

47J board works on coaching staff, readerboard, homecoming

Vernonia's school board cruised through their Nov. 13 agenda with what is now their usual speed, completing the meeting in little over an hour, even with several students in teacher Judy Gingerich's third grade class telling about their activities so far this year.

Board member Randy Hansen reported that he, board member Cari Levenseller and Superintendent Mike Funderburg had reviewed the transportation contract and recommended that it not be renewed. Non-renewal should not be construed to mean the district is dissatisfied with job performance, Hansen said, but as a way to open negotiations and discuss contract issues.

The existing contract, in place since 1982, has numerous addenda and out-dated terminology that the district feels needs clarification. The board agreed with the recommendation.

Reader Board

Following installation last month of an electronic readerboard at the high school, procedures were developed to regulate its use. Requests are to be submitted on the appropriate form to the building office by noon on Friday for display the following week. Only school, athletic, and calendar events will be displayed. Community requests will be approved only for major events. The readerboard will operate from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Coaching Staff

After VHS Principal Curt Scholl recommended Casey Pupo, wife of Athletic Director Tony Pupo, for the assistant girls basketball coach, there was lengthy discussion about coaching staff appointments. Board member Tim Titus said he did not think that "this nepotism thing is good for our district," citing problems that had previously occurred. Scholl told the board that, rather than the AD and head coach conducting interviews, as would normally be the case, he (Scholl) assisted in the interview process. Board chair Jim Krahn said he had contacted several VHS alumni about the position but they had scheduling conflicts. Scholl told the board that he would be responsible for supervision of coaching staff, not

the AD as was previously the case, he added that Casey Pupo was the strongest applicant for the position. The board unanimously approved the appointment.

Ann Kingsley, in her role as junior high athletic director, told **Please see page 14**

VHS students art work shown

Art students from Vernonia High School will be present to discuss their latest works at a special Photography and Watercolor Show at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 24, at the Northwest Regional Education Service District, 5825 NE Ray Circle in Hillsboro.

Parents, board members and others have been invited to attend. The works will be on display at the ESD through December 17.

Photos being featured at the show were taken by students during field trips to the Oregon Coast, downtown Portland and the Oregon Zoo. Each student was required to turn in twelve 8"x10" photos, from which they chose four of their very best for the show. The students developed their own negatives and created all of their prints in the photo department darkroom at Vernonia High School, under the instruction of mentor teacher Doug Tesdal and student teacher Kim Morrison.

Watercolors in the show were selected by advanced art students who sketched watercolors featuring three different landscapes — Ecola State Park, Indian Beach and Astoria boat docks — during a field trip to the Oregon Coast. Students have chosen one or two prints to enter in the show.



Above (l to r): Jeff Zimmerman of Rosendin Electric, Doug Tesdal and Glenda Delemos of Vernonia Schools, and students Phillip Peerson and Chip Lubbes, caught in the act of unloading the computers that Rosendin Electric donated.

Rosendin Electric, Inc. donates computers and other equipment to Vernonia schools

The Vernonia Schools recently received a donation of computer equipment from Rosendin Electric, Inc. (REI) of Hillsboro. The used equipment has been surpassed by the needs of Rosendin's staff, but has plenty of computing speed and capacity for the classroom. Passing on the six computers with keyboards and monitors, and two color printers to a facility that needs them is all part of the electrical contractor's active recycling policy.

Last month, REI was awarded a Distinguished Membership in Washington County's Business Recycling Awards Group

(BRAG) for their advanced efforts to "reduce, reuse, and recycle" the materials used in conducting business.

Vernonia Sentry SUPERMARKET

Serious about service.®

Open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. 7 Days a week
357 Jefferson Ave. Vernonia • 503-429-3811

FREE MOVIE RENTAL!!!
Rent one movie at regular price
Sunday through Thursday and
get a second movie rental free.
Includes new releases

Offer valid with this coupon only. Expires January 1, 2004

BUY TWO GET ONE FREE!!!
Purchase any 2
previously viewed movies
get a 3rd movie free.

Free movie must be of equal or lesser value.

Offer valid with this coupon only. Expires January 1, 2004

VALLEY VETERINARY CLINIC



RABIES SPECIAL
\$8.50

Thursdays 10 am - 5 pm

58376 Nehalem Hwy. S. Vernonia (Near Sunnyside Cafe)