

# Banquet, awards bring recognition to participants of spring sports

The Vernonia High School spring sports awards banquet was held May 23 in the VHS gym. Following a potluck banquet, the awards ceremony began with introductions by Principal Mike Durbin and Athletic Director Jane McClellan.

Five students were honored for participation in a sport outside of school. Alex Kinney, Brittany Kerns and Evva Smith all received a certificate, medal and letter for their participation in Tae-Kwon-Do. Blaine Vandehay and Justin Johnson each received a certificate and medal for freestyle wrestling.

Five students were honored for being a part of the school's "Tech Crew." Jake Lee and Nicole Potter received a certificate and medal, while Billy Leach and Jack Murphy received a certificate, medal and a letter. Steve Potter also received a certificate and medal.

In track, 46 students were honored. In boys track and field, certificates, pins and letters were earned by Erik Banzar, Charlie Hansen, Shawn Hillyer, Aaron Hunt, Shawn Robertson, Jake Rumbolz, and Adam Tanner. Casey Waltz received a participation certificate. Certificates of participation and pins were earned by Aaron Stewart Luke Ellis, Doug Hillyer, Colin Plews, and Eric Patterson, as well as Steve

## Art show seeks patriotic works

The Gallery at Columbia Center is seeking artwork for its July art show that has a theme of "Historical Fourth."

Following the Gallery's theme for the year 2000, the show desires to attract artwork depicting images of the past and future, and for this show, art with historical and patriotic images.

The show will include all art mediums. It will open July 6 with a First Thursday reception and continue through July 30 at Columbia Center, 375 South 18th Street, St. Helens.

Artwork will be accepted for display 4-6:00 p.m. on July 3.

"All artwork that depicts images of the Fourth of July, democracy, U.S. history or patriotism is eligible," said Maeona Urban, chairwoman of the Columbia Center Art Committee.

The show is being sponsored by St. Helens Federal Community Credit Union.

Each artist may submit two pieces of artwork for the show and sale. Two-dimensional works are not to exceed 28 x 36 inches, framed, and three dimensional works may not exceed 50 pounds. The work must be original and completed within the last three years. Art must be wired and framed.

Columbia Foundation, which oversees the art program, receives a 20 percent commission on all works sold during the show.

For more information, call Barbara Peschiera at 503-397-1139.

Serafin. Jiri Burda received a participation certificate. Most improved went to Stewart, while Banzar earned most inspirational and most valuable went to Eric Patterson.

In the girls' track and field category, certificates of participation were earned by Diana Jackson, Sarah Johnston, Kelly Kofstad, Jennifer Price and Mary Jensen. Receiving a certificate and pin were Mary Anne Miller, Kendra Dewitt, Alicia Normand, Elisabeth Brookins, Alishia Buffam, Jessica Soderback, Amy Spry, Elena Majbova, April Iman, Ani Militzer and Johanna Seidel. Certificates, pins and letters were earned by Ashley Murray, Stephanie Hein, Lydia Isaacson, Rose Peets, Lacey Schilling, Beth Green, Lola Muminova, and Narisara Satrulee. Most improved honors went to Lydia Isaacson, as Most Inspirational went to Ashley Murray, and Mary Anne Miller received Most Valuable.

In baseball, participation certificates were earned by Matt Kelly, Arron Forster and Curtis Golson, and Donald Schaumburg.

Athletes receiving a certi-

cate and pin were David Koch, John Walters; Kyle Cota, Dustin Titus, and Bobby Lokken. Senior Kohei Nagashio received a certificate and pin as well as the Most Improved award. Earning a certificate, pin and letter were Jon Luttrell, who also earned the title of Most Inspirational, and Everett Brown. Lokken was Most Valuable.

First year coach Dana Hyde presented the softball awards.

Receiving certificates for participation as statisticians were freshmen Nicole Swayze and Heather Forster.

Players receiving certificates and pins were: freshmen Kim Normand, Nikki Gwin, and Nicole Potter; juniors Jennifer Grady and Abby Pond; and seniors Kirsten Hyde, Nicole Koch and Andrea Pinedo.

