

# 47J Board agrees on four focus areas

At the Vernonia School District 47J Board meeting on September 14, the board heard from student representatives that the enrollment at Washington Grade School is 303 and there are 165 students enrolled at Vernonia Middle School. No high school representative was available as they were at outdoor school.

The board approved the second reading of district policies on purchasing, bidding, tobacco-free environment, and parental rights, then approved an evaluation handbook for employees.

Approval was given for hir-

ing Juliet Safier for High School Language Arts, Elizabeth White as a Part-time Instructional Assistant, and Jan Dyer as a Temporary Instructional Assistant.

Superintendent Ken Cox reported that the modular from Lincoln Grade School was successfully moved on Saturday, September 9, and is now on-site behind Vernonia Middle School, awaiting a foundation. Cox also reported that the roofing projects at the grade school and the high school have been completed and that even the consultant was impressed by the work done.

After the regular meeting,

the board held a workshop on District Goals. The board agreed on four areas of focus: 1) improved communication, both district and community wide; 2) improving employee satisfaction; 3) "raising the bar" on professionalism within the district, and 4) improving the integration of technology in the district. Future meeting will include specific goals for each area of focus.

The next board meeting will be October 12, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the District office, 475 Bridge St., Vernonia.

# 4-Her's win many awards at State and County Fairs

Following are results from the 4-H competition at the Columbia County Fair, followed by results from the Oregon State Fair.. Due to space limitations, only results within *The Independent's* circulation area are included.

### SWINE

**Swine Showmanship, Senior: Blue Award** – Joel Stebbins, Rainier; Nathan Hannah, Warren; Kevin Johnston, Birkenfeld; Shaun Stewart, Columbia City; John Dudley and Danielle Miller, Scappoose; Nicole Steele and Ron Still, St. Helens; Jaclyn Anderson, Warren.

### DAIRY GOATS

**La Mancha, Junior Doe Kid: Champion** – Sarah Tatman, Vernonia.

**Reserve Grand Champion** – Sarah Tatman, Vernonia.

**Reserve Champion** – Jacob Tatman, Vernonia.

**Blue Award** – Sarah Tatman and Jacob Tatman, Vernonia.

**La Mancha, Dry Yearling Doe: Blue Award** – Jacob Tatman, Vernonia.

**La Mancha, Mature Two Year Old Doe: Grand Champion** – Sarah Tatman, Vernonia.

**Blue Award** – Sarah Tatman and Jacob Tatman, Vernonia.

**La Mancha, Mature Doe - 5 yrs and under 7 yrs: Blue Award** – Jacob Tatman, Vernonia.

**La Mancha, Dam and Daughter: Blue Award** – Jacob Tatman and Sarah Tatman, Vernonia.

**La Mancha, 4-H Member's Dairy Goat Herd: Blue Award** – Jacob Tatman, Vernonia.

**Dairy Goats, Showmanship, Intermediate: Blue Award** – Kayla Winkelhake, Scappoose; Elizabeth Green, Clatskanie; Jacob Tatman, Vernonia.

**Dairy Goats, Showmanship, Senior: Reserve Champion** – Sarah Tatman, Vernonia.

**Blue Award** – Vicki Moore, Scappoose; Sarah Tatman, Vernonia.

### MEAT GOATS

**Meat Goats, Yearling Doe, Born May 1 -Sept. 30: Blue Award** – Nicholas Green, Ashley Olson and Tiffany Ryan, Clatskanie; Haley Burnham, Rainier; Jon Luttrell, St. Helens; Sarah Tatman, Vernonia.

**Meat Goats, Showmanship, Senior: Blue Award** – Nicholas Green, Clatskanie; Sarah Tatman, Vernonia.

### 4-H ADVENTURES

**Adventures - Animals: Participation** – Sadie Harris, Kelso; Brett Keller, Portland; Skyla Ade, Tylor

Cantrell, Natalee Cook, Darren Crape, Chance Harris and Nathaniel Stanley, Rainier; Hayden Liao, Emily Muth and Natalie Muth, Scappoose; Cambria Cross, Christian Hughes and Keegan Johnston, St. Helens; Hayden Cieloha, Lauren Glass and Meghan Sullivan, Vernonia; Christopher Bernert, Makayla Harris, Lewis Houston, Victor Houston, Kylie MacLachlan and Katherine Musaraca, Warren.

