

Timberline Topics

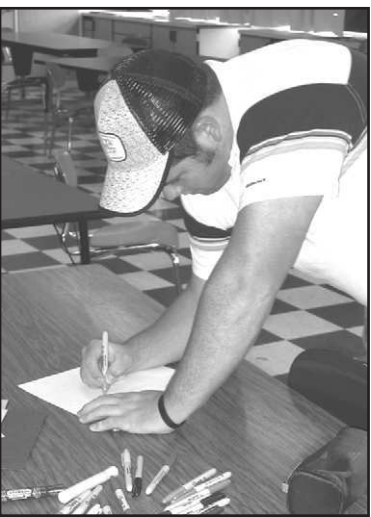
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SOLV Clean Up Day Help Paint the V.H.S Football Grandstands!

By Samantha Gunter

On April 28th, the leadership class will be pressure washing the V.H.S grandstands so that they can paint on May 6th and 7th. The leadership class is inviting the community to volun-



teer to help with this project. The students picked this project not only for the football fans but for the class of 2005's graduation.

This project will bring more pride to the school and community. The whole school will be involved in helping paint but, because of regulations, the students can only go so high and do so much. That is why we need community members to help us paint the higher parts of the grandstands.

The Leadership class has already asked for donations for paint and paint brushes, but if you have anything that you would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer or you have a donation of some sort to give to the Leadership class for painting the grandstands, please contact Samantha Gunter at V.H.S (503) 429-3521.

OSSOM

By Torin Tierney

Have you, your child, or your friend ever been unable to think

Left, John Howley painting posters in Leadership Class.

Below, Kristel Norby and Larinda Botchie paint posters for S.O.L.V.

of something to do on Friday or Saturday night, so you found yourself going to do something illegal or wasting the night away. There is an organization here for you. OSSOM stands for Oregon Student Safety On the Move, and it is an anti-drug and alcohol program that offers alternative activities.

The OSSOM program is sponsored by the school, and consists of students, a law enforcement officer, and school advisors. The law enforcement representative is Officer Kay, the K-9 Unit in town. The two school representatives are Ms. Streeter and Ms. Webb, and the rest of the members of OSSOM are students. The structure of OSSOM is just like any other organization. There is a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a project coordinator. The president of OSSOM is Mackenzie Basset; the vice president is Lindsey Lennen; Kristen Cota is the project coordinator; Amanda Rogel is the secretary, and the treasurer is Elise Blum. Some of the parents of the students, such as Robin Basset as City Administrator, or Michelle Blum who started the "Youth In Action" group, are also actively involved with young people in the community. With parents like these, you know the kids will do a good job.

The main point of OSSOM is to promote awareness about drugs and alcohol. They also help, find sober alternative activities for OSSOM members to do. Depending on the school and the level of support, the alternatives may include activities like all night concerts and all night bowling. In a small town like Vernonia, it is often hard for kids to think of things to

do that would be fun. This fact leads many high-schoolers to begin using substances. OSSOM hopes to fill the gap with bowling, movies, or shopping. It is not that kids in the city are substance free, but they do have more alternatives in the city. The more options for going out of town, the less they will blame their boredom on Vernonia. Because we live forty-five minutes from the nearest entertainment, it is hard for families to afford the cost and time. Theoretically, OSSOM could host an activity every weekend as long as there was enough funding and adult support.

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spend some volunteer hours promoting drug-free activities.

Parents, if OSSOM is going to succeed, it needs members and volunteers. If you have a high school student, encourage them to join OSSOM. It is a year round program, so they can join anytime. OSSOM also needs parents to help them out by volunteering to take an evening and chaperone an event. Many kids do not want to ask their parents to chaperone and others may be afraid to ask someone else's parents. Community members, who have suggestions about OSSOM or want to comment about OSSOM, feel free to come to the meetings and volunteer.



Left to right- Kristin Cota, Elise Blum, Lindsay Lennen, Mackenzie Basset

SOM, I thought they were a group of around ten of the go-getters in the school, but I was wrong. After attending a meeting, I realized they were a large group of forty to fifty people. These were some of the most popular people in the school. With forty to fifty people to choose from, anyone will find someone to get along with. Members have to pledge to be drug and alcohol free and

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Local named to SOU Dean's List

Jamie Easlon, of Vernonia, was named to the Winter 2005 Dean's List at Southern Oregon University (SOU). Students on the Dean's List have completed 12 or more graded credits and attained a 3.50 or higher grade point average.

SOU, located in Ashland, is a contemporary public liberal arts and sciences university.

Vernonia's Kindergarten Round-up at Washington School May 6

Vernonia Kindergarten Round-Up will be May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Washington Grade School (WGS). Children must be five years old before September 1, 2005, to register for the 2005-06 school year.

When registering, be sure to bring:

- State issued Birth Certificate: Hospital copies are not

acceptable. There will be forms available at registration to order an Oregon state certificate if needed.

- Immunization Records: Children will not be allowed to attend the first day of class if immunizations are not complete.

For those unable to attend registration, forms will be available at WGS office after May 6.



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