Six girls lettered in softball this season. Jessica Allison, and Kendall Graham; Christy Benes and Bonnie Buchan, and Fawn Cecil. Pond was awarded the MVP award, as Buchan was named Most Inspirational and Luttrell was most improved. All three received medals.

Girls golf coach Joe Strand

## Activities set Saturday at BV Trail

The Friends of Banks Vernonia State Trail will host their annual celebration of State Parks Day and National Trails Day on Saturday, June 10. The celebration will be held at the Buxton trailhead from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The public is invited to bring their families and friends; take a walk, ride bicycles, or ride their horses on the trail.

The Friends of Banks/Vernonia Linear Park will provide cake and juice for visitors who stop by the Buxton trailhead. There will also be exhibits covering the Park's trees, flowers and other points of interest. In addition there will be available games and demonstrations of water quality sampling and construction of native fish traps from natural materials. There will be activities for the whole family.

June 10 also coincides with the State of Oregon free fishing day. So visitors can check out the fabled cut-throat trout that are purported to be in Mendan-hall Creek at the park

This year, the Friends group will have members visiting the other B/V Park trailheads dur-

ing the day, with maps and other park related information. We have added this type of public contact in order to meet as many visitors as possible.

The Banks Vernonia Trail is 21 miles long and runs from Banks to Vernonia. The Buxton Trailhead is at 24600 Bacona Road. State Park signs in Buxton direct visitors to the trail head.

For more information: contact Ron Johnson, president of the Friends, at 693-9096, or Park Ranger Scott Green at 324-0606.

## Annual Relay date changed

People of all ages will come together in August for the Third Annual Columbia County Prevention Relay Around the Clock.

The 18-hour event will be held on the track at Rainier High School from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11 until noon on Saturday, August 12.

Although it sounds like a sports event, anyone of any ability can sign up, said Team Participation Chairman Melissa

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presented the awards for his team. Jessie Doane was the only player to letter, receiving a certificate, pin and letter, while Alex Hayes, Megan Peura, and

Liana Traylor each received a certificate and pin. Receiving medals with their certificates, Hayes was voted Most Improved; Traylor was awarded Most Inspirational, and Peura earned the title of Most Valuable. Doane was voted Most Consistent.

In the final group of the

evening, coach James Brookins presented the awards for the boys golf team.

Jesse Borst received a certificate of participation, while Alex Dinger was the only member of the Loggers boys golf team to earn a varsity letter. Brass Sears received a certificate of participation and pin, as did Joey Strand, Brian Collins, Bryan Dinger, Matt Brookins and Brian Robertson. Dinger Brookins and Robertson also received 4-year plaques.

## Skidmore, Stacklie UO graduates

Candidates to receive degrees from the University of Oregon on June 10 include Molly Arlene Skidmore, bache-

lor of music in music education; and Jamie L. Stacklie, bachelor of science in accounting. Both are graduates of Vernonia High School.

Stacklie also received a PricewaterhouseCoopers Leadership Award. The accounting firm annual sponsors the \$2,500 prize to recognize a student who, in addition to academic achievement, demonstrates leadership in student affairs in a way that helps others.

## VHS finishes third at Quiz Bowl

The Vernonia High School 2000 Quiz Bowl team competed in the Northwest League Quiz Bowl at Neah-Kah-Nie High School on May 3.

The VHS team was composed of seniors April Bamberg and Matt Brookins, juniors Elisabeth Brookins, and Blaine Vandehay and sophomores Cassian Flynn and Brass Sears.

Vernonia began the competition in the second round against the Knappa High

School team and were defeated 85-70. The second round was slow, as it seemed that neither team was awake. In round three, competing against Neah-Kah-Nie, the students seemed to wake up, and VHS won that round 110-85.

Knappa and Warrenton battled for first and second place in the final round of the tournament, with Knappa winning 185-155. Vernonia was third, and Neah-Kah-Nie was fourth.

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