

Vernonia, Banks students accepted for Music in May workshops

The 52nd annual Music in May festival will be held at Pacific University from May 25 to 27. Approximately 550 student musicians from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, including seven from Vernonia High School and one from Banks High School, will attend three days of workshops, lessons and rehearsals, then perform together in a final concert featuring band, orchestra and choir.

In addition to Dr. Michael Burch-Pesses, chair of Pacific's Department of Music, three well-known guest conductors will work with the students. Dr. Jerry McCoy of Oklahoma State University will conduct the choir, Anthony Maiello of George Mason University will conduct the orchestra; conducting the band will be Allan McMurray of the University of Colorado.

The final concert will be on Saturday, May 27 at 3:00 p.m., in the Pacific Athletic Center on Main Street in Forest. Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, or in advance through the Music in May office at 359-2198.

Music in May is the only college-sponsored high school music festival in the Northwest.



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Saxophonist Heather Cotnam will represent Banks High School at Music in May.

Never mistake motion for action.

— Ernest Hemingway



Vernonia High School will be well-represented at Music in May, with seven students accepted to perform with the orchestra, band or choir. Pictured in the back row, from left, are bass Jake Brock, clarinetist Jessica Soderback, soprano Ani Militzer, and music instructor Bob Isted. In the front row are cellist Myriam Gendron, soprano Christie Brown, soprano Kristin Francis, and clarinetist Charles Gendron.

VHS band going to state contest

The resurgence of music at Vernonia High School isn't just in numbers, it's also in quality. The 45-member VHS band placed highest at district competition last week and qualified as one of the top 20 bands in the state at the 2A (small schools) level.

Coming up next, the band will perform in competition at the state level. State competition will be held May 11 in Corvallis.

Banks planners approve rewrite of fence ordinance

The Banks Planning Commission, at its regular meeting April 25, held a public hearing on the proposed City Sign Ordinance. City Planner K.J. Won delivered an overview of the proposed ordinance, which he said represents six months of

Registration for Banks Head Start

Banks Head Start is looking for three and four-year-old children to fill the cheery classroom down the hall from the library at Banks Elementary School. This preschool helps children and their families prepare for school with fun, educational activities plus support in health, nutrition, and mental health. Children with disabilities are especially welcome.

There is no cost for this half day, four day-a-week program,

but parents are expected to be involved in planning their children's goals in monthly meetings and other activities.

There are still a couple of places left for this year. Children need to be three before September 1, 1999, for this year, or before September 1, 2000, for next year. Applications are now being accepted for both years. Call 359-0144 for an application, or pick one up at Banks Elementary.

work by the Planning Commission. It has been refined to a comfort level concerning standards, procedure and enforcement, he said.

The Commission approved sending the proposed City Sign Ordinance to Banks City Council with the recommendation that the Council adopt it as written.

Won noted that although mailers announcing the hearing were sent to all residents and Chamber of Commerce

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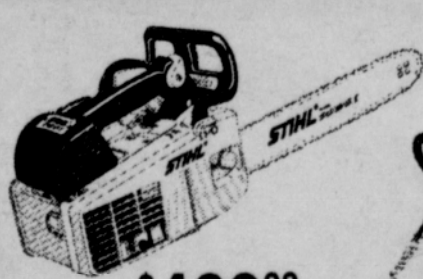


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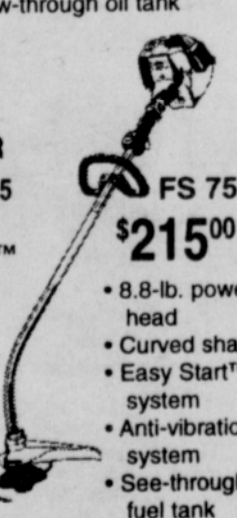
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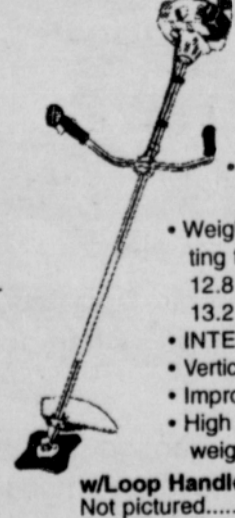
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