



Some of Vernonia's school volunteers and district staff at the tea in their honor on June 6.

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## Volunteer Tea honors many who aid school

The Vernonia Education Association honored Vernonia School District volunteers at a tea June 6 at the Vernonia High School library.

Volunteers logged over 6500 hours in the district during the past year, said Superintendent Larry McClellan, during remarks he made to approximately 40 volunteers present at the event.

"High achieving schools always have good parent volunteer programs behind the district. Volunteers make this district a better district," said Vernonia High School Principal Mike Durbin. He noted that 3400 hours were contributed by volunteers at VHS alone, 1200 of those hours by senior project mentors.

K-8 Principal Kirk Sherril presented an Oregon Small Schools Association Award of Excellence to parents, students and staff of Lincoln Grade School for Parent Involvement. The award honored specifically the school's efforts to "bridge the gap between school and home." The fall Bedtime Story Hour, Family Math Night, grandparent involvement, a weekly newsletter and family projects helped cement recognition by the OSSA.

Sherril said that two things contribute to making a school above and beyond satisfactory: hard teachers and community volunteer programs.

Marguerite Nice, head teacher at LGS, expressed gratitude to all the volunteers who have helped make LGS an award-winning school.

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K-8 Principal Kirk Sherril presented the Oregon Small Schools Association Award for Parent Involvement at Lincoln Grade School.

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Community Calendar		JULY 2000	AUGUST 2000	SEPTEMBER 2000	OCTOBER 2000	NOVEMBER 2000
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Al-Anon	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-BIRKENFELD			
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-BRFPD Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Main Fire Station	
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-B Ambulance Assoc.	1st & 2nd Thurs.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	1:00 p.m., New Hong Kong	M-B Firefighters Assoc.	1st & 2nd Wed.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	
Boosters	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library	M-B Rescue	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-B Helping Circle	2nd Wednesday	10:00 am, 755-2346 for info.	
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church	Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Grange Hall	
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library				
Chamber of Commerce		No meetings July and August	<b>BANKS</b>			
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church	
Friends of the Scout Cabin	4th Monday	7:00 p.m., City Library	Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall	
Girl Scouts	Thursdays	6:30-8 p.m., Christian Church	Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall	
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 429-7193	Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library	
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Lew's Place	Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.	
Nehalem Valley Car Club		For Info Call 429-4074	Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Brown Derby	
Preschool Story Hour	Mondays	10:30 a.m., City Library	Citizen Participation Org.	3rd Monday, odd months	7:15 p.m., City Hall	
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	4th Thursday	For location call 429-2401	Friends of the Library	1st Saturday	10:00 a.m., City Library	
Vernonia Airport Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library	Lions Club	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church	
Vernonia Cares Directors	1st Thursday	For location call 429-1414	Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club	
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	6:30 p.m., City Hall	TOPS	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Jr. High Library	
Vernonia Comm. Dev. Corp.	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	Tri-City RFPD Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13	
Vernonia Grange	2nd Friday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall				
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.	<b>COLUMBIA COUNTY</b> (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)			
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Hall	Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse	
Vernonia Pride		For Info Call, 429-1204	Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church	
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library	COLCO Transportation	2nd Friday	10:30 a.m., Courthouse	
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station	County Council of Seniors	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Courthouse	
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	8:00 p.m., District Office	County Fair Board	2nd & 4th Mondays	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds	
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	1st Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center	County Parks Commission	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.	
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station	Emergency Comm. Dist. (9-1-1)	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Courthouse	
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC	Historical Society	4th Wednesday	Noon, location call 429-3713	
			Traffic Safety Commission	1st Wednesday	7:00 a.m., Village Inn	

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410