

# 47J District accepting applications for replacement board member

At the January 11 Vernonia School District 47J board meeting, the board agreed that they would like to honor Arthur M. Parrow in some way, because of the years of service he spent as Principal and then Superintendent. Ideas ranged from placing a plaque on campus, to renaming either the middle school or Washington Grade School in Mr. Parrow's honor. Superintendent Ken Cox told the board he had received only two responses from the public regarding the original idea (suggested by board member Ernie Smith) to rename the

middle school in honor of Mr. Parrow. One response was in favor and one against the idea. The board will make a final decision on this idea at the next meeting.

The board accepted the resignation of Director Angela Taylor. Taylor gave time commitments to family and her apprenticeship as reasons for leaving the board. The board will be accepting applications and then holding interviews to replace Taylor's position.

Superintendent Cox reported that Lincoln Grade School has now been sold for

\$375,000 and the district received a check for \$351,032.50 as the net amount.

The charter school will be closed in February. According to Cox, the district is not in compliance with charter school rules in two areas; 1) there must be 25 students, and 2) they must be going to the charter school voluntarily. Since the district hasn't met those two criteria, the school will be closed. Cox will request that the computers and equipment that belong to the charter school be reassigned to the district so they can still be used by district stu-

dents.

In other business, the board heard that:

- The district should be able to begin using the modular the week of January 15. The modular will hold a language arts classroom and a computer lab;
- two students, Caleb Rice and Yolande Gendron, were selected by the Close-up program to go to Washington, D.C. this spring;
- eight students have signed up to take the Ford Family Foundation leadership training starting soon;
- as of January 11, students

will have to make up one day of classroom time because of the number of days missed due to bad weather;

• a district librarian will be added in the 2007-08 school year to meet Division 22 standards. "I believe we are in compliance with the spirit of the law in all but one exception, we don't have a district librarian," said Cox.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be February 8, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the 47J District office.

## Zoo Lecture will be on global warming

Scientists overwhelmingly agree: Global warming is already affecting animals ranging from polar bears to butterflies - and if greenhouse gas emissions remain uncurbed, the consequences for our planet will be devastating. Oregon State University's Peter U. Clark will discuss climate change Tuesday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m., starting the Oregon Zoo's 2007 Wildlife Conservation Lecture Series.

Climate models suggest that warming over the past few decades can be explained only by the known increase in greenhouse gas concentrations, notes Clark, a professor in OSU's department of geosciences.

Clark's areas of expertise include glacial geology and paleoclimatology. His lecture, "Climate Change Present, Past and Future: What We Have Learned About What to Expect," describes the causes and effects of global warming.

"Human activities are causing the greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere to increase to levels the earth



has not experienced in tens of millions of years," says Clark. "What is particularly unusual about the current trend is the rate of increase, which may be nearly unique in earth history. This increase is causing the earth to warm, through the well-known greenhouse effect."

During his lecture, Clark will give examples from the earth's more recent history that reveal some surprising ways in which our future climate may respond to this century's extraordinary "greenhouse forcing." "Projected future increases of greenhouse gases will cause significant climate change by the end of the 21st century, with widespread effects that will last for

millennia," he said.

According to Clark, climate change will impact glaciers and ice sheets, global sea level, species distribution and extinctions, and the frequency and intensity of droughts, heat waves and possibly hurricanes.

The Wildlife Conservation Lecture series is sponsored by Pro Photo Supply, Shiels Oblatz Johnsen and New Belgium Brewing. Lectures are held in the Oregon Zoo's Banquet Center. The cost for each lecture is \$10 for nonmembers and \$8 for members of host organizations, students or seniors.

Additional information is available at [www.oregonzoo.org](http://www.oregonzoo.org) or by calling 503-226-1561.

## Johnson is 2007 Public Speaker

Whitney Johnson of Clatskanie was named 2007 National Public Speaking Champion, during the National 4-H Horse Classic held in Denver, Colorado, January 4-7.

The Horse Classic is part of the Western National Roundup. The Western National Roundup started in 1920 and is for 4-H/FFA members who have been selected by their states to serve as delegates.

The National 4-H Horse Classic-Western Division, which started in 1983, holds contests in six areas - Horse Judging, Horse Bowl, Hippology, Horse Public Speaking, Horse Demonstration Individual and Team.

Johnson was selected as the Oregon State Public Speaking Champion in April 2006, which qualified her to compete in the national competition. Her 10-minute, memorized speech entitled "My Heroes Have Always Been Horses" received a standing ovation when she presented it as the newly chosen champion at the

awards breakfast.

Johnson was presented with a large bronze horse trophy, a \$500 scholarship sponsored by the AQHA, a ribbon, and gift certificate from the Western Horseman.

Jean McPherson of Columbia City served as Johnson's coach and also received special recognition and awards at the ceremony.

## This music is to go to dogs/cats

Chili Dawgs Jammin' for Puppy Dogs! is the name of the upcoming fundraiser for the Columbia Humane Society. Join the fun on January 20, starting at 9:00 p.m., at Wayne's Chicago Red Hots, 57420 Old Portland Rd # A, in Warren.

There is a \$3.00 minimum cover at the door and door prizes, too! All door proceeds will benefit the Columbia Humane Society, a local non-profit, no-kill animal shelter.

Vernonia Sports Home Game Schedule	
<b>Wrestling</b>	Thursday, Jan. 18, against three different teams at 4 pm
<b>Varsity Basketball</b>	
<b>Boys</b>	Tuesday, Jan. 23 against Rainier at 7:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 25 against PAA at 7:30 pm
<b>Girls</b>	Same as Boys above except game time is 6:00 pm
<b>JV Basketball</b>	
<b>Boys</b>	Same as Varsity except games at 4:30 pm
<b>Girls</b>	Same as Varsity except games at 3:00 pm

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