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Go Loggers!



Vernonia High School Loggers enjoyed a lopsided 26-7 win over Nestucca at home Sept. 21, while racking up a 4-1 preseason. League play starts tomorrow at home against Neah-Kah-Nie. VHS Homecoming Week starts Oct. 15 with half of the profit from food sales going to help Dean Schaumburg; see article on page 11.

Household Hazardous Waste collection slated

There will be a Household Hazardous Waste collection event in Vernonia on Saturday, October 13, from 8:00 a.m. to noon in the Washington Grade School parking lot. No appointment will be necessary.

The Household Hazardous Waste collection will accept the following items: paints and stains; pool and spa chemicals; pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and poisons; motor oil, antifreeze and other automotive fluids; thinners and solvents; household cleaners and disinfectants; batteries; art and hobby chemicals; aerosol spray products; propane tanks or bottles from barbecue grills; fluorescent lamps and ballasts; mercury (thermometers, etc.).

Items that will not be accepted include: Radioactive materi-

al; standard household garbage; explosives including ammunition; and bio-medical waste.

As a reminder, water-based latex paints, antifreeze, used motor oil and automotive batteries, as well as many other recyclable materials, can be recycled at the Vernonia Transfer

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VERNONIA
SALMON FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 6
10 AM - 6:00 PM
Hawkins Park

Salmon viewing, Hay Rides, Kids' Fishing Pond, Music, Wine Tasting, and much more for the whole family!
See page 12 for details.

Council told of repeated garbage overflows in Anderson Park

The Vernonia City Council meeting of October 1 was brief, with only three items of business on the agenda beside approval of the consent agenda (the minutes from previous meeting and the cash disbursements).

Bill Sword spoke to Council regarding access through Anderson Park. Because he sometimes needs to move extra long loads from his property across the Nehalem River, he is seeking a way to go from his bridge to Adams Avenue. Mayor Sally Harrison suggested that he first take his plan to the Planning Commission. Noni Andersen presented

pictures to council of the dumpster at Anderson Park overflowing with garbage on two different occasions, August 5 and August 19. She told council that Bill Yeo (Anderson Park host) asked her to take pictures because he had asked the city for either a larger container or more frequent garbage pickups and had been told the city couldn't afford it. Andersen went on to say that, since the parks are featured in all the city literature, she's pretty upset

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Water restrictions are canceled

The Vernonia water curtailment has been cancelled due to increased flow in Rock Creek from recent rains.

Crash takes life of Birkenfeld man

Hamilton Snavley, 29, of Birkenfeld, was killed in a head-on collision near Vernonia on September 22, when the Dodge Caravan he was riding in collided with another vehicle.

The Caravan driver, Jason Corbin, 23, of Birkenfeld, crossed the center line and hit an oncoming Toyota T-100 driven by Allen Pellham, 56, of Rainier. Corbin and the other passenger of the Dodge Caravan, Ashley Hamilton, 27, of Birkenfeld, were seriously injured and taken to a hospital. Pellham was also seriously injured and taken to a hospital.

Snavley was pronounced dead at the scene, which occurred at about 6:50 a.m. No information is available regarding funeral arrangements.



This salmon was jumping over "Vernonia Falls" on its way up Rock Creek, just in time for the Vernonia Salmon Festival.

Fire Season ends

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