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Vernonia EXTREME 10U team, left-to-right, top row: Molly Foutch, McKenzie Pickering, Joyce Everett, Coach Steve Wolf, Coach Amy Cieloha, Jordan Walters, Jazmine Hanner, and Brooklynn Walters. Bottom row: Sofia Wolf, Meghan Foster, Hannah Baska holding the tournament trophy, Jessica Butcher, Paige Cieloha. Not pictured is Odessa Roberts.

Vernonia girls bring home trophy

The Vernonia EXTREME 10U softball team played in the St. Helens Tournament on June 4. After winning their first two games in the afternoon, they went on to win the championship game and the first place trophy in the early evening.

The team played their final game of the season at Vernonia on June 6, after first posing with their tournament trophy.

The Vernonia team was able to play this season because they were allowed to participate in the St. Helens softball league. On behalf of the team, Coach Cieloha said, "We want to thank St. Helens softball league for including Vernonia in your softball season, we really appreciate it. We have had a fun year!"

4th of July Parade

The Vernonia 4th of July Parade will start at 4:00 p.m. this year. The staging area will be Weed Avenue, alongside Vernonia City Hall.

The parade will move down Bridge St., ending at State Avenue.



Wall Raising set

There will be a Wall Raising Celebration for the community to watch the first walls rise at the Vernonia new school site on Spencer Ave., on Monday, June 27, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The celebration, with refreshments, will take place on the residential property at 1201 Texas Ave. There will be shuttles leaving the middle school building (the green building) starting at 9:30 a.m. There is no parking at the site, so everyone is asked to use the shuttles to get there.

Vernonia is taking applications for City Councilor. See page 5

Timber likely to lose post office

by Debi Wagner

Built in 1925 the rural historic Timber Post Office is on the hit list for closure. At a public meeting conducted by The United States Postal Service (USPS), on May 26, the timetable was laid out for possible closure.

Mike McQuire, Post Office Operations Manager explained the format for closure consideration. The process is currently in the study phase, which re-

quired the public community meeting. A committee of USPS employees will have 60 days to render a decision. The next step is 120 days for public comment, and the final decision will follow in approximately eight months.

Decline of volume and disrepair of the leased building were the main reasons mentioned. McQuire has documentation of over six years of requests to

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Army Band to perform here July 2

The 204th Army Band, of the Army Reserves, will be performing a free concert in Vernonia, on July 2, at 4:00 p.m. in Hawkins Park.

The concert will consist of a little bit of everything, including Sousa marches, popular tunes, standard band music, and several small ensembles, jazz band and others.

The band, based out of Van-

couver, Washington, was activated October 16, 2008, as part of the 88th Regional Readiness Command out of Fort McCoy, Wisconsin.

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to the stage at Washington Grade School. The concert is sponsored by the Vernonia Band Boosters and the City of Vernonia.



Timber Post Office is the heart of the small rural community. PHOTO BY DEBI WAGNER