

Spring Break Outdoor School offered by NWRES D

The Northwest Regional Education Service District (NWR ESD) is offering students in grades 6 and 7 an opportunity to attend Spring Break Outdoor School, March 28-31.

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, in-

door 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 hired by the NWRES D 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 stu-

dents.

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 \$175 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 10. Additional information and registration forms are available online at <www.nwresd.k12.or.us/instructionalserv/o utdoor_school>, or call 503-614-1403.

1,000 books has become 10,000

What started out as a partnership between all the Kiwanis Clubs in Columbia County, the Columbia County Commission on Children and Families, and Oregon State University Extension Service to provide 1,000 quality children's books for the Annual Family Week project has grown into a county-wide Literacy Initiative.

Day Breaker Kiwanis Club, Noon Kiwanis Club, Scappoose Kiwanis Club and Clatskanie Kiwanis Club, with a lot of help from Grammy's Books in St. Helens, delivered over 10,000 books to the Columbia County Extension office in September. Over 1,500 books were placed in 500 Family Bags for low-income families. Another 1,000 books were distributed to DHS clients at the Self Sufficiency office. The remaining books, quality children's books and parenting titles, have been distributed, with help from Northwest Regional ESD to



Above, Ann Kingsley-Beeson stands with the tree presented to her by Aaron Miller, principal of Vernonia Middle School, to honor her having been awarded an honorary Oregon Life Achievement Award membership by the Vernonia Community PTA on October 5, 2005. The tree, provided by Virginia Kepner, was planted in December between the middle school and the high school.

public schools throughout the county.

Washington Grade School and Vernonia Middle School received over 100 books. Aaron Miller, principal of the middle school, said "These types of donations (books) are increasingly important for the education of our children. The donated books were age-appropriate, in good condition and were

being put to use in our classrooms the day after we received them."

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Students wanted for Even Start

Even Start Family Literacy Program of Columbia County is currently recruiting for the 2005-2006 school year. There are openings for high school students as well as limited openings for the GED program.

Even Start is a family centered literacy program that helps to empower the family unit to reach their individual and collective goals. The program recognizes that parents are their children's most important teachers. Offerings include parent support groups and parenting education along with high school completion or GED preparation.

For more information, call 503-556-3736 or write to Even Start Family Literacy, P.O. Box 10, Rainier, OR 97048.

DEADLINE 2006 DOG LICENSE

The deadline for licensing dogs in Columbia County* is

MARCH 6, 2006

You may mail your rabies vaccination certificate (if not on file in our office) along with the appropriate fee to Columbia County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051. Commercial and non-commercial kennel licenses are available. Contact Land Development Services for information.

To All Columbia County* Dog Owners

\$10 Penalty after March 6, 2006

\$25 Penalty after April 5, 2006 (Without Citation)

\$50 PENALTY IF CITATION IS ISSUED

Dog License Fees are due on ALL DOGS IN THE COUNTY* with permanent teeth or that are six months of age in 2006.

*Does not apply to the City of St. Helens, which will handle dog licensing for residents within the city limits.

FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

On or Before March 6, 2006	
REGULAR, NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....	\$30.00
DOG SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....	\$12.00
SENIOR CITIZEN-DOG NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED...	\$15.00
SENIOR CITIZEN-DOG SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....	\$5.00
(Senior Citizen is 65 Years or Older - 1 per Household)	
REPLACEMENT TABS.....	\$5.00

2006 APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE

Owner: _____

Residential Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

2005 License No.: _____ Phone: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Breed: _____

Sex (Check one): Male _____ Female _____

Neutered: _____ Spayed: _____

A VALID (Good through Oct. 31, 2006) Rabies Vaccination Certificate MUST accompany this application or be ON FILE in the Courthouse, along with a spayed/neutered certificate if applicable.

WE WILL RETURN YOUR LICENSE AND DOG TAG TO YOU BY RETURN MAIL.

VALLEY VETERINARY CLINIC



RABIES SPECIAL
\$8⁵⁰

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