

**More Letters**

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Team, under the auspices of the Columbia County Commission on Children and Families, has worked to reduce teen pregnancy through education and programs.

May is Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, and we would like to celebrate by thanking you for your support of those programs that positively impact teen pregnancy prevention in Columbia County.

Art, drama, music, sports and other extracurricular activities help teens make healthy choices and provide them with healthy lifestyles. Did you know that a girl who participates in positive extracurricular activities is 50-percent less likely to become pregnant than a girl who does not? That is an amazing statistic, and we need to continue to invest in our kids, our community and our extracurricular activities.

John F. Kennedy once said that if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem. With your support of these vital programs, we will continue to take steps toward empowering our young people

to have and make healthy choices.

Thank you to all of you who volunteer your time and energy towards extracurricular activities for our youth.

Sincerely,

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Team, Columbia County**

**Taekwon-do class also helped clean up**

To the Editor:

I was disappointed to see that no mention was made whatsoever of our group in the article about the Vernonia Clean-Up Day. Kim's Taekwon-Do had the largest group participating (19 people), and every one of my students worked very hard, even the youngest ones. They picked up trash for nearly four hours.

I'm very proud of all of them, and I want to give them a big public THANK YOU! GREAT JOB!

Sincerely,  
**April Kinney**  
Vernonia

[Ed. note: If this was the only group not mentioned, it would be

remarkable. The organizers get very, very busy and, if any groups were omitted, it was purely by accident.]

**VHS sophomores thank helpers, donors**

To the Editor:

On Saturday, May 13, the Vernonia High School sophomore class had a can and bottle drive, and earned \$323.20. We would like to thank all who donated time, gas, bottles and cans. It is greatly appreciated. Special thanks go to Janice Holmes, Patrick and Ryan Peets, Donald Normand and Randy (Bud) Normand, as well as to the eight sophomores who helped.

Thank you for all of your support.

**Vernonia High School**  
Class of 2002

**Candidates Fair was helped by all**

To the Editor:

The Columbia County League of Women Voters

**Logger golf season comes to end**

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in the district tournament were Catlin Gabel, Chehalem Valley, City Christian, Columbia Christian, Portland Adventist, Riverdale and Warrenton.

Brass Sears ended the day the first day of the tournament with 82 strokes for 18 holes. Bryan Dinger had 91; Matt

Brookins, 95; Brian Robertson, 108; and Joey Strand, 108.

"Brass started the back nine the first day two over par," said head coach James Brookins. "He still had a chance for state, but had a rough back nine.

Bryan Dinger was just the opposite."

The second day proved to be a challenge for the Loggers as they played through gusts of wind that, according to Brookins, were strong enough to set the golf ball rolling on the green.

Sears ended the second day of the tournament with 94 strokes, bringing his total for the tournament to 176 strokes.

Tournament scores:  
Sears, 82-94, 176  
Dinger, 91-93, 184  
Brookins, 95-101, 196  
Robertson, 108-100, 208  
Strand, 108-119, 227

**Shuttle bus service**

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funded by Tri-Met, Oregon Department of Transportation, Legacy Health Systems, Oregon Department of Human Services and Community Foundations.

Drivers, vehicles and time are donated by many organizations and providers, including the American Red Cross. Ride Connection acts as the contract manager for the various providers.

Ride Connection's mission statement is "Linking accessible, responsive transportation

with community need," said Levitt. The system is expected to undergo some adjusting as time goes on, to meet the needs of riders in the area. The service is seeking to address the lack of viable transportation in the rural and outlying areas of the county, she added.

U-Shuttle will operate 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with weekend service expected to begin July 1. To schedule a ride, call 226-0700. For information and comments, call 413-8924.

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