

VHS improves report card results

Vernonia High School staff and students have raised their academic achievement scores. In the 2003-2004 school year they had shown an improvement in overall academic areas on the report card. Reading knowledge and skill results improved by 12 percent, math knowledge by eight percent, and writing by 14 percent.



The 2004-2005 State Report Card showed mixed success.

There was an eight percent drop in the writing scores this past year, while reading scores remained about the same, there was a seven percent increase in science results and a 14 percent increase in math assessments.

A focus on the School Improvement Plan and best practice teaching strategies in the classroom are being credited for the improved overall ranking from "low" to "strong", jumping right over the "satisfactory" ranking.

According to Vernonia High School Principal Curt Scholl, "Although there are always areas to improve and we are not satisfied with our current standing, we are very excited about moving in a positive direction on the overall ranking on the report card. Our long term goal is to move Vernonia High School to a ranking of 'exceptional' by the state standards."

Lewis & Clark College schedules Open House for November 7.

Lewis & Clark College will hold an Open House on Saturday, November 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for prospective students and their families.

The day's program includes student and parent panel discussions, a campus tour, dis-

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To attend the November Open House, call 1-800-444-4111 by Monday, November 7.



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Above, top and bottom; pictures of the Halloween Sidewalk Costume Parade on Vernonia's Bridge Street. The parade was organized by business owner Camrin Eyrrick as a way for children to trick-or-treat in a safe, well lit environment. About 90 children, some with parents in tow, participated in the parade starting at City Hall.