

The Scarlet Pimpernel coming to town



Noah Monnin, Benedicta Hardy, Elinore Hardy, Anthony Pelster, Levi Monnin and Boaz Hardy, practice for the upcoming play. Photo courtesy of Carol Pelster.

Vernonia homeschooling students are having a good time practicing for some upcoming drama performances. The younger group will enact Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, one of Grimm's famous fairy tales. The beloved story tells how a sweet and beautiful princess wins the love of all around her, except her evil stepmother. Happily, love

triumphs over hate for a most satisfying ending.

The older students are working on a challenging play, "The Scarlet Pimpernel," which is set during the bloody reign of terror of the French Revolution. The brave and mysterious hero attempts to rescue innocent aristocrats from the guillotine, while a beautiful French actress struggles to find where her loy-

alty lies.

Everyone is invited to see the plays on April 23 and 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Grange. Both of the short plays will be performed each night, for a most entertaining evening. There is no admission charge, though donations will be gratefully accepted.

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Lab technology to present their ideas and priorities and to identify the best thinking of their peers.

"This is a great way for students to demonstrate that they

are not just young people still learning. Rather, that they are a powerful force, a generation of people who want to help reshape politics and policy to make Oregon a safer, sustainable, and more livable place,"

says Henry Balensifer, who is the youngest member of the Oregon 150 Board and Chair of its Youth Legacy Projects.

Please visit: <http://democyclab.project2059.org/> for more information.

VHS Internat'l Club fundraiser

There will be a Vernonia High School International Club carwash fundraiser on April 10 from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. and April 11 from 11:00 to 5:00 p.m. Both dates are weather permitting.

This is a fundraiser for students to go to the foreign language and international studies day in Eugene.

For more information, call Donna Webb at 503-429-5201.



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Chalk Talk

Chalk Talk is a monthly column of information about Vernonia schools. It is written by various staff members. This column was provided by Superintendent Dr. Ken Cox.



At their last meeting, the Vernonia School Board authorized me to begin working with BOORA Architects of Portland to design our new schools. I met with them last week and began developing a rigorous schedule of weekly meetings to help them understand our needs as a school and as a community.

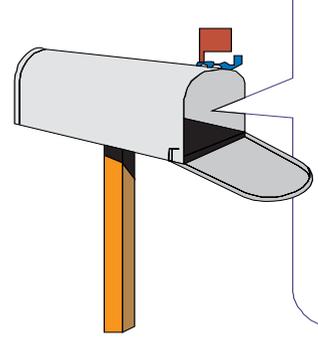
I am excited, as are they, by the opportunity to work together to design a school that will meet our needs and be an integral part of the community. The facility will be designed to last at least 100 years and we will look for ways to incorporate flexible uses for both the school and the community. We will be carefully balancing the initial cost of construction with ongoing maintenance and long term operating costs in order to make this project the best possible investment for our community. To this end, we will be examining every avenue of sustainability and functionality that will help our schools stand out as an example of Oregon ingenuity, as well as represent Vernonia's resilience, perseverance, and commitment to the future.

We would invite you to participate in the upcoming meetings with BOORA and members of the district. We will be establishing a Facilities Steering Committee that will work closely with the architects to coordinate the gathering of information throughout the design process. All members of the existing District Facilities Committee will be included as we move through this process over the next few months. Members of the public are also invited to attend the different meetings. We hope to have a schedule of meetings available at the district office by the time you read this article.

On another note, in order to help keep all patrons of the district informed, we have been sending out Update Newsletters about once a month as a bulk mailing. If you have not received a District Update Newsletter on yellow paper in the mail, please let us know. We will make sure you get a copy and do our best to figure out why you didn't get one, so you can receive future issues.

Don't forget to share your thoughts with us by calling, emailing, or leaving your opinion on the blog on the district website.

We want to hear from you! Your voice can help shape the future of Vernonia, please let it be heard!



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