

Berg appointed to vacant school board seat

Ann Berg, Birkenfeld, was appointed September 10 to the Vernonia School District Board of Directors to serve the remainder of Jeff

Schaub's term as director. Berg, who declined to run for re-election last spring after several years as a director for the district, said she

applied for the appointment because she's experienced and there are already two new board members as well as a new superintendent.

"I thought it would be easier for the new superintendent," Berg said, "with another experienced director, because the continuity is important."

The new directors on the seven member board are Cathy Crabtree, Vernonia, who was elected to the position vacated by Berg, and Mary Crawford of Mist, who was appointed to fill a position created by the resignation of Claudia Oblack, also of Mist.

Preschool has some openings

Vernonia Preschool is off and running to a great school year, said president CiCi Bell. There are still a few openings in the afternoon class for 3 and 4 year old, which meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Anyone interested in enrolling their child should call Valerie DeWitt at 429-5214. Tuition is \$28 per month.

A big rummage sale will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3 and 4, at the corner of State Avenue and Bridge Street, Bell said, as part of Preschool's ongoing fund raising efforts. There will be some great buys, she added.



Extensive dry-rot is seen in one of the cross bars holding the VHS football field's lights, as well as in the top portion of the pole.

Field lights condemned, replacement is needed

West Oregon Electric linemen, using a rental bucket truck with a 65 foot reach, began dismantling the lights on Vernonia High School's athletic field last Wednesday.

The standards had been condemned as a dangerous hazard because the upper ends of the poles and the crossbars holding the fixtures were permeated with dry rot and much of the electrical installations deteriorated and corroded beyond repair.

While replacement of the 35 year old lighting has been discussed by the school district for many years and some maintenance work has been necessary during the last ten years, no provision has been made for their eventual replacement.

Superintendent Danielson

and his administrative assistant, Steve Farrell, explained that the problem would be handled in three phases. First, the elimination of the immediate hazard, leaving the poles. Second, researching the alternatives and costs of replacement and third, implementing a course of action.

One unrelated but important factor in these deliberations should be the need for a lighted field for use as a landing pad for Life Flight, according to Greg Port and Agnes Wuest of the Vernonia Volunteer Ambulance Association. Port said that while Life Flight has been in service here for only about eight years, there have been a number of occasions when time was of the essence in getting patients to a hospital after dark.

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