

## Kindergarten registration to be held April 16

Registration for Vernonia kindergarten students is Friday, April 16, at Lincoln Grade School from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Parents must bring the child who is entering school, plus the child's official birth certificate and immunization record.

Children must be at least five years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2004, to enter school in the fall.

## Car seat safety clinic scheduled

Oregon's Child Restraint law now mandates that children between 40 and 60 pounds, and between four and six years of age, must use a booster seat.

The Child Safety Seat Resource Center and Tuality Healthcare will present a car seat safety clinic on Saturday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Tuality Community Hospital parking garage. Enter the garage from SE 8th Ave., between Baseline and Oak in Hillsboro.

Drive through and certified technicians will check how you're using any type of seat(s) in your vehicle. Confirm how to install a seat securely, use locking clips properly, and when it's required to switch your growing child to the next appropriate seat.

The clinic is free and no registration is required.

**Come out and help make Vernonia Shine on Saturday, April 24 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Start at Providence Family Health Clinic and finish with free lunch at the Scout Cabin**

## 6th grade play will be a lively one

Prepare yourselves! It's time for Washington Grade School's annual sixth grade play! This year's event promises to be very lively indeed. The play will be presented in the WGS gym on Thursday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m.

The play, "Retirement", written by teacher Cathy Ward is a tribute to retiring teachers Doug Tesdal, Ilene Grady, Marilyn Pedersen and Susan Waters.

Cast members gave a pre-

view of the performance at the April school board meeting. Representing the four honorees, students enacted the remembrance of a visit to the district office. The board and audience, already entertained, exploded with laughter as students trooped into the room depicting WGS principal Nate Underwood (on stilts!) and the entire office staff. The preview concluded with a rousing rendition of "Out in a Blaze of Glory" by members of the cast.



Heather Headley and daughter, Mellody Rose, 10 months, enjoyed the sun and the activities at Mellody's first Vernonia Easter Egg Hunt. They both got into the spirit of the holiday by wearing Easter bonnets.



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## Help is available to teach kids about drug dangers

Here is an important fact: Kids who learn from their parents about the dangers of underage drinking, drugs and other harmful substances are less likely to use those substances.

Parents have the power to keep their children safe, healthy and drug-free. But finding the right words and the right approach can be hard.

The Vernonia office of Columbia Community Mental Health has resources available for you or someone you care about. Come in to the office at 610 Bridge Street for a free copy of Keeping Your Kids Drug Free. Walk-ins are welcome. The office is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. You may also call 503-429-1053.

## Diesel Career Fair at PCC Apr. 30

More than 500 high school students from Tillamook to Portland will attend Portland Community College's fourth annual Diesel Career Fair on Friday, April 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Hosted by PCC's Diesel Service Technology department, the event will be held in Room 117 of Building 2 at the Rock Creek Campus, 17705 N.W. Springville Road.

Students will get to experience hands-on learning that shows what today's diesel technicians do in the field. These sessions will include air conditioning troubleshooting; anti-lock braking systems; bobcat skid steer operation; electri-

cal component troubleshooting; electronic engine diagnostics; hydraulic system troubleshooting and more. Also, local diesel employers will talk to the students about careers and showcase the newest heavy equipment and medium/heavy-duty trucks.

The Diesel Career Fair is co-sponsored by the Northwest Diesel Industry Council and local heavy equipment/heavy-duty truck companies from around the Portland area.

For more information, contact Russ Dunnington, diesel service mechanic instructor, at 503-614-7488.

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