

47J picks buyer for Lincoln School

The Vernonia School District 47J board of directors held a special meeting on July 31, to take action on bids received for Lincoln Grade School and the adjoining property. The district reviewed two bids and selected the one from Donald DeBeikes. The money the district realizes from the sale will be used for capitol improvements, such as roof repairs, equipment for the computer lab, etc. The board also heard from superintendent Ken Cox that the gravel parking area behind the middle school will be striped with paint and have log

barriers added, after Jamboree.

Cox also told the board that the information on moving the portable classroom from Lincoln Grade School to behind the middle school will go to the chosen contractor for their bid this week. Bids for wainscoting and upper cabinets for the middle school will be solicited next, using the money budgeted for this purpose.

The next regular meeting of the 47J board will be August 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the district office.

Baseball teams wins first place



The Vernonia Junior Baseball team took 1st place in the Washington County District Tournament held in Banks on July 8 and 9. The team includes (not in the same order as the picture): Coaches Sven Sandstrom, Aaron Miller, Jerry Butcher and Brad Curtis. Players Austin Cutright, Zack Hood, Levi Taylor, Jackson Miller, Jacob Titus, Josh Butcher, Jonathan Anderson, Chris Curtis, Ryan Sandstrom, Cole Harkson and, not pictured, Mikol Pihl and Nik Court.

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2007 County Fair & Rodeo Court chosen



The 2007 Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Court, left to right; Princess Mackenzie Carr, Queen Ashley Ekstrom and Princess Shalaina Joiner.

There is still time to join Girl Scouts

Do you have daughters between five and 17 years-old? Are your daughters interested in joining Girl Scouts? Are you, as a parent, interested in spending time with your daughters that will help them grow

into future leaders?

A Girl Scout troop will be started in Vernonia this fall. All interested parties should contact Kinnell Steward at 503-429-8133 or email mtskys@verizon.net.

The 2007 Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Court was selected during the Columbia County Fair and announced during the Saturday evening rodeo performance. Their reign will begin January 1, with official coronation to be held in early January. Results were:

- Ashley Ekstrom – Queen, winner of Horsemanship, Personality, Appearance, and Knowledge Awards

- Shalaina Joiner – Princess, winner of the Congeniality Award

- Mackenzie Carr – Princess, winner of the Speech Award

Other results:

- Kristian Peterson – First Runner Up and Flag Team Captain

- Courtney Savage – Winner of the Miss Rodeo Oregon Spirit Award

- Nicole Baker – Winner of the Herdsmanship Award

Each contestant was asked why they would like to be part of the Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Court. The answers from the three who were selected were as follows:

Ashley Ekstrom, 17, Rainier;

"Rodeo is not only an exciting sport, but also a working representation of the western way of life. I would be honored to be an ambassador for a sport characterized by integrity, hard work, and the powerful bond between woman and horse as a Columbia County Rodeo Court member."

Shalaina Joiner, 18, Rainier;

"Being a member of the 2007 court would not only give me the chance to represent Columbia County and the great American sport of rodeo, but also be a role model and encouragement for younger cowgirls and cowboys. It would be an opportunity of a lifetime."

Mackenzie Carr, 16, Vernonia;

"I would love to have the privilege of being on the 2007 Rodeo Court because I want to promote Columbia County and be a role model for little girls everywhere. I want to give hope and create dreams for them, just like my rodeo princess mom did for me."

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