

Vernonia Head Start gets to go fishing Andersen 2nd in spelling

Vernonia Head Start celebrated Male Involvement Week, April 19-25, because children do best in life when they grow up with the active, positive involvement of both a mother and father. Whatever the measure — physical and emotional health, educational achievement, behavior — children are more likely to lead healthy, productive lives when both their mother and father are actively involved in their lives in positive ways. Because of the importance of fathers to the healthy development of their

children Head Start is committed to supporting male involvement in the program.

On April 24, Vernonia Head Start celebrated their first "Fishing With Fathers" field trip to Vernonia Lake. It was a beautiful day and the fish were biting. Sixteen of the eighteen enrolled children and families attended. There was a great turnout with not just fathers attending but also grandfathers, great-grandfathers, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, brothers and sisters — all there to celebrate Male Involvement Week.



Head Start families celebrated Male Involvement Week with a "Fishing With Father" day. Photo courtesy of Kathy Kelly.

E-Cycle program now ready to go

The Oregon E-Cycles program provides free recycling of computers, monitors and televisions has now started. The program is financed by electronics manufacturers and jointly implemented with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

What items are covered under the program? Desktop and

portable computers (laptops), monitors and televisions are all covered electronic devices in the program.

What is not covered? Fax machines, cell phones, printers and other peripherals are not covered under the program.

Who can recycle their electronics via the Oregon E-cycles
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Kathy Kelly of Vernonia Head Start said, "Thanks to the many dedicated volunteers and families who helped the children with their poles and worms, because of you, most of the children were able to feel the thrill and excitement of catching a fish."

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members of the large crowd spoke passionately about protecting specific programs such as music and band, in support of cutting school days and/or salary freezes, going back to a pay-to-play sports system, and eliminating programs to maintain the sports budget. Many people expressed concern about increasing class sizes. The administrative team explained that they didn't want to reduce anything that was proposed, but that reducing the budget is required.

Levear and Ott explained that cutting the number of school days and/or freezing

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The National Senior Spelling Bee, sponsored by AARP, is open to anyone over 50 who likes to spell. This year it will be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on June 20. Visit the website

www.seniorsspellingbee.com for details. Next year's Oregon Senior Spelling Bee will be held in Aurora on April 10. Contact Roberta Hutton at tansy acres28_@hotmail.com for registration and information.

staff salary and benefits are negotiated contracts items. The administrative team will begin meeting with union representatives later in May. Since 80% of the budget is salaries and benefits it's no surprise that the most significant cuts were in staffing at all levels, in all departments across the district. Administrators have already offered a \$25,000 reduction by accepting contracts without a pay increase.

The budget committee is composed of five community members appointed by the board (Tom Duyck, Stephen Kiss, Mike Lyda, Pete Edison and newly appointed Norie

Dimeo-Ediger) plus the board of directors (Chairman Duann Lundsten, Angi Duyck, Kathy Edison, Will Moore and Doug Nordholm).

In other business, the board:

- Received no public input regarding an interim superintendent;

- approved next year's school calendar with August 31 as the first day of school and noted that the calendar is posted on the district web site;

- approved the beginning fund raising for next year's spring vacation trip to Costa Rica;

- approved a boundary change.

Council must find new funding for paths

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nelius, Forest Grove, Hillsboro and North Plains. Last year, the council accepted an offer by the City of Hillsboro to conduct the five-city EOA. Each of the cities foresees the need for cooperative efforts related to transportation, land use and economic development. Additionally, economic development is a goal of Governor Kulongoski by promoting trade sector industry clusters, especially solar and green industries, so joint planning efforts among the five cities will support the Governor's goal by encouraging the location and expansion of such industries and businesses. The cooperative efforts will also promote a consistent voice to support a partnership with the Metro regional government as Metro prepares the 2009 Urban Growth Report. We can "prosper together or wither solely," Kinsky said. The resolution was approved.

Council also adopted a resolution amending the 2008-2009 operating budget to include the appropriation and expenditure of an unanticipated PCN small

cities operating grant from the Metropolitan Area Communication Commission.

Council adopted, revised, and updated the fee schedule for Log Cabin Park, plus a special use permit policy for the park and a Park Management Agreement.

Early last year, council accepted an ODOT Transportation Growth management (TGM) and authorized ODOT to contract with CH2M Hill to produce a Banks Transportation System Plan (TSP). Although it was originally scheduled for completion by June 30, ODOT requested an extension to August 31, 2009. At the advice of City Planner K.J. Wong, council agreed to the extension.

In the absence of City Manager Jim Hough, City Recorder Jolynn Becker reported on activity in April, noting that the second of three joint Council/Planning Commission work sessions for the UGB expansion has been rescheduled with a date to be announced.

Funding for hike-bike paths and sidewalk enhancements

that the city was hoping to obtain through TIF funds, will have to be developed from other sources. TIF funds are for vehicular enhancement on collector streets and larger bicycle paths and sidewalks which might be a part of a street enhancement project, but cannot be the sole reason for construction.

Deputy Tran reported that there were 30 calls for service in April, resulting in two arrests; 35 traffic stops were made and 13 citations written. Tran also told council that he has given two cub scout presentations and scheduled a presentation on meth at Banks High School.

Tran introduced the newly sworn-in Banks officer Deputy Brian Wood, saying that Wood is "fresh, new, and excited about his job...he is really, really proactive." Wood told council that he has "met some of the citizens of Banks and is looking forward to serving in Banks on Saturdays."

The next city council meeting will be on May 12, at 7:30 p.m.

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