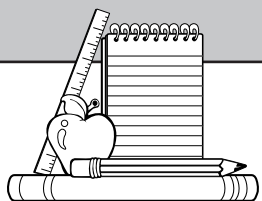


Chalk Talk

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



I want to thank everyone who came out and helped on Tuesday, July 10th, for the Big Move. We emptied all of the upstairs of WGS by noon! It was a sight to see with so much going on. We had students, parents, community volunteers, Intel volunteers and twenty inmates from the South Fork Forest Camp, who were a huge help. At one point there was a whole line of people lining the fire escape stairs at the back of WGS passing boxes from classrooms clear out to the waiting trucks. A special thanks to the Vernonia Lions who made lunch for everyone down at Vernonia Lake.

This day would not have been the success it was without the efforts of so many individuals. I'd like to thank Mark Ellsworth of the Governor's Office who was able to arrange for the inmates to come and help on both Tuesday and Wednesday, with some of them even coming back on Thursday; and to Senator Betsy Johnson, who helped the Lions serve lunch on a beautiful sunny day. Thank you to Jeff Ely who arranged for the Intel group to be here, to Dick Rider of AmSan and his two sons who brought out a lift truck and moved pallets. A special thank you to Randy Parrow of Sentry Market for arranging to keep the United Grocers semitruck in town that day to help move pallets of boxes. And thanks to Storage Too/U-Haul for their contribution of hand trucks and dollies for the move and to all of you that brought personal vehicles and trailers to help with our endeavor.

I would like to thank Barb Carr who worked for months helping to organize and provide boxes and labels for the teachers and staff to use to box everything up for the move. Due to her organization and the help and support of so many of our staff last week, we were able to get over 90% of the furniture, boxes and equipment up to the new school where it will be stored until we have permission to occupy the building.

I appreciate living in a community where people are still willing to lend a helping hand. Thank You!

Clatsop razor clamming closed July 15

Razor clamming closed Sunday, July 15, on the Clatsop beaches for the annual conservation closure to protect newly-set young clams.

Since 1967 the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has closed the 18 miles of beaches in Clatsop County to razor clam digging, while young clams establish themselves on the beach during the summer.

"We want to ensure that the Clatsop beaches continue to be productive for razor clam harvesters," said Matt Hunter,

ODFW's Shellfish and Phytoplankton Project Leader. "By not disturbing the young razor clams it increases the chance of good recruitment."

For many years the Clatsop closure went from July 15 to August 31. It was extended in 1997 to September 31.

This period is a busy one for ODFW shellfish biologists who conduct razor clam stock assessments to determine the health of the population.

The Clatsop beaches are the most productive razor clam beaches in the state, account-

ing for more than 90 percent of the total harvest.

Digging for razor clams continues to be open on other state beaches. Harvesting bay clams is open as well. Mussel harvesting is currently closed from Tillamook Head south of Seaside to Heceta Head in Lane County due to elevated levels of paralytic shellfish toxins. For the latest shellfish safety information call the shellfish safety hotline, before harvesting, at 1-800-448-2474.

Safely process foods to avoid botulism

The recent case of three people sickened with botulism from eating home-canned beets in Central Oregon is a good reminder that home-canned foods can pose a serious health risk. The only way to be sure that your home-canned foods are safe to eat is to follow USDA tested recipes for preparing and processing.

The OSU Extension Service in Columbia County offers information, classes, and resources to help residents safely preserve foods from the garden this summer. Here is a list of services that the extension service provides:

- Free Printed Publications

and Safe Canning Recipes

- Online Publications and Recipes: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/fch/food-preservation>

- Free Pressure Canner Gauge Testing

- Food Preservation and Food Safety Hotline at 1-800-354-7319 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, from July through October.

They are also offering a series of hands-on canning classes this summer for both new and experienced canners. Classes cost \$20 each. Some scholarships are available. Space is limited in these class-

es, so call today to reserve your spot. Pre-registration is required. All classes are held at the First Lutheran Church kitchen in St. Helens from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m..

- Canning Fruits & Pie Fillings on July 25
- Pressure Canning Vegetables & Meats on August 8, and
- Canning Pickles, Tomatoes & Salsas on August 22.

For more information about the services OSU Extension Service offers and to register for classes, please call or visit our office at OSU Extension Service, Columbia County, 505 N. Columbia River Hwy, St. Helens, 503-397-3462.

CORRECTION

The Vernonia Middle School 4th Quarter Honor Roll press release, under President's Honors, 4.0, should have included Annika Johnson.

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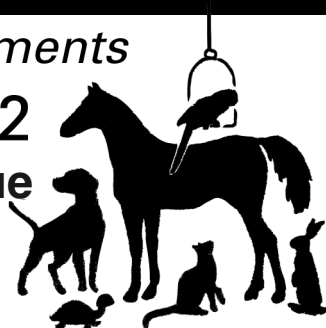
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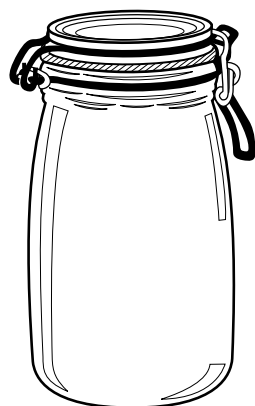
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If you like to preserve the bounty of your garden, but have questions about doing it safely, the OSU Extension Service Food Safety/Preservation Hotline has the answers you need. Call 1-800-354-7319 from now to October 12, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (excluding holidays).

The hotline is staffed by OSU Extension Master Food Preserver volunteers and OSU Extension staff.

Party to be held for Eagle Scout

Vernonia Boy Scout Troop 201 is inviting those interested to an Eagle Court of Honor on behalf of Mason-James Roberts. Roberts' Eagle project was done in cooperation with the cemetery society and included cataloging over 270 names in two pioneer cemeteries, with submission to a genealogical library.

The Court will be held Tuesday, July 31, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Scout Cabin. It will be a potluck dinner with drinks and dessert provided.

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