

Letters

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there are some concerns about the use of these "blog" sites. Internet predators, "cyber bullying," and posting of inappropriate material by students are the most serious of these concerns.

Much of the personal information that is shared by students on such sites can make it easier for predators to take advantage of them. Students often post their home towns, interests, activities, and hobbies on their sites. This type of personal information can be used by predators as a way to open contact with students. Students need to be aware that anyone can read what they post on MySpace.

The next concern is "cyber bullying." Some students treat the internet like a nebulous void that gives them complete anonymity. They feel that they can say whatever they want from behind their computer screens. The reality is that "cyber bullying" is becoming a large problem. Name calling, defamation of character, and overt threats made over the internet are serious issues that end up being pursued by the

police. As for the school role in off campus bullying, recent court decisions have upheld the school's authority to discipline (suspend or expel) students for threats and bullying that takes place off campus if students feel unsafe at school as well.

My final concern is the issue of inappropriate postings by students. These range from pictures and communication about underage drinking to foul language. As a parent, I am very concerned about how my children present themselves, and that they are honest with my wife and I about what they are doing. As an educator and a parent, some of the information posted on MySpace is very concerning.

Here is how you can check on a person or a group. To find a personal profile, go to MySpace.com and click on "Search" at the top of the page. Use the "Friend Finder" to type in the person's name or e-mail address and hit search. To find a group (i.e., "Vernonia" or "Vernonia High School") click on "Groups," type in the name and hit search. Some school groups go by abbreviations or

mascots so they can be more difficult to find.

I hope this information will help you and your student.

Sincerely,

Curtiss J. Scholl
Principal
Vernonia High School

Human Dignity gala, a successful evening

To The Editor:

Thank you to the many members of our community who believe in the best of what this country represents. Under the theme of Rebuild America: The Gulf Coast, Our Country, Columbia County, over \$6,000 was raised January 21 at the annual Columbia County Citizens for Human Dignity (CCCHD) Gala Dinner.

The event featured traditional Gulf Coast dishes, and musicians relocated from New Orleans. The entrance, tables and room were decorated as a construction site to underscore concern over the breakdown of safety nets, as revealed during Katrina, and the hope that global community will reweave an even better, more vigorous system of democratic protections.

Nearly all of the food products were donated and the meal was prepared by CCCHD members. Proceeds from the dinner will be shared by the local and Gulf Coast communities.

The annual Kaleidoscope Award for individual achievement was presented to State Representative Brad Witt. The award for group achievement was presented to Community Action Team Mutual Self-Help Housing Project.

Individuals, and businesses who donated funds or products include: Senator Betsy Johnson, Nancy Federici, Houltons Bakery, Karen Ladd, Jeff Campbell, Karen Punch & Boise Cascade; Roy Barbour, Nancy Luciano, Joy Creek Nursery; Chip & Nancy Bubl; Julia Harshberger & Seattles Best Coffee at PSU, Wilcox and Flegel, Nancy Monroe, Trader Joe's NW Portland, Food Front Cooperative, Tigard Costco, Safeway Lake Oswego, Wizer's Oswego Foods, Albertson's Lake Oswego, Ken Travis, Bruce Speros-Literal, St Helen's Bookstore, all ticket sellers, Jolene Jonas, food servers, food prep people, Dodi Mills, John Loge, Ginger Harris,

Cindy Ede, Ponzi Vineyards, David Box, Washington Mutual, US Bank.

Sincerely,

CCCHD Gala Committee
Glenna Fox, Josette Hugo, Diana Boom, Eloise Bates, Gigi Gordon, John DeFrance, Gary Heide, Darla Knitych, Marcy Westerling, Dave Ehrenkrantz, Kathy Appel, Craig Frasier, Abby Dawson, Marjorie Kundiger, Steve Jackson, Nancy Roche.

Donkey basketball is fun for all involved

To the Editor:

Donkeys are coming: February 17, to Vernonia High School. Teams will be Banks Fire dept. vs. Vernonia fire dept., and a community team vs. a student team.

There will be a Zach Rumbolz scholarship fundraiser taco feed from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the games begin at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets available at door: Adults \$6, students (7-12) \$5 and children(k-12) \$4.

The money raised from game proceeds are to pay for this year's prom which is put on by the junior class of VHS.

Donna Webb
Vernonia

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NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

• Use for supplemental budget proposing a change in a fund's expenditures of 10 percent or more.

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District, Columbia
(District Name) (County)

State of Oregon, for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, will be held at 555 E Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon
(Location)

The hearing will take place on the 23rd day of February, 20 06 at 6:30 A.M. P.M.
(Month) (Time)

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested persons.

A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after February 13th, 2006 at
(Date)

555 E. Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon, between the hours of 9 A.M. P.M. and 5 A.M. P.M.
(Location)

SUMMARY OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

PUBLISH ONLY THOSE FUNDS BEING MODIFIED

FUND:		Reserve Fund	
Resource	Amount	Requirement	Amount
1.		1. Capitol Outlay	\$23,000.00
2.		2. Reserved for future expen.	\$22,500.00
3.		3.	
Total Resources		Total Requirements	
		\$49,500.00	

Comments:
Change in requirements are for unplanned expenditure of replacing emergency backup generator that failed in a storm in January 2006.

Notice of Openings for City of Vernonia Community Learning Center Committee

The City of Vernonia currently has one (1) position open on the Community Learning Center Committee. If interested, please contact Kate Conley at City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or call 503-429-5291.

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Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing regarding the Objection to Electrical Assumption Plan for the City of Vernonia is scheduled for February 21, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia OR 97064.

On October 18, 2005, the Building Codes Division notified interested persons that the City of Vernonia intended to assume the administration and enforcement of an electrical inspection program. In that notice, the division informed interested persons of their right to object to the assumption of the electrical program. The division received two objections to the electrical assumption by Vernonia. The division is facilitating this public meeting in Vernonia in order to allow persons in the area an opportunity to comment on the City of Vernonia's proposed assumption. For more information, please call Richard Y. Blackwell at 503-373-1227 or via e-mail at richard.y.blackwell@state.or.us. The meeting location is accessible

to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours prior to public hearing to Kate Conley at 503-429-5291, TTY 1-800-735-2900 or at City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia OR. The City of Vernonia is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer. Publish February 16, 2006

Notice of Public Auction

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, will hold a public auction for certain lands and/or mineral rights in the Mist Gas Field situated in Columbia County, Oregon.

Competitive bidding will be held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Room 308 of the Columbia County Courthouse Annex, 230 Strand, St. Helens, Oregon, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2006, pursuant to the leasing rules adopted by the Board. It is the County's intent to auction approximately 232 individual parcels, or approximately 70,728 acres. The auction will proceed separately, parcel by parcel, until all parcels have been auctioned or withdrawn by the Auctioneer, but shall not continue later than 4:00 p.m. Any parcels left at that time may be auctioned the following day at 10:00 a.m. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to withdraw any parcel or parcels from bidding and to reject any or all bids.