the fun, starting at 10 a.m. at Anderson Park in Vernonia.

The annual Memorial Weekend Poker Ride and Barbecue will be held Sunday, May 24, also at Anderson Park. The poker ride will be 4 hours long, with starters leaving from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The entry fee is \$3, and 50 percent of the entry fees will be awarded to the first through fifth place winners.

The chicken barbecue will begin at 1 p.m. and is \$5 per person. Half of the profit from the barbecue will go to the Vernonia Cancer Society. There will also be wagon

rides and other activities during the afternoon.

For more information call Ric Gardner at 429-6481, Gary Jackson at 429-1850, or Dale Brunk at 429-7343.

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Lisa E. Blackburn

Army Reserve Pvt. Lisa E. Blackburn, daughter of Janet and Bob Garburt of Timber, Ore., has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

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She is a 1979 graduate of Hillsboro High School, Ore.

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