

47J Board hears idea for free wrestling building, Cox to investigate

Vernonia School District 47J Board of Directors meeting on February 8 began with an interview of the one candidate for appointment to the vacant board position. Angie Rhodes was interviewed and, after the regular meeting began, she was unanimously approved for the position and sworn in.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Mark Brown

and Gretchen Lindauer (and family). John Lewis and Carol Senn will also receive certificates but were not present at the meeting. The awards were to recognize the more than 120 hours the honorees put in during the power outage in December. Vernonia Rural Fire Department Chief Paul Epler was present and thanked the board and staff for their help

during the power outage.

The AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) report from the Oregon Department of Education based on federal guidelines, was distributed. The district was designated as "did not meet." A district is designated as not meeting AYP if any indicator is determine to be 'not met.' In this case, the district did not meet the goal of 50 percent of students meeting the testing requirements in English/Language Arts. The district was at 47.73 percent, not the 50 percent targeted. All other objectives received a rating of 'met.'

Superintendent Ken Cox reported that there are four open positions on the Budget Com-

mittee. People interested in serving on this committee can obtain information and an application at the district office.

When the name change for Vernonia Middle School came up on the agenda, Randy Parrow told the board, "The family of Art Parrow would like to thank the board for the consideration of honoring our father by naming the middle school after him. We understand there are other individuals worthy of such an honor, and we respect any decision the school board makes." The name change is still an item of discussion and no final decision has been made.

During the superintendent's report, Cox told that board that

he has been approached with an idea for a wrestling building that would use no district funds, only volunteer and donated funds. He said he is still gathering information on the idea and will discuss it further at future meetings.

The audit report for the districts budget was reviewed. The auditors found everything generally in order, though they made three suggestions for procedural changes, which have been implemented.

The next public meeting is a workshop scheduled for February 22, at 6:00 p.m. at the district office. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be March 8, starting at 6:00 p.m.

3rd annual ABC Night February 23

Banks Christian Academy is holding its third annual ABC Night on Friday, February 23, at the school from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will be an Auction, Bingo and Chili. Bidding for the auction starts at 6:00 p.m. and will start closing at 7:45 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and includes chili (meat or vegetarian), cornbread, a baked potato bar, salad, beverage and dessert. Bingo to be from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m.

advance or at the door, \$8 for adults; \$4 for children 2-12; under 2 free. Ticket price includes dinner, bingo card and an auction number. Advance tickets may be purchased by calling Diane Woodruff at 503-324-4500.

Banks Christian Academy is located five miles west of Banks off Hwy 26 at 22785 NW Fisher Rd, Buxton. The community is invited to enjoy an evening of great food and fun.

Tickets may be purchased in

Vernonia announces Honor Rolls

The following students were named to the Vernonia Middle School academic Honor Roll for the 2006-2007 second quarter. Grade Point Averages (GPA) are on a scale of 1-4, with 4 equaling a perfect score.

Principal's Honors, 4.00 - Riplee Burch, Kaytee Burchard, Kaitlyn Carr, Rown Cheney, Samantha Lindauer, Jackson Miller, Madeline O'Leary, Vanessa Ortiz-Torres, Natalie Wallace, and Samantha Wal-

lace.

High Honors, 3.50-3.99 - Joshua Butcher, Christopher Curtis, Christopher Dass, Katie Ellington, Mckenzie Frantz, Laura Hein, Cierra Henson, Rebecca Levenseller, Sara McMahon, Tasia Pond, Makayla Roach, Deziree Roberts, Mason Roberts, Sven Sandstrom, Mckenna Stasiak, Ellyssa Szlavich, Kelli Thompson, and Shyla Tungwenuk.

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