

## Uses for WGS basement found

The Vernonia School District Board of Directors held a second public meeting in February, on February 22. The meeting was primarily a workshop to discuss goals and to cover OSBA (Oregon School Board Association) workshop materials.

The only item on the agenda for a vote was acceptance of the NWRES Local Service Plan, which was unanimously accepted.

Superintendent Ken Cox presented a proposal to begin using the Washington Grade School basement more. Cox said that students will not be downstairs full-time and that no

changes in usage will occur until an engineer looks over the premises and an air survey is done. Air quality tests in the 2004-05 school year came back within the range for safe air quality, but Cox wants to have the air quality checked more frequently, particularly if use is increased, though he has not yet checked on the cost of such testing. This was not on the agenda as a decision item, so no action was taken.

Cox also told the board that a number of positions are still available on the budget committee. This committee will probably meet only two or three  
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## Chalk Talk

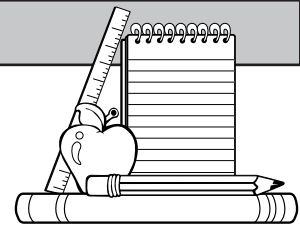
*Chalk Talk is a monthly column with Vernonia schools information. It is written by various staff members. This month's column is by Superintendent Kenneth Cox.*

As I look out my window I see a beautiful sunny spring day. There was snow on the side of Highway 47 on my way into town, but I hope most of that is over for this school year. I did get a phone call about 5:00 a.m. this morning (Monday) from Rob Curl and we discussed the current status. My hat goes off to him and to Shelley Cota. On days when we are glad to be warm in our beds because the weather is bad outside, they are out checking road conditions well before 4:00 a.m. This is not just dedication to a job but to the safety and protection of our children.

I would also like to express my appreciation to all the staff of Curl Transportation who make sure that our students have a safe ride to school each day. I took the opportunity earlier in the

year to ride each of the major bus routes and watch these folks in action. I was impressed with their courtesy to other drivers on their routes, virtually every one of them pulled over at one point or another in their route to let people pass, and their rapport with the kids. I hope that you encourage your children to share their thanks with them on a daily basis.

There are a few upcoming events for the Vernonia School District I would like to share with you. We are looking for Budget Committee members, this would be a fairly short time commitment, 3 or 4 meetings of about 2 hours each. In addition, there appears to be a couple of board positions that will not be filled by incumbents, so if you would like to provide a valuable service to our future and get involved with the district, please stop by and visit; I would be happy to share with you what being a board member en-



## WOEC announces scholarships are available

High school students throughout the West Oregon Electric Cooperative service area are eligible to participate in two exciting scholarship opportunities – the Sam Hearing Scholarship Fund and the Youth Energy Seminar (YES Camp).

Seniors looking to further their education at any college, university, community college or trade school can apply for one of four \$500 scholarships. The Sam Hearing Scholarship Fund provides these scholarships to any graduating high school senior who lives in a West Oregon Electric household. The funds can be used for

tuition or books.

At least one of the scholarships will be dedicated to an applicant planning to attend a trade school or community college.

For more information, applicants should contact their high school counselor or West Oregon Electric. Applicants must complete a brief application form that will give a personal profile. A scholarship committee of co-op members will review the application. The deadline for receiving applications is April 16.

The other scholarship opportunity is for high school sophomores and juniors; students are invited to apply for one of two scholarships to attend the Youth Energy Semi-

nar. The "energy camp" will be held July 16-21, and will hone their leadership skills and challenge their knowledge of energy industry issues.

Application forms are available from high school counselors or at West Oregon Electric. The deadline for receiving applications is April 16. Winners will be contacted by May 20.

All applicants must reside in a home in the West Oregon Electric service territory.

West Oregon Electric serves more than 4,100 electric customers in portions of Columbia, Clatsop, Yamhill, Tillamook and Washington Counties. Headquartered in Vernonia, the cooperative has provided electric service since 1944.

## Thompson will play E-W game

Vernonia wide receiver/defensive back Brent Thompson has been invited to play in the Oregon East-West Shrine Football Game, set for August 4 in Baker City.

Other area players invited to play on the West team include Clatskanie offensive and defensive lineman Sean Donaldson, Rainier tight end and linebacker Billy Zimmerman, and Portland Christian wide receiver/defensive back Charlie Antal.

West team alternates include Clatskanie's Chris Merriam, Portland Christian players Shawn Evans, Troy Hernandez and Jon Nuttelman, Warrenton's Eric Gantenbein, and Taren Kesey of Neah-Kah-Nie.

## DEADLINE 2007 DOG LICENSE

The deadline for licensing dogs in Columbia County\* is

**MARCH 1, 2007**

You may mail your rabies vaccination certificate (if not on file in our office) along with the appropriate fee to Columbia County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051. Commercial and non-commercial kennel licenses are available. Contact Land Development Services for information.

**To All Columbia County\* Dog Owners  
\$25 Penalty after March 1, 2007  
\$75 PENALTY IF CITATION IS ISSUED**

**Dog License Fees are due on ALL DOGS IN THE COUNTY\* with permanent teeth or that are six months of age in 2007.**

\*Does not apply to the City of St. Helens, which will handle dog licensing for residents within the city limits.

### FEEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### On or Before March 1, 2007

REGULAR, NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....\$30.00  
DOG SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....\$12.00  
SENIOR CITIZEN-DOG NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED...\$15.00  
SENIOR CITIZEN-DOG SPAYED OR NEUTERED.....\$5.00  
(Senior Citizen is 65 Years or Older – 1 per Household)  
REPLACEMENT TABS.....\$5.00

### 2007 APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
2006 License No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex (Check one): Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
Neutered: \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed: \_\_\_\_\_

A VALID (Good through Oct. 31, 2007) Rabies Vaccination Certificate MUST accompany this application or be ON FILE in the Courthouse, along with a spayed/neutered certificate if applicable.

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