

47J board meets new football coach

A budget committee meeting preceded the May 10 Vernonia School District board meeting. The total budget amount is \$6,354,620. Tim Bamburg and Frazier Rohm were voted in as new budget committee members. The other budget committee members are Heidi Brown, Tobie Finzel, and Willow Burch, plus the school board members. The next budget meeting will be May 24, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Todd Hicks, the new Football Head Coach, was introduced to the board by Athletic Director Gordon Jarman. Hicks is currently teaching at Pacific University and brings a strong football background to Vernonia. He was Head Football Coach

at Kennedy High School in 2005 and at Yamhill-Carlton in 2003. He is also a Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist.

The board accepted resignations from High School Counselor Lorrie Webb, Elementary School Counselor Anne Mason, and Elementary Special Ed Teacher Shanna Sexton.

Board member Randy Hansen, presented the board with an estimate of \$76,735 for a proposed wrestling building. Hansen said that, if the board consensus is to go ahead, he will start working on getting donors so that the building will not cost the district anything.

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Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian
Vernonia Public Library



It's been rewarding these past two weeks as several WGS classes heard stories and received some basic knowledge about the library and its services. The older youngsters were given the opportunity to search on the computer for specific

books and then find them on the shelves. I would like to commend these youngsters and their teachers on the behavior and attentiveness that I witnessed during these visits. These field trips presented a wonderful opportunity to promote the upcoming Summer Reading Program, "Get a Clue @ the Library," which will take place on Tuesdays starting on June 26 and ending with the Jamboree Parade. Once again youngsters will be encouraged to set their own reading goals and receive prizes as they meet these goals. Each weekly program will consist of some stories and fun-filled activities/crafts related to the theme. In addition to these activities taking place at 11:00, there will be evening activities—movies, stories and one great marionette show. If your child did not receive a schedule, they are available in the library with registrations being accepted beginning in June. If you would be interested in volunteering for any aspect of this summer's reading program, it would be much appreciated. Help with planning scavenger/treasure hunts, reading, aiding with crafts, and designing and building a parade float are just some of the areas in which your talents would be put to use.

The winner of the drawing for the new Harry Potter book to be released in July plus a \$20.00 gift certificate to see the next Harry Potter movie was Gienah Cheney. These prizes (to promote National Library Week) were donated by Liz White.

Family movie night for May will be Friday the

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Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tues., Thur. 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Preschool Story Time: Mondays, 10:30 a.m., when school is in session.
Phone: 503-429-1818

18th at 7:00 p.m., with *Madagascar* being the featured movie.

Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m., the library's book discussion group will be welcoming author George Byron Wright. Wright is a native Oregonian born in The Dalles. His books include *Baker City 1948* and *Tillamook 1952*; he is currently working on *Roseburg 1959*. The public is invited to attend to hear Wright discuss writing and the creation of his books. Copies of his books will be available for purchase and refreshments will be served.

The Vernonia Study Club has had a tradition for the past several years of purchasing appropriate books for the library as memorials to members or their spouses who have passed away. In memory of Dixie Polvorosa, one of the loveliest ladies anyone could hope to know, a beautiful home-decorating book, entitled *Comfortable Country*, was added to the collection, as well as a pet owner's manual about Boston Terriers. (Dixie had two of these adorable pets.) At the suggestion of Louise Hamnett, *Tales of the Mountain Men* and *Jedediah Smith* have also been added to the library's collection in memory of her husband, Norman who loved westerns.

The Friends of the Library are in the process of adding family passes to the Japanese Gardens and OMSI to the already popular pass to the Children's Museum. All of these passes will be available to be checked out from Vernonia's library. These should be ready by June for patrons to enjoy.

New acquisitions include *The Good Husband of Zebra Drive* by Alexander McCall Smith, *Tumbling Blocks* by Earlene Fowler, *Fresh Disasters* by Stuart Woods, *Dream When You're Feeling Blue* by Elizabeth Berg, *Body Surfing* by Anita Shreve, *Little Family*, *Big Values* by The Roloff family, *A Tending in the Storm* by Jane Kirkpatrick and *Simple Genius* by David Baldacci.

Butterflies are back

The Oregon Zoo's Winged Wonders butterfly exhibit will reopen on June 2, and remain open until Labor Day.

Visitors will walk through a large greenhouse filled with free flying butterflies from Costa Rica. Adjacent to the greenhouse will be a certified back yard habitat for visitors to enjoy and hopefully replicate in their yards. ZooAmbassador volunteers will answer questions.

Additional charge of \$2 per person for general visitors. For more information, call 503-226-1561, or visit www.oregonzoo.org.

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