

# Renaissance program recognizes students' academic efforts

The Vernonia High School Renaissance assembly for the third grading period was held May 17.

78 students achieved Renaissance for the third quarter, raising their grade point averages .5 or more from the previous quarter, or achieving a 3.60 GPA. One student was recognized for Perfect Attendance.

Freshmen – Rachael Bentzen, Jesse Borst, Shantrell Cecil, Candace Dalebroux, John Dotson, William Hales, Katrina Hall, Stephanie Hein, Shawn Hillyer, Audrey Isaacson, Michael Jenkins, Jaki King, Marcus Kintz, David Koch, Eric Lea, Joe Rea, Shawn Robertson, Jacob Rumbolz, Lacey Schilling, Brandy Snow, Shilo Stevens, Nicole Swayze, Jessica Thornburg, Trisha Titus,

Sommer VanMeter, and Eric Weller.

Sophomores – J.P. Allison, Jennifer Bernardi, Miranda Casteel, Alexandria Hayes, Janet James, Elizabeth James, Corey Kennedy, Billy Leach, David McMurtrey, Edith Nelson, Megan Pattison, Nicole Potter and Brass Sears.

Juniors – Elisabeth Brookins, Alishia Buffum, Meghan Dougherty, Myriam Gendron, Travis Graham, Kayla Hennessey, Mary Jensen, Donald Schaumburg, Blaine Vandehy, and Mike Whitworth.

Seniors – April Bamburg, Kelly Baska, Matt Brookins, Fawn Cecil, Lori Dailey, Bryan Dinger, Andy Forrest, Kristin

Francis, Nicole Koch, Elena Majbova, Ani Millitzer, Randee Parker, Denny Peters, Joe Pletter, Narisara Satrulee, Stephen Serafin, Jeremy Stevens, Casey Weller and Allisa West.

Junior Melissa Devlaeminck had perfect attendance for the third quarter.

In addition to the Renaissance awards, the assembly was also used to honor teachers, as "Teacher Appreciation week" had been the week before, and the new student body officers were sworn in. A new community partner in the Renaissance program, The Hang Out, was also introduced. The Hang Out will honor students who achieve Renaissance with a half-off coupon for admittance, and a student drawn from each class will receive a free night there.

Students were entertained by the Broken Glory Band, and singer Maranda Barton.

In the teacher appreciation part of the assembly, teachers participated in the "teacher olympics," which included academic competitions such as a race to eat a quart of vanilla ice cream. Several students presented oral readings, and the Leadership Class presented a skit, their version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?", called "Do You Know Your Teachers."

## County spelling bee results

Five students from the Vernonia School District competed in the Columbia County Spelling Contest, May 25, at St. Helens High School in St. Helens.

Brittanie Roberts, Celia Gendron, Andrew Brookins, Charles Gendron and April Bamburg were the district's top spellers in three divisions. Division one was composed of students in grades K-5, division two was for students in grades 6-8, and division three was for students in grades 9-12.

Roberts placed third in division one, while Bamburg and Charles Gendron placed second and third, respectively, in the division three contest.

The top contestants in each division will compete at the state spelling competition in at the Oregon State Fair in Salem. If for some reason the first place contestant cannot attend, the second place contestant will take their place.

Each student received a certificate of participation.

## Vernonia Head Start recruiting

Head Start, a federally funded pre-school is seeking students for the 2000-2001 school year. Applications are being taken for three- and four-year-olds.

Prospective students must turn three before September 1, 2000. Children must be from low income households or have a disability and/or special needs to quality.

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Training on various subjects and on-the-job-training is offered to all enrolled families. The program is open to children regardless of race, sex, creed, nationality or disabling condition.

The Vernonia Center is located at 500 California Avenue. Families who live in Mist, Birkenfeld and Vernonia may call 429-9243 for more information and an application.

Head Start is an agency of Community Action Team, Inc. serving Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties.



Journalism teacher Ward Nelson congratulated Timberline editor April Bamburg on her award for completing four years on the school paper.

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