

VHS announces Honor Roll students *Many named to VMS Honor Roll*

The following students were named to the Vernonia High School academic Honor Roll for the 2006-07 4th quarter. Grade Point Averages (GPA) are on a scale of 1-4, with 4 equaling a perfect score.

Principal's Honors, 4.00 – Michael Calhoun, Mackenzie Carr, Karly DeWitt, Sarah Dupree, Adrienne East, Celia Gendron, Kelsey King, Samantha Lee, Tricia Levenseller, Britney Lindauer, Souvanny Miller, Megan Perry, Melissa Sandstrom, Katie Wilson, and Nicholas Young.

High Honors, 3.50-3.99 – Kahli Anderson, Bethany Angle, Christopher Bamburg, Bonnie Birkmaier, Alysa Bruckner, Stephanie Carr, Marissa

Clement, John Collins, Ashley Eastlick, Megan Farmer, John Fitch, Nicole Frantz, Fabian Funke, Brandon Gilbertson, Joreigh Landers, Brittney Larson, Ashley Paleck, Brittanie Roberts, Theresa Schuster, Lia Sebring, Lindsay Shaw, Hee Yeon Shin, Amanda Sliger, Ashton Yontz, and Rebekah Young.

Honors, 3.25-3.49 – Jaycee Adams, Ben Bamburg, Heather Bassett, Timothy Brown, Adam Buchan, Ashley Cavett, Cassandra Gunter, Keli Krieger, Alex Lende, Jessie Long, Phillip Peerson, Gavin Roberts, Sierra Roberts, Byron Schorzman, Sahrina Smith, Josh Tong, Joshua Vanderzanden, and Andrew Senn.

Honorable Mention, 3.0-3.24 – Kayla Baughman, Nathan Bonora, Nicole Bridge, Christina Cavett, Gillian Cheney, Tyler Clines, Tyler Corey, Brandon Cota, Colton DeWitt, Yolande Gendron, Nicole Gray, Megan Hieronimus, Kelly Howley, Kevin Johnston, Tarrah Johnston, Ralee Lanphear, Heather Maller, Nicole Mitchell, Karina Nelsen, Rebekahann Peerson, Amy Rethwill, Preston Roach, Danielle Robb, Kelly Simpkins, Kyle Stasiak, Dalton Stevens, Brent Thompson, Levi Timmerman, Nandi VanMeter, and Brandi Westlake.

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High Honors, 3.50-3.99 – Ashlee Archer, Kaitlyn Carr, Holly Cavett, Christopher Dass, Mackenzie Frantz, Jerrid Johnston, Sarah McMahon, Tasia Pond, Makayla Roach, Sicily Scott, Amanda Sebring, Mckenna Stasiak, Kacy Strand, Nichole Thompson, and Jacob

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Honors, 3.25-3.49 – Joseph Benes, Rachel Brown, Sarah Dahl, Kora Fawver-Hamilton, Quinlan Johansen, Rebecca Levenseller, Sarah Miller, Daniel Shaw, Mckenzie Tarkalson, Kelli Thompson, and Shyla Tungwenuk.

Honorable Mention, 3.0-3.24 – Jake Barnes, Matthew Bevans, Kelsey Brown, Joshua Butcher, Austin Cutright, Jesse Edgar, Katie Ellington, Nathan Fleck, Kristina Halvorson, Ciera Henson, Zachary Hood, Brandon Krause, Austin Long, Ashley Loomis, Jacob Loveland, Brandon Orth, Mikol Pihl, Mason Roberts, Megan Rock, Kelly Smith, Chantel Szlavich, Levi Taylor, and Timothy Titus.

8th grade Promotion Awards given

Vernonia Middle School announced the following eighth grade Promotion Awards for the 2006-07 school year:

Paul Gordon Memorial Award to Kaitlyn Carr; James T. Johns Award to Kacy Strand;

Outstanding Scholar Awards to Kaitlyn Carr, Kaytee Burghard, Samantha Lindauer and Natalie Wallace; Debbie Johnston Student Award to Kacy Strand and the Staff Award to Justin Ward.

Join Summer Running Club now

Summer running club is back again. All kids entering fifth grade and older are welcome to attend. Younger children are welcome, too, with adult supervision.

Coach James Brookins from Vernonia High School meets the runners at Vernonia Lake

on Monday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Then groups of kids go on fun runs around the lake property. There is no formal training, this is just a time when young people can go jogging with their peers.

For more information, call Brookins at 503-429-6008.

Head Starts seeking 2007-08 students

Head Start, a federally funded preschool program, is seeking students for the 2007-2008 school year in Columbia County. Applications are being taken now for all three and four year-olds in Clatsop and Columbia Counties. Recruitment for fall enrollment is now in progress and will be completed in June. If parents are interested in enrollment information they are urged to phone immediately.

Prospective students must be three or four years-old by September 1, 2007. Eligibility is

based on income, family situation and needs of the child, including whether there is a disability or serious illness.

Head Start offers a total family program that includes nutrition, education, medical and dental services for the enrolled child and home visits. Training on various subjects and on-the-job training is offered to all enrolled families. USDA approved meals are served. Limited transportation may be available.

The Vernonia Center is lo-

cated in the Blue Heron Housing Complex. Families who live in the Mist, Birkenfeld and Vernonia areas may phone Kathy Kelly at 503-429-9243 for income guidelines and enrollment information.

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Don't remove young animals from the wild

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) biologists are reminding Oregonians that removing a young animal from the wild often results in its early death.

Each year about this time, while Oregonians are heading outdoors to enjoy the warm weather, Oregon wildlife are giving birth to and raising their young. Also around this time of

year, ODFW often receives calls from people who have picked up fawns, fledgling birds, newborn squirrels and even seal pups because they believe the animals have been abandoned.

These well-intentioned people don't understand that the newborns are temporarily and naturally away from their parents. Unfortunately, the majori-

ty of people who "rescue" young wildlife are unable to provide an appropriate diet and environment for the animal. As a result, the animal can suffer malnourishment and often death.

For example, a few years ago a concerned landowner removed a young, apparently orphaned western gray squirrel from the wild and fed it cow's milk. When the squirrel became lethargic, he called ODFW but the animal, suffering from malnutrition and hypothermia, died within an hour of ODFW taking possession of it.

Even if a young animal does survive human care, it has been denied the chance to learn important skills from its mother such as finding food

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