

Cub Scouts celebrate with pancake feed

Vernonia Cub Scout Pack 201 will celebrate the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouting with a pancake feed on February 12, from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Vernonia Community Church, 957 State Avenue. The community is invited to attend.

Since 1930, the Boy Scouts of America has helped younger boys through Cub Scouting. It is a year-round family program designed for boys who are in the first through fifth grades (or 7 to 10 years of age). Parents, leaders, and organizations work together to achieve the ten purposes of Cub Scouting, which include character development, spiritual growth, good

citizenship, sportsmanship and fitness, family understanding, respectful relationships, personal achievement, friendly service, fun and adventure, and preparation for Boy Scouts.

Chartered by the local Lions Club, the Vernonia pack currently has 17 boys enrolled in the ranks of Tiger, Wolves, Bears and Webelos. The Pack is led by Cub Master Jon Steward and is a member of the Cascade Pacific Council. The boys have helped the Vernonia community through Scouting For Food, Good Will Good Turn and SOLV. The boys also participated in an Adopt-a-Soldier Program and volunteer at as-

sisted living communities.

Along with community service, Cub Scouts enjoy games, outdoor activities and making friends. Anyone interested in joining should contact Jon or Kinnell Steward at 503-429-8133.

Come help celebrate 75 years of Cub Scouting. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00. Call Nikki Larke at 503-701-5928 for more information about the celebration.

Class of 2006 will hold burger dinner Feb. 5

The Vernonia High School Class of 2006 will hold a Burger Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, February 5 during home basketball games against Clatskanie. Cheeseburgers and hot dogs will be available from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the commons area of the high school.

The girls junior varsity game will start at 1:00 p.m., the boys junior varsity game starts at 2:30 p.m., the girls varsity at 4:00 p.m. and the boys varsity will play the final game starting at 5:30 p.m.

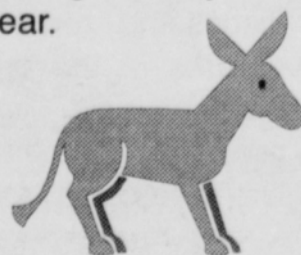
Donkeys will be taking over VHS

Get ready for an evening of competitive fun when Donkey Basketball takes over the Vernonia High School gym on Friday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m..

Root for your favorite team as the not-always cooperative steeds carry their riders for fierce (?) competition. Teams competing for bragging rights will be composed of community members, school staff, students and volunteer firefighters.

The games will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be preceded by a taco feed, beginning at 5:30 p.m., to benefit the Zack Rumbolz Memorial Scholarship.

Pre-event tickets are available at the high school office. The VHS sophomore class is sponsoring donkey basketball this year.



Gwin named to All State 1st team

Vernonia High School senior Travis Gwin was named to the Class 2A All State first team on defense, as a linebacker, and to the second team as an offensive running back.

Also named to the second team was senior Eric Schmidlin

as a defensive back.

Other Vernonia Loggers honored were junior Russell Lende, a wide receiver, and senior Andrew Gritman, a defensive lineman. Both were named to the all state third team.

Sign up time for outdoor school

The Northwest Regional Education Service District (NRESD) is offering students in grades six and seven the opportunity to attend Spring Break Outdoor School, March 22-25.



Students will spend four days and three nights experiencing the wonders of the natural world through hands-on field study activities such as water chemistry testing, animal tracking and plant identification. Students will attend camp at one of three scenic locations in Oregon: YMCA Camp Westwind, Cedar Ridge, or Trickle Creek. All three sites have heated cabins, hot showers, indoor bathroom facilities, indoor program areas, dining halls and full kitchens.

Throughout the week, students will live and learn together in small groups supervised by adult staff and high school volunteers. Adult staff members are hired by the NRES, have passed background checks and are trained in CPR, First Aid, and Severe Allergic Reaction Response. High school counselors are trained and supervised by the adult staff. Each site is assigned a site supervisor, registered nurse, naturalists, program leaders and one counselor for every seven students.

Enrollment is open to all students currently in sixth or seventh grade, and home school students who are 11 to 13 years old. The program fee is \$170 per student. This includes transportation from Hillsboro, lodging, meals, an Outdoor School T-shirt and four days of instruction and adventure in the natural world.

The registration deadline is March 11. Additional information and registration forms are available online at <www.nwresdk12.or.us/instructionalserv/outdoor-school> or call 503-614-1402.

Pet of the Month

Columbia Humane Society in St. Helens has a variety of wonderful pets available for adoption. Find the pet that's right for you in the shelter at 2084 Oregon St. Monday through Saturday, 11 am. to 5 pm.



Jewell is a 1&1/2 yr old Rott/Shep mix. She has been here waiting for a family to take her home since 4/4/04. She almost found a home once, but the other dog in the home didn't like her much.

Jewell is very energetic and knows her basic commands. Sit, lay down. She's a very bright girl that will do well with a family willing to spend a lot of time with her and train her.

The price of adoption includes updated shots, spay or neuter and free health check within 2 weeks.

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Police Chief Matt Workman holds up the drug pipe that K-9 Officer Krueger found as Officer Mike Kay rewards the dog during a recent demo put on by the Drug Free Community Coalition. To donate money towards Krueger's bullet proof vest, call the Vernonia Police Department at 503-429-7335.

Drug Free Coalition meets monthly

Meetings of the Vernonia Drug Free Community Coalition, a group of adults and students working together to try to reduce alcohol, drugs, and tobacco use by children by means of education and struc-

tured activities, are open to the public. The group meets on the second Monday of each month at the 47J District Office, 475 Bridge St., from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Rabies clinic to be held January 22

A rabies clinic will be held Saturday, January 22, from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Columbia Humane Society, 2084 Oregon Street in St. Helens.

Rabies vaccinations are \$6.00. Both cats and dogs are welcome. Cats must be in carriers and dogs must be leashed.

Other vaccinations will be available at various costs. Dr. Fowler from Midway Veterinary Clinic is the participating veterinarian.

One-half of the proceeds will go to support the Columbia Humane Society, a no-kill shelter. For information call 503-397-4353.