

Chalk Talk

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

I want to give a huge Thank You to everyone who had anything to do with the Last Chance Dance. The event, which was sponsored by the Vernonia Education Foundation, was chaired by Vernonia School Board Member Bill Langmaid. Bill was able to organize it with help from Janean Shaw Zavales, Lisa Edgar, Sheril McWhirter, Ronda Lennen, Mark Brown, and many other students, staff and community members. The night of the event even more community members showed up to ensure that the evening was a success. The dinner was delicious and the following auction raised a significant part of the more than \$10,000 that was raised that evening.

We of course would not have been able to raise that much if it had not been for the many who contributed auction items and those who attended the event. I was introduced to several Vernonia alumni and enjoyed some of the many

old time photos that were available to view. Mrs. Lynn Shaw's fifth grade class has created a small school history book that is fantastic and there are still copies available. In fact we still have wooden folding chairs available for sale. Please contact the district office if you are interested.

Finally, I am once again asking for your help in our move from the existing schools to the new campus. Next Tuesday, July 10th, we will be meeting in the covered play area to coordinate how we can make this happen. We are limiting the volunteer help to those 12 years old and above and everyone will need to sign an insurance waiver (or have their parents sign one). I also want to point out that community members will not be allowed in the new building. Please contact the district office (503-429-5891) if you are planning on volunteering since we will need to have a count for lunch, which will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you on the 10th!



School board approves bid for new benches

The Vernonia School Board held a special meeting on June 21, with three items on the agenda.

The board approved a supplemental budget, as required by state law, that was necessitated by a larger fund balance and more state timber revenues than expected. As a result, \$532,265 was temporarily transferred to the Capital Reserve Construction Fund.

While the board was there for the supplemental budget, they also awarded a contract for almost \$11,000 to Fall Creek Woodworking to build

benches from trees cut on the site of the new school. Benches from this project will be used inside and outside.

The final business for the board was a list of items to declare as surplus so the district can dispose of two phone systems, the high school gymnasium bleachers, a commercial washer and dryer, lockers from the cafeteria building and from the grade school boys' locker room, six wall clocks, miscellaneous TVs and VCRs and an air scrubber from Washington Grade School.

VMS 4th quarter Honor Roll

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

Principal's Honors, 4.00 – Tristan Adams, Lily Buchanan, Kaitlyn Eyrrick, Jessika Goodman, Storm Henson, Ashley Jackson, Ariel Masog, Jacob Patton, Jocie-Raney Roberts, Megan Rice, Chase Tolonen, Ian Torres-Petersen, and Payton Wolf.

High Honors, 3.50-3.99 – Courtney Barklow, Nickolas Bennett, Emily Bergerson, Jacob Butcher, Bradley Ely, Megan Ely, Morgan Harral, Casey Hathcoat, Amanda Jennings, Cheyenne Kemper, Bryanna Larson, Brendyn Mul-

likin, Sheyanne Pedersen, William Scheuerman, Benjamin Schulte, Clay Sullivan, and Madison Zavales.

Honors, 3.25-3.49 – Hayden Cieloha, Benjamin Fleck, Gabriel Hart-Roberts, Brett Jones, Zebidiah Kovelda, Hailley Lindsay, Jacob Perry, Amanda-Rose Sicard, Jamie Scott, Autumn Sorenson, Jessica Stringfield, Cassidy Whitton, and Jade Young.

Honorable Mention, 3.00-3.24 – Kenneth Bergstrom, Ty Brown, Emma Campos, Brandon Clapshaw, Grace Coleman, Gaven Everett, Justin Fletcher, Alixander Haney, Cheyanna March, Katie Martinez, Jackhenry Masog, Jordon McCord, Jared Medearis, Jarod Shaw, Daniel Smith, Paige Smith, Mahaila Wilhelm, and Mekhi Williams.

Sign up now for British Soccer camp

Vernonia is gearing up for its second British Soccer camp, run by Challenger Sports, for children age 3 to 12. It will be held July 16-20 at the high school football field (to be enclosed by fencing for safety during construction work), from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. There will be full and half day options for children age six and older.

Their will be high-level soccer coaching from British coaches, with individual foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, games and scrimmages. The teaching includes respect, responsibility, integrity,

sportsmanship and leadership. Last year's camp was deemed a big success.

Signups for camp are done online: <https://registration.challengersports.com/FindACamp/FindACamp.asp?IdS=00043F3135400&Method=CampSession&Key=19105571120516&~=>. Soccer signups will be held July 12 and 19 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Library.

The camp is a kick off to the Vernonia Youth Soccer season and the club awarded full scholarships to three of the players. Practices will begin in early August for u10 teams and

later in August for u8/u6 teams so signups are needed prior to August 1. Every effort is made to keep the costs as low as possible.

Call Mark Lemay at 503-432-7742 with any questions.

WOU Honor Roll

Western Oregon University has announced that Kelsii Jo Dana of Banks has been named to their 4.0 GPA Honor Roll. Ashlee Joleen Croissant and Tyler John Grant, both from Banks, earned a place on the school's Honor Roll in the 3.5 - 3.99 GPA category.

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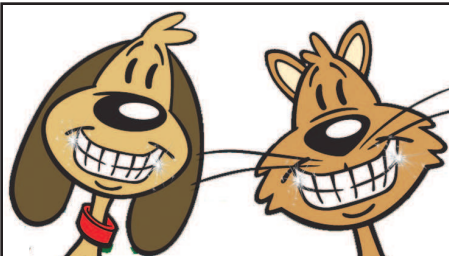


Castrophony is a very nice girl but is a little shy. Castrophony was brought to the shelter because her owner lost her home and wasn't able to keep her. According to the owner Castrophony is a very loving and sweet girl that gets along well with other cats. However, we have found that Castrophony doesn't really like other cats and therefore we recommend that she be the only cat in the household.

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OSU announces Honor Roll

Students who made the spring term Scholastic Honor Roll have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 732 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 3,052 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Local area students on the Honor Roll included; 3.5 or Better: Amber M. Meier, Junior, General Science from Birkenfeld, and Vernonians Benjamin T. Bamberg, Senior, Biology; Brandon M. Gilbertson, Sophomore, Athletic Training.