

of people available to fill these needs for substitute employees in a variety of positions within the VSD. These same issues are being felt in neighboring school districts as well.

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Substitute teachers are one need, but other substitute employees (teaching assistants, custodians, food service

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Vernonia School Board Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13 at 6:00 pm in the Schools Library.

Vernonia Exchange Student Earns Spot on Local Soccer Club

Leonardo Corebetta, an exchange student at Vernonia High School, is getting a chance to experience playing soccer at a fairly high level in the United States.

Leo, an Italian student who is spending this school year in Vernonia, has joined the Westside Timbers, a prestigious local soccer club affiliated with the Portland Timbers, the local professional soccer organization. He is living with Tyler and Erin Sweptson in Vernonia.

Because Corebetta is a foreign player, he has only been training with the Westside Timbers' U19 team, while awaiting clearance from FIFA, soccer's international governing body, to play in competitive matches. His clearance is expected at any time.

Corebetta, who will turn 19 this year, plays as a midfielder. He has played in two non-league games, scoring a goal in each game. Westside Timbers play from November through June, so hopefully Corebetta will have a chance to play competitively this spring.

Westside Timbers provides youth soccer players with the oppor-



tunity to pursue soccer at the highest levels of competition. Corebetta's U19 team is coached by Marc Evans. Evans is a professional coach who won a USYSA National Championship with a U18 Eastside United team. He has won 10 Oregon State Cups and numerous other tournament victories, and has produced 25 Division I players and several professional players.

Corebetta thanked his host family for making this opportunity happen for him, especially his host mom who drives him to practice and games in Portland.