**Adventures - Static: Participation** – Cole Norgren and Jesse Norgren, Clatskanie; Fredrick Gore, Deer Island; Sadie Harris, Kelso; Bailey Crape, Darren Crape and Keaton Knox, Rainier; Megan Dews, Sarah Dews, Hayden Liao, Dylan Lobby, Kaitlyn Lobby, Nathan Mapes, Emily Muth, Natalie Muth, Amanda Orr, Haley Sass, Alyssa Spang, Carter Tucker and Trevor Tucker, Scappoose; Cambria Cross, Katrina Gundersen and Hans Hughes, St. Helens; Nicole Glass and Meghan Sullivan, Vernonia; Victor Houston and Kylie MacLachlan, Warren.

### Oregon State Fair

### Foods and Nutrition

**Ph 7-9, Yeast Breads: Blue Award** – Marissa Clement, Vernonia.

**Ph 7-9, Baked Pie Crust: Friends of Oregon 4-H Award** – Marissa Clement, Vernonia.

### Sheep

**Crossbred Meat Breeds color incl., Spring Ewe Lamb: Blue Award** – Robbie Greisen, Scappoose; Katie Tatman, Vernonia.

**Market Lamb: Blue Award** – Jewelee Stebbins, Rainier; Katie Tatman, Vernonia.

**Sheep Showmanship, Senior: Blue Award** – Robbie Greisen, Scappoose; Katie Tatman, Vernonia.

### Horse and Pony

**English Equitation (Hunt Seat), Int: Red Award** – McKenzie

Tarkalson, Vernonia.  
**Western Equitation, Sr: Blue Award** – Mackenzie Carr, Vernonia.

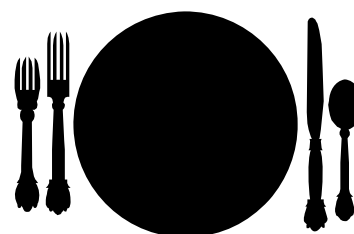
**Trail Horse, Sr: Red Award** – Nicole Baker, Rainier; Courtney Savage, St. Helens; Mackenzie Carr, Vernonia.

**Horse, Showmanship, Intermediate: Red Award** – Ashley Savage, St. Helens; McKenzie Tarkalson, Vernonia.

**Horse, Showmanship, Senior: Red Award** – Nicole Baker, Rainier; Ashley Ekstrom, Rainier; Jessica Keene, Rainier; Courtney Savage, St. Helens; Mackenzie Carr, Vernonia.

**Gaming, Barrels, Senior: White Award** – Stephanie Carr, Vernonia.

# Eat a meal with family for Sept. 25



Family Day, September 25, focuses on the importance of family meals. Research from the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University strongly supports the importance of family meals in the lives of children and teens. Children and teens who come from families who eat together five to seven nights a week are at half the risk of substance abuse when compared to families that dine together infrequently. They are less likely to have friends that smoke, use drugs or alcohol; less likely to have thoughts about suicide and are more likely to do better in school. They also have fewer behavior problems, report lower levels of stress and tension at home and eat a healthier diet.

Columbia County families who are working toward self sufficiency with the Department of Human Services will receive a family resource bag the week of September 25. Each bag will have books to encourage families to read together, bookmarks, a calendar of family activities, a family cookbook, crayons and a toothbrush to encourage kids to brush after eating.

In an effort to encourage all families to join together at the family table, Family Day cookbooks, posters, bookmark and children's books will be distributed to schools, school libraries and city libraries throughout Columbia County.

Columbia County Commission on Children and Families and Oregon State University Extension Service host Family Day, with generous donations of books from Columbia County Kiwanis clubs and Powell's Books. Fred Meyer is also a contributing partner.

Make a date with family or friends for dinner.

## Vernonia Sports Home Game Schedule

<b>Varsity Football</b>	Friday, Sept. 22, against Colton at 7 pm
<b>Cross Country</b>	Thursday, Oct. 19 – Vernonia Relays at 4 pm
<b>Varsity Vollyball</b>	Thursday, Sept. 28, against Ptd Adventist 6 pm Tuesday, Oct. 3, against Rainier at 6 pm
<b>Jr. Varsity Vollyball</b>	Thursday, Sept. 28, against Ptd Adventist 5 pm Tuesday, Oct. 3, against Rainier at 5 pm

## Vernonia Community PTA Silent Auction



- **Minimum Bid: \$6,800**
- **Enter Bid's at Clever Cricket (Wed-Sat, noon-6pm)**
- **Final Bidding: PTA Carnival on Sept. 30th, 2006 5-9pm (VMS)**

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