

Fundraising underway for annual Drug/Alcohol-Free All-Night party

For the past 20 years, parents of Vernonia seniors have provided a Drug and Alcohol Free All-Night Party for graduates after the graduation ceremony. The tradition began to provide a fun and safe environment to celebrate on graduation night, and in those 20 years, there has never been an injury to a VHS graduate. One goal is to provide each student with a souvenir and reminder of a fun, safe and memorable evening. This year, the party will be June 8, 2003.

Donations of any kind, such as merchandise, service coupons, gift certificates, T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats or cash to purchase additional prizes and to offset the cost of the party are necessary. All donations are welcome and are greatly appreciated. Donations must be received no later than June 5.

Checks should be made payable to VHS Grad Night Party and be mailed to Susan Robertson, Vernonia High School, 299 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.

For more information, call Susan Robertson at 503-429-

4901, Judy King at 503-429-9019 or Robin Murphy at 503-429-4101.

Spaghetti dinner and Bingo will benefit DC 2003

It's not easy for a group of students to raise enough money for a trip to Washington, D.C., but spaghetti and bingo can help!

A Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night will be held March 15 at the Vernonia Community Church, 957 State Avenue, to benefit the DC 2003 group. Dinner will be served starting at 5:00 p.m., followed by bingo beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner and one bingo hard card will be \$5.00 for children 10 and under; for adults the event will be \$7.00 for dinner and one bingo hard card. Additional hard cards (good for 15 games) will be \$5.00 each. Paper cards for special games will be \$1.00 each.

A 25" television set will be the prize for the Finale game, at \$3.00 per card, or two cards for \$5.00.



You can tell that spring is just around the corner when students grab shovels and rakes, instead of bats, and start preparing the baseball fields at Vernonia High School. Above, students work on the pitcher's mound; photo on next page show efforts on the base paths.

PCC schedules more Vernonia classes

Did you know that PCC classes are held in Vernonia?

Offered now are Math 65, Introduction to College Algebra, with instructor Kim Wallace; Beginner and Intermediate Spanish are both available with teacher Carol Sawyer, and Madeleine Gendron teaches Beginner French Conversation.

Spring term will start March 31 so, if you are interested in any of these classes, watch for more information in *The INDEPENDENT*.

If you are a professional and would like to share your knowledge with your community and teach a class, please call Ed Kaiel at 503-978-5303.

Correction

In a February 20 article about Vernonia students who have received recognition for outstanding academic achievement in post-secondary education, one name was misspelled.

Kayla Hennessey was named to the Western Oregon University Honor Roll for the 2002 fall quarter.

We are pleased to set the record straight.

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