

Krahn chosen to fill last open position on Vernonia School Board

The Vernonia School Board held a workshop, before the regular February 14 meeting, to interview applicants for an open position on the board. After interviewing two applicants and thanking both for being willing to serve, the board chose Jim Krahn, who served on the board previously.

After Krahn was sworn in and seated with the rest of the board, the regular meeting began with a public comment from Amy Cieloha asking the board to consider making up some of the three weeks worth of school that has been missed since December 3. Cieloha also expressed concern for the fifth graders being in modulars, rather than in Washington

Grade School.

Angie Rhoades spoke to the board telling them she was interested in hearing a price comparison between the cost of the modular units versus fixing the high school.

The board heard about the benefits of building schools that conform to the High Performance Schools Program, being energy efficient and saving money in the long run. There are grant programs and tax saving programs available in this area, also. No decisions were made, this presentation provided more information to the board about options available if it becomes possible to build new schools. The board also saw a presentation by Dull

Olson Weekes Architects, Inc. (DOWA) with information that the components they would like in a school site (such as number of buildings and play/practice areas) would require between 30 and 40 acres. DOWA will be reviewing possible sites with Superintendent Ken Cox to see which would meet the district's needs. All of the information gathered will be used to make decisions about what to do and how much it will cost to move or flood proof the schools.

Another presentation, this time on School Based Health

Centers (SBHC) by Aisha Krebs, provided information on three planning grants that Columbia County has received. One of the planning grants is earmarked for Vernonia to plan a SBHC. There are currently 45 SBHCs in 19 counties in Oregon. SBHCs increase health care access for children by providing many services onsite and free to all students.

In other business, the board; heard that there will be a modified version of the senior project, after many seniors lost parts of their projects to the flood,

was told that enrollment was now at 90 percent of what it was in November,

heard Business Manager Dawn Plews report that the audit showed a higher than expected ending fund balance of over \$550,000,

approved (with board member Cari Levenseller absent) the NWRES D service plan presented, and approved a group of 20 policy updates for housekeeping purposes.

The next regular board meeting will be March 13, starting at 6:00 p.m., the location has not yet been determined.

Pencils down. Cameras up! Contest

The Oregon Education Association (OEA) has announced the "Working Wonders Video Contest," as part of OEA's continued effort to highlight the great work of Oregon educators and encourage school employees, students and community members to learn about and use multimedia tools to support public education.

"We all know that there are countless stories of educators working wonders in schools all across our great state," said OEA president, Larry Wolf. "We're always looking for ways to help our members tell their own story, share their experience and showcase the successes of their students. This video contest is a great 21st century way for educators to

use their voice and creativity to tell these stories. We also hope to encourage Oregonians to spotlight education professionals who have inspired them."

The OEA Working Wonders Video Contest gives everyone a chance to turn the spotlight on Oregon's dedicated public school teachers, support professionals, and community college faculty and earn some money for the educator, the school, and themselves! Turn the camera on and capture a "Working Wonders" story for a chance at \$1500, \$3000 or \$6000. Because no one knows the power of public education better than those making it work every day in Oregon.

Videos may feature any individual licensed teacher (certified), support professional

(classified), or college instructor, or a group of these staff members working in Oregon's public schools and community colleges.

Videos must run between 30 seconds and three minutes in length.

First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded by popular vote from OEA members and the general public. Prize money will be divided between the video creator, featured educator, and featured school or college. (See official rules for prize details.)

Winning submissions will be featured on oregoned.org and in various promotional materials.

Enter by March 31, 2008. For full contest rules, entry form, and helpful resources visit www.oregoned.org/videocontest.

DEADLINE 2008 DOG LICENSE

The deadline for licensing dogs in Columbia County* is

MARCH 1, 2008

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, 2008
\$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 2008.

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

FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

On or Before March 1, 2008

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

2008 APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE

Owner: _____

Residential Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Zip: _____

2007 License No.: _____ Phone: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Breed: _____

Sex (Check one): Male Female

Neutered: Spayed:

A VALID (Good through Oct. 31, 2008) Rabies Vaccination Certificate MUST accompany this application or be ON FILE in the Courthouse, along with a spayed/neutered certificate if applicable.

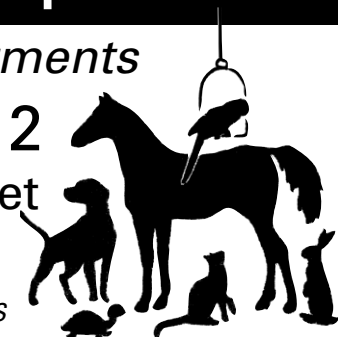
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Idea Corner

Camrin Eyrrick, owner of The Clever Cricket and a Vernonia homeowner, offered this idea to those raising their homes about the flood zone: add a time capsule. As the Eyrrick's prepare for their home to be raised, they are putting together a time capsule to go into the new foundation. They will be including items that they feel identify Vernonia and this time period.