

WGS names academic honor roll

The following Washington Grade School seventh and eighth grade students were named to the academic honor roll for the third quarter of the 2001-02 school year:

Principal's Honors, 4.00 Grade Point Average – B. J. Linville, Ben Schorzman, Brittny Lindauer, Jacob Hales, Joreigh Landers, Kristin Kelly, Laura Brookins, Marisol Borquez, Timothy Hein, Zachary Serafin.

High Honors, 3.50-3.99 GPA – Alex Bittinger, Amber Abney, Brittanie Roberts, Cassandra Gunter, Colton DeWitt, Danielle Robb, Erin Gehrke, Heather Hennessey, Heather Maller.

Jacob Rice, Jessica Long, Jessica Shaw, Jessica Short, Jessica Tarrence, John Fitch, Kevin Johnston, Kizzie Peirce, Kristel Norby.

Kristin Cota, Kristina Lamping, Melissa Chelby, Nandi VanMeter, Nicole Frantz, Sam Thornton, Travis Baker.

Honors, 3.25-3.49 GPA – Akesha Maldonado, Brandon

Cota, Jessica Dahl, Mackenzie Bassett, Nicholas Mohn, Russell Lende, Stacia Knurek, Tiffany Thayer.

Honorable Mention, 3.00-3.24 GPA – Anna Naspini, Bryan Budge, Candace Collins, Carena Sweeney, Cassandra Fogel, Dalan Lee, Devon Cowles, John Howley.

Larinda Botchie, Lindsay Lennen, Luke Johnston, Nicholas Hammons, Seth Brock, Skyler Hoyt, Stephanie Carr, Theresa Due.

Progressive Honors, raised GPA by .5 or more – Austin East, Brandon Cota, Candace Collins, Cassandra Gunter, Colin Hayes, Curtis Holabird, Dalan Lee, Damon McNeill.

Jacob Hales, Jessica Dahl, Natalie Driver, Kristel Norby, Marisol Borquez, Michael Ashby, Mitch Stevens, Nandi VanMeter.

Nicholas King, Robert Carrigan, Scott Courtney, Seth Brock, Stacia Knurek, Tiffany Thayer, Travis Hansen, Zachary Serafin.

Shawn Robertson seeking sponsors

Shawn Robertson, a junior at Vernonia High School, has been invited to participate in the 2002 Parkroyal Down Under International Games in Australia. Robertson has been running track since the seventh grade and joined the VHS cross-country team last year. Running the 5k race at the state tournament, he placed sixth in state.

Between ten and twenty Oregon athletes have been invited to participate in the games, including two from Vernonia. Ashley Murray is the other local athlete.

Robertson is now seeking sponsors to help defray the \$3,000 cost of the trip. He will be happy to answer any questions about the trip or his qualifications if you call him at 503-429-4901.

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Leadership class says now is the time to raise money for needed VHS risers

Instead of sitting around and waiting for "somebody" to do something, the leadership class at Vernonia High School is working to solve a long-standing problem: The school has no risers to use for events such as graduation.

For the past two graduation ceremonies, risers have been borrowed from the Clatskanie School District. Prior to 1999, only the front row of the graduating class was visible when they were seated on the stage for graduation.

Realizing that continued borrowing may not be possible, and recognizing that risers would be a valuable addition for both graduation and other events, the leadership class has committed to raising the money necessary to purchase, and store, risers. Total cost for the risers, along with a carpet walkway and a storage facility, is nearly

\$6000.

Undaunted, the students started the ball rolling with \$1000 of their own, hard-earned money to the fund. They approached alumni and received nearly \$600 from the Class of 2000 and almost \$700 from the Class of 2001. A letter sent to local businesses this winter raised an additional \$300. Two students recently made a presentation to the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce, which donated \$250 to the fund.

In spite of these efforts, the group still needs to raise approximately \$3000. The students remain committed and are being allowed to borrow from future fundraising so they may order the risers in time for graduation this year.

Tickets are available, for a \$5.00 donation, for a chance to win a 1989 Pontiac Lemans LE. The car was donated

by Grumpy's Towing in Scappoose. Tickets are available from leadership students, at the concession stand at varsity baseball and softball games or by calling the high school at 429-3521. Donations are also gratefully accepted.

The drawing will be held May first. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will be split between the riser fund and the VHS Student Body President's Challenge. ASB President Megan Peura hopes to raise \$2000 to be donated to a charity benefiting juvenile diabetes.

Leadership is responsible for paying for a wide variety of student and staff recognitions presented throughout the year at Renaissance Assemblies and at other times. Leadership receives money from student body fees, fund raising and pop sales at the high school.

OHSU student taking dental "rural rotation" in Nehalem Valley areas

Oregon Health & Science University dental hygienist student Katie Paul will be working the dental clinic of Dr. James Tyack in Clatskanie, providing educational outreach into the community, April 15 - 26.

On Wednesday, April 24, Paul will visit Lincoln Grade School in Vernonia to conduct a presentation on oral health to the kindergarten class. She will also be in Vernonia on Thursday and Friday, April 25-26, for outreach to the K-6 grades at both Lincoln and Washington

Grade Schools. During her stay in Columbia County, she will also visit Mist School.

Oregon Pacific Area Health Education Center, a private non-profit organization affiliated with OHSU, provides the rural rotation program so OHSU senior dental hygiene students can train with local professionals and also learn about the rural communities in which they are working. The program's goal is to encourage students to pursue practice opportunities in rural Oregon after graduation.

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