

VHS Equestrian Team to go to state competition

As they prepare for state competition, the Vernonia High School Equestrian Team has successfully completed the regular season with many top ten district finishes, including the following:

- Working Fours Drill Team – 1st (Stephanie Carr, Torie Clement, Gina Cropp, Sasha Mack)
- In Hand Obstacle Relay Team – 2nd (Clement, Cropp, Mack, Kendell Nelson)
- Canadian Flags Team – 3rd (Carr, Clement, Cropp, Mack)
- Team Penning Team – 4th (Carr, Clement, Cropp)
- Working Pairs – 6th (Cropp, Nelson)

- Bi-Rangle Team – 10th (Carr, Clement)
- Barrels – Clement 9th
- Figure 8 – Carr 7th
- Individual Flags – Carr 3rd, Nelson 9th
- Polebending – Carr 8th

Three teams have qualified for state competition – Working Fours Drill, In Hand Obstacle Relay, and Canadian Flags – and Stephanie Carr has qualified in Individual Flags. Two additional teams – Team Penning and Working Pairs – have been designated first alternates for the competition.

State competition will be held May 21-23 at the State Fairgrounds in Salem.

Right; the Vernonia High School Equestrian Team, left to right, Stephanie Carr, Torie Clement, Sasha Mack, Coach Barb Carr (standing), Gina Cropp and Kendell Nelson.



Above, Vernonia High School softball pitcher Joreigh Landers and catcher Erin Gehrke discussed the strategy needed to defeat De La Salle, twice, last Friday. The team is heading for district playoffs on Saturday, May 22, when they will meet Corbett at Warrenton as they strive to reach state competition.

Register May 25 or June 8 for Youth Wrestling Clinic

Registration for the Vernonia Youth Wrestling Clinic will be May 25 and June 8, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., at the Vernonia Public Library.

The Wrestling Clinic is for children from kindergarten through eighth grades. The cost will be \$40.00 per child. Any proceeds will go to the VHS Wrestling Team.

The clinic will take place July

12 through 16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The coaching will be provided by Lee MacDiarmid with help from James Brookins and visits from some VHS

wrestling team members.

For more information, call Mary Roumanos-MacDiarmid at 503-429-0412 or Robin Dennis at 503-429-8041.

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Soccer Club registration scheduled

Now in its third season, the Vernonia Soccer Club will be signing up youth, ages five to 13 years, on Tuesdays beginning May 25, at the Vernonia Public Library from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Additional sign up dates will be June 1 and June 8, also at the library, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Sign-up forms may be picked up or dropped off at the library and at Spiralz, 712 Bridge Street.

The fee for the season will be \$50 for the first player, and \$45 for each additional child in a family. Fees include uniforms, registration with Oregon Youth Soccer Association (OYSA), in-

surance, and referees. Practices will begin at the end of August, with competition starting in early September.

About 50 players participated in the club's recent three-week Skills clinic. The highlight of which was a visit by OYSA head coach Jimmy Conway, who is also assistant coach for the Portland Timbers. Both players and coaches benefited from Conway's enthusiasm and experience, and the youngsters worked hard to improve their dribbling, passing, teamwork, and shooting skills. Some Vernonia coaches also

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