

Timberline Topics

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PACK RATS

By Torin Tierney

What is a packrat? An individual who is incapable of discarding any of the possessions he/she owns. Are you a packrat? Do you know anyone like this? I don't think that being a packrat is not necessarily a bad thing, but it can clog people's houses with useless things. Those who are packrats should try giving up some of their things they might find the get enjoyment out of it.



Packrat Brent Thompson

One establishment in Vernonia in need of books is the school. Because of the tax cuts, schools have had less money to run on. Even though the school is working on getting new textbooks, specifically spending 73,095 dollars on new text books in the last two years, they are still running short. This school needs more books and text books are higher on the totem pole than novels, which is what we are asking from the community. I am sure that many people in this town have novels lying around the house in cluttered corners. The English department at both WGS and VHS are struggling to find enough books for the students to read. The state requires English classes to read several books from a list of nov-

els and short stories that have been pre-selected for the different reading levels. With tax cuts, the schools can no longer afford to rent or buy books. State standards force, teachers or students have to buy the books with their own money. Although the city library can help, they usually only have one or two copies of each book.

This brings me back to all you packrats. If you have books that have been collecting dust for years please come down to the school of your choice and leave some of the books that you will probably never get to reading. For example, I see at least seven books in my own personal library that I will probably never read. There are also books that I have already read and whether I liked them or not, I almost certainly won't read again. I am giving these books to the library. If I want them again, I can borrow them from the library.

Some of you bibliophiles might say, "What about my non-fiction books?" Non-fiction books have interesting facts, choice arguments, good tips, and even good advice. This does make them worth keeping. Yet to those of you who have mounds of non-fiction I ask that you go through the piles again and decide if you really still need them.

Some books do have sentimental value to certain people. For instance I have several books that have affected the way I think, for the better. These books have helped me analyze the way people act, myself included. I believe they have helped me grow as a person. I try to pass these books on to other people they might help. The best way I can think to do this is to pass the books on to the school, because they might help a child in becoming a responsible adult.

VERNONIA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL 2004-05

by Lindsay Lennen

The 04-05 basketball season is approaching fast. We are excited to see how well the teams will do this year. During all home basketball games, concessions will be located in the hall where we will be selling pizza, nachos, hot-dogs, popcorn, candy, and much more! Come support the junior class.

All proceeds go toward the 2004-2005 prom. Hope to see you there! Visit www.vhshoops.com for the season schedules!

LET'S SAY GOOD-BYE TO THE SENIORS

by Kerstin Brixey

Vernonia said good-bye to their senior volleyball players on Thursday October 21, 2004, with a win at home against Portland Adventist. The night started out with Head Coach Rachel Camp introducing the seniors and their parents. Tiffany Murry, a three-year Volleyball varsity letterman, was joined on the court by her mother Kellie Murry and father John Murry. Kim Bernardi was joined on the court by her father Dean Bernardi and mother Teresa Bernardi; she was a one-year varsity letterman. Mother Kim Johnson and friend Travis Gwin joined Brandi Johnson, a two-year Varsity letterman. Kerstin Brixey was joined on the court by her moth-

er Tory Brixey and father Ray Brixey. Brixey is three-year varsity letterman. To make the ceremony complete, coach Camp sang the National Anthem before the game began.

The match took four games. The first game ended with a score of 25-23 in favor of the Lady Loggers, and the home crowd was in it. They were there for the Lady Loggers. The second game showed that Vernonia had the talent to be a great team, winning the game 25-13. The Loggers ended up losing the third game 15-25. After a team talk and the support of the crowd, the Lady Loggers were ready to come back and take the match. Starting out strong the girls ended the game 25-21, giving the seniors the win they deserved.

This has been a great season for the Lady Loggers. The season ended on October 28, 2004 and everyone is looking forward to next year, which will

be even better. The loggers only graduate four girls. They will be returning eight Varsity players and adding a great group of underclassman. Come and support all that the Vernonia High School has to offer. To find out what sports are coming up and when they will be held. Come to the Vernonia High School office and pick up a schedule, or check out the reader board of the front of the school. Good luck to all Vernonia High School athletic teams.

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