

Hyde gets award at 47J board meeting

The Oregon Small School Association (OSSA) was on hand at the Vernonia School District Board of Directors meeting, November 17, to present district employee Dana Hyde with a Salute to Success award for her involvement in school-to-work and school-to-college programs in Vernonia.

"I'm humbled and I appreciate the nomination from the bottom of my heart," said Hyde. School board member Greg Kintz nominated Hyde for the award.

Later in the meeting, Kintz was unanimously chosen to continue in his position on the Oregon School Board Association as a director.

John Donovan, from the Metropolitan Group, talked to the board about the ongoing new school fundraising efforts, including the fact that the district has known since the start that there would be a gap between the timing of construction and the fundraising, when the district would need to obtain loans or some other fund-

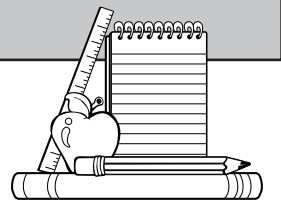
ing mechanism to pay for construction before the final fundraising money would be received. The district is currently looking for ways to handle this.

In other business, the board, • approved a list of items that will be declared as surplus, after the teaching staff decides whether they can use any of the items.

The next board meeting will be December 8, starting at 6:00 p.m., at the district office.

Chalk Talk

Chalk Talk is a column of information about Vernonia schools. This column was provided by Superintendent Dr. Ken Cox.



Two Washington Grade School milestones occurred this past week. The Christmas Program returned and the first two pieces of the masonry that is to be preserved were removed.

I was pleased to be in attendance at the WGS music program last Thursday. It was neat to see all the students dressed up for the holidays and singing together. They did a great job! I could also tell that there were a lot of proud parents and older siblings in the audience as well. Our thanks to not only Mr. Izzett, but also the classroom teachers and parents who help the students learn the songs. I would also like to acknowledge Mark Brown, who has stepped up as our Maintenance Coordinator, for all the background work that he and the custodians did to make this a success.

The other event that I would share came about as the result of needing more information at the new school. The progress there has been impressive, with the west classroom already having some sheetrock in place. However, before they can complete the library they need information about the banks of molded panels from the front of Washington Grade School. One of these banks of panels will be placed on the wall above the library checkout desk in the new school. In order to determine what kind of support they would need, we had to remove a sample so we could determine how heavy they were. Chris Stahl, site foreman for P&C Construction at the new schools, and a helper, are seen here taking the first piece down. This piece weighed only about 50 pounds, but the larger piece was estimated at nearly 300 pounds. The pieces will be cleaned and stored until they are able to be installed in the new building.

We are planning on removing more of these historical artifacts from WGS during Christmas break. We will also be using a number of different elements from WGS, both at the new school and to form an informational kiosk or monument that will be located near the current WGS site in the New Spencer Park. The final design for the park was shared at a Town Hall meeting yesterday after much input from both students and the community at large.

Vernonia High School honor roll given

The following students were named to the Vernonia High School academic Honor Roll for the 2011-12 first quarter. Grade Point Averages (GPA) are on a scale of 1-4, with 4 equaling a perfect score.

Principal's Honors, 4.00 – Makayla Adams, Austin Best-Cutright, Marley Bower, Nicolo Casale, Emilee Easlon, Nicole Glass, Jeffrey Goodman, Andrew Jennings, Brandon Krause, Alexander Lembke, Alisa Levenseller, Andrea Lezama, Samatha Lindauer, Alyssa Loggins, Jackson Miller, Tasia Pond, Leah Rice, Deziree Roberts, Ana Scerbatii, Sicily Scott, Kelly Smith, Summer

Snow, Ellyssa Szlavich, Tynystan Talantov, Dylan Taylor, Shyla Tungwenuk, Stina Voss, Natalie Wallace, Samantha Wallace, Brittany Young, and Zhuldyz Zhunussova.

High Honors, 3.50-3.99 – Kimberly Allen, Kayla Aronhalt, Joshua Butcher, Crystal-Ann Carreon, Zi_Xian Chen, Andrew Cheney, Rowan Cheney, Lucrece Cheramy, Yaroslava Denysenko, Janae Easlon, Katie Ellington, Jacob Eyrrick, Jessica Farr-Smith, Julia Fletcher, Jessica Gardner, Amirkhon Habibuloev, Aleesha Heidmann, Timothy Jennings, Pavel Jiranek, Quinlan Johansen, Kendrick Leaverton,

Lilliann Lindsley, Lea Mari, Nathanael McCroskey-Izzett, Kaitlin Paleck, Janek Palovsky, Daniel Rice, Laura Rice, Rowan Scott, Daniel Shaw, Sean Solberg, Meghan Sullivan, Gadim Valiyev, Jacob Vifquain, Sarah Wagner, and Damian Young.

Honors, 3.25-3.49 – Ashlee Archer, Skylar Binford, Jacob Bringman, Savannah Brown, Stephanie Castro, Melissa Charbonneau, Christopher Dass, Dillon Dethlefs, Robin Elliott, Nathan Fleck, Finn Hoeck, Jacob Levenseller, Nathen McMillen, Ryan Sandstrom,
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A piece of masonry was removed this week to determine its weight. New Spencer Park will include a historical monument to Washington Grade School. See Chalk Talk above. Photo courtesy of Vernonia Schools.

Celebrating Families

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Location:
Vernonia School Cafeteria
 11-4 pm
Tuesday Dec. 20st
Wednesday Dec. 21st
Thursday Dec. 22nd

HOLIDAY GIFT MAKING
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 For **FAMILYS & Friends**
 &
WRAPPING STATION
 Kids wrap free
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