

Equestriennes sought for county fair rodeo court

Equestriennes aged 14 to 19 are invited to participate in try-outs for the Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Court, March 31, 1990.

The try-outs will be held at Malarkey's Arena, 55948 Columbia River Highway, Scappoose (across from Midway Veterinary Clinic).

Each participant will be required to give a memorized speech on why she thinks

she should be Rodeo Queen and how she would promote the Columbia County Fair and Rodeo if selected. Participants will be asked rodeo related questions, be judged for equitation, required to perform a stock horse type pattern, make a grand entry and welcome.

Three girls will be selected to represent Columbia County at the county fair and

rodeo, and at individual city celebrations such as Port-o-Fun, Pow Wow, Heritage Days, Friendship Jamboree and Rainier Days. Additional appearances may be at the Rose Festival and the Pendleton Round-up.

Members of the court will also be required to sell sponsorships to local businesses

and individuals to earn the money necessary to support the court.

For more information call or write Beverley Bingaman, 32180 Brooks Road, St. Helens, OR 97051, 397-4932, before March 15.

Application forms are available at The INDEPENDENT, 1206 State Avenue, Vernonia.

Nomination papers still unfiled for 47J

As usual, candidates are waiting until the last moment to file their nomination papers for school board vacancies.

Incumbents Leslie "Jerry" Keenon and Lynn Williamson both said they plan to file for reelection to the board of directors for Vernonia School District 47J, though they hadn't yet done so by late afternoon on January 22.

No other candidates have filed for the 47J board.

James R. "Jim" O'Connor, Warren, has filed for reelection as Columbia Education Service District director for Zone 7, an at-large seat. As of Monday afternoon, he was running unopposed.

The final date to file for the March 27 election is January 25.

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Columbia ESD moves to a larger building

Today is moving day for the Columbia Education Service District as it transfers everything from its old offices to a newly leased facility at 800 Port Avenue in St. Helens.

At 12,000 square feet, the new facility is approximately three times larger than the old building leased from

Columbia County. It includes 7,000 square feet of warehouse space, plus 5,000 square feet for offices and a meeting room.

CESD has signed a long term lease with Columbia River P.U.D., owners of the Port Avenue property.



The Vernonia High School Loggers battled a tenacious Neah-Kah-Nie team on January 13, but came out on the losing side of the score. They enjoyed a big win over Lutheran early in the month though they were without the services of starter Scott Scharringhausen.



After two losses early this month, the Vernonia High School girls' basketball team bounced back with two strong wins against Neah-Kah-Nie and Portland Adventist, even though leading scorer Jeni Prohaska missed all four games because of an injury. Starter Darilee Aultman also missed the Neah-Kah-Nie game, shown in the picture above. Through January 15, the Lady Loggers were 7-3 overall and 2-2 in league play.