

Donkey basketball returns Apr. 2

Donkey Basketball is back as Vernonia Pride provides another night of fun and entertainment on April 2.

The fun will start at 6:00 p.m. with a taco feed to support the Zachary Rumbolz Scholarship fund. The game will start at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will be available at Vernonia Pride's bake sale at Sentry Market on March 27, or by calling 503-429-5201. Tickets purchased in advance will be \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for youth in grades 7-12, and \$3.00 for children from kindergarten through sixth grade. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$1.00 more than the prices above.

Easter egg hunt donations sought

The fourth annual Columbia County mEGGa Easter Egg Hunt for children 0 to 12 will be at the Columbia County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 10.

Donations of individually wrapped candy to fill 2 inch eggs, or cash donation for purchases are needed. All donations, goods or services are tax deductible. Candy is being accepted at the St. Helens Burgerville or at the Fairgrounds. Please donate by March 25, if possible.

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PCC project provides kids dental care in Vernonia

A dental hygiene project by students at Portland Community College (PCC) will be providing preventive and restorative dentistry to some Vernonia school children during April.

Parents of second and third graders will soon receive screening questionnaires. Based on the information returned, children will be physically screened on April 8 at Lincoln Grade School. Those selected for participation will receive preventive work on April 21 when the NW Medical Group Dental Van will be in Vernonia. Dr. Christopher Scheurman of Vernonia Dental will help with the preventive

work.

On April 26, those children who need actual dental procedures will be treated at the offices of Vernonia Dental by volunteer dentists.

The PCC students, (Michelle King, Julie Brown, Lara James, and Mary Beth Layman) are providing this care as part of a project for a Public Health course.

Additional information will be available on the screening questionnaires. Anyone wanting to make a donation to help this project may call Julie Brown at 503-977-4909.

Murray makes Fox Dean's list

Ashley Lauren Murray of Vernonia, has been named to the George For University Dean's List for the fall 2003 - 04 semester.

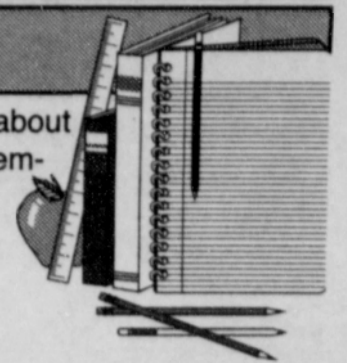
To be included on the list, a student must earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher while taking at least 12 credit hours.

A sophomore majoring in psychology, Murray is the daughter of John and Kelly Murray of Vernonia.

Chalk Talk

Chalk Talk is a monthly column of information about Vernonia schools. It is written by various staff members.

By Curtiss J. Scholl
Principal, Vernonia High School



So far, this year has gone by very quickly. I would like to take this opportunity to remind seniors and parents of seniors that graduation will be here before we know it. Seniors need to be sure there are no surprises this spring and check with their teachers or our counselor to make sure that they are on track to graduate. It is important that both students and parents stay informed and avoid any last minute problems.

On March 9th, we celebrated our winter athletes and their completion of the 2003-2003 winter sport seasons. David Weller, Waylon Buchan, Malorie Baker, and Joreigh Landers all received league honors in basketball. Andrew Brookins, Travis Gwin, and Andrew Grittmann qualified for the state wrestling tournament. Andrew Brookins and Travis Gwin both were state champions at their respective weight classes. Our spring sport programs have started and they will be competing soon.

The end of the third nine weeks is on April 1, 2004. During the following week, Thursday April 8th and Friday April 9th, we will have parent/ teacher conference. On Thursday conferences will run from 1:30 pm-4:30 pm and 5:30 pm-8:30 pm. On Friday the conferences will run from 8:00 am-11:30 am. If there are any other questions, please contact the high school at 429-3521.

We are currently working through the first round of state testing. Parts of these tests are now available on-line, so students are able to get immediate feedback on how well they performed on the test. All of our state testing needs to be completed before May 15, 2004.

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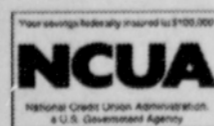
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