

PCC language, math classes here

Portland Community College Spring classes are underway in Vernonia, starting this week, but students may still register for the courses.

Beginning Spanish started April 3, and is held Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Vernonia Public Library. The cost is \$70, along with a \$3 materials fee, payable to the instructor at the first class.

Intermediate Spanish began March 31; it is held Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vernonia Senior Center. The cost is \$80, plus a \$3 fee for materials.

Beginning French started on April 1 and meets Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Vernonia High School in Room 10. Cost is \$80.

Intermediate Algebra is a 4 credit MTH 95 class. Prerequisites include MTH 65 or MTH 70, or appropriate placement testing. This eleven-week class started March 31 and will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 8:50 p.m., at

Vernonia High School in Room 5. Cost is \$200.

The three foreign language classes are ten-week courses.

For more information, call 503-978-5753.

Families needed to host foreign exchange students

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Logger Lines

By Jessie Gehrke

This school year has gone by so fast! The third trimester started March 17th and the year has been full of surprises – everything from new rules to budget cuts.

Spring sports season just started, too, and the teams are looking good! The girls softball team had their first game scheduled March 17 vs. Colton, but it was, sadly, cancelled due to the other teams lack of "healthy players." The good news is that the girls raised a grand total of \$1,700 doing the tri-fold fundraiser within the community. The money was desperately needed, due to budget cuts, and will be used to buy new uniforms.

The team's second home game, on March 31st, was a tremendous 14-4 win over Neah-Kah-Nie. Overall, the season is off to a great start, and the girls will only improve as the season goes on.

The boys baseball season is also looking very promising. They brought in a total of \$1,400 with the tri-fold fundraiser around the community. The fundraiser was a little difficult because of the competition between softball and baseball teams, made it hard to sell the tri-folds! Most people had "already bought one from a softball player," or were going to. However, the baseball team is also looking great!

Coach Pupo was disappointed that their first game was also cancelled due to the other team's lack of eligible players. He also said that he feels the season will really take off in about a month, when the weather clears up, so the team can actually have practice. They have a tournament over spring break, and I have a feeling they will be up against some stiff competition, but you know the saying, "what doesn't kill you will make you stronger!" Their home game on the 31st was a shutout over Neah-Kah-Nie, 10-0.

Budget cuts, budget cuts, budget cuts! Schools all over Oregon have had to cut teach-

ers, sports, clubs, and things that are not needed that cost money. At the high school, they decided to cut golf, and spring sports transportation. They also had to cut days from the school year, and while the students are very happy about that, the staff is not. Work days mean pay days, and without pay days, mean less money.

The Golf team has had to pay for everything individually, this season. While it has worked out, and the team is going strong, it's still tough. The school doesn't provide transportation for the team and, I imagine, that makes it difficult.

In fact, one of the bigger issues, is transportation for Spring sports. The school cut transportation for spring sports, due to the lack of money. So softball, baseball, golf, track – all the spring sports teams – are responsible for their own transportation to all of their games. We won't have any buses, and are depending on students and parents to get us there. Many of the students and staff were very angry after money was cut for spring sports transportation, but we all want to play, so we'll find a way!!!

Prom is coming up April 26th. This year it will be held at the Shilo Inn, in Seaside. All of the students couldn't be happier. I think that the cost for singles is at \$25.00 and the cost for couples is \$35.00. Some students were angry that the price was so high compared to last year, but they have a feeling that it will be worth it! Our prom court was just announced the week before spring break, and the lucky princesses are Stacy Lennen, Kendall Graham, Holly Murphy, Lydia Isaacson, Nicole Swayze, Jacki King. The princes are Jeremy Ruby, Gaspar Lobo, Alex Dinger, Josh Ward, John Walters and Jesse Borst.

The school year has been great so far, and I'm sure it will continue to be fun. Through all the budget cuts, and rules, our school still finds ways to keep everything positive and make the best of things!

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Trailblazers select Equestrian Team Coach Barb Carr for honors

Barb Carr, volunteer coach for the Vernonia High School Equestrian Team Coach, was selected Portland Trailblazer Coach of the Game on March 17. She is one of only 15 coaches in the state who were selected for this honor.

Along with \$500 for her team, Carr will receive two tickets to the April 6 Blazers game.

Carr was entered in the contest by the eight members of the equestrian team – Sarah Johnston, Jessica Allison, Gina Cropp, Sasha Mack, Kendell Nelson, Janique Bohmann (foreign exchange student from Germany), Alishia Warren and Torie Clement.

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