

## VHS Spring Sports Round-up

**Golf--** The Golf Team finished out their season at the District Meet, with sophomore standout Paul Whiteman struggling through the first round, then shooting the best round of the day on day two, just missing qualifying for the State Tournament. "I'm proud of him," said Coach James Brookins. "Paul is a little disappointed, but he showed what he's capable of in the future." Brookins noted graduating seniors who helped the varsity team this year: Tim Prpich and Josh Vanderzanden. "I'm sad to lose those two guys," said Brookins. The Junior Varsity team finished third in the District Tournament, including a third-place finish by Dakota Burch. "The whole team has shown improvement this year," said Brookins.



Amy Rethwill gets a good cut for the Lady Loggers. Rethwill was named Second Team All-League this season, one of many VHS ball players to receive end of season honors.

**Track and Field--** Tim Pillow finished third in the the 3,000 meter run at the State meet, running an exciting race. After running away from the pack for the first half, Pillow faltered and was caught by all the runners in the race, but then came back on the last lap to grab third place. Justin Caputo finished in the top ten in three events, placing seventh in the shot put, eighth in the 100 meters, and ninth in the 200 meters.

**Baseball--** Coach Aaron Miller's team was knocked out in the first round of the playoffs, when the game was canceled because of rain, and the four starting seniors, Taylor Smith, Oliver Kocura, Caleb Rice and Kyle Brixby, had to miss the rescheduled game because of their Senior Trip to Disneyland. Miller's young team hung tough against Warrenton but lost 6-3 in the end. Junior Alex Lende was named First Team All-League and Junior Oliver Kocura and Freshman TJ White were both named to the second team.

**Softball--** After an up-and-down season, the girls' softball team was abruptly eliminated in a playoff game by Warrenton. The Lady Loggers finished in third place in the league, with a number of players receiving all league honors. Named to the First Team All-League were Souvanny Miller at Second Base, Bonnie Birkmier at Third Base, and Karly Dewitt at Utility Infielder. Second Team All-League honors went to Amy Rethwill at First Base, and Honorable Mention went to Ariel Rock at Catcher and Chelsea Padden in Center Field.

## Summer's Just Around the Corner

By Brandy Fosdick

Summer's almost here! If you want to stop and do a little jig, go ahead! Everyone is happy that the rain has finally started to back off a little and let the sun in. The last few days have been filled with sunshine and misty skies full of rainbows. It was even nice for Memorial Day weekend, when it usually just pours.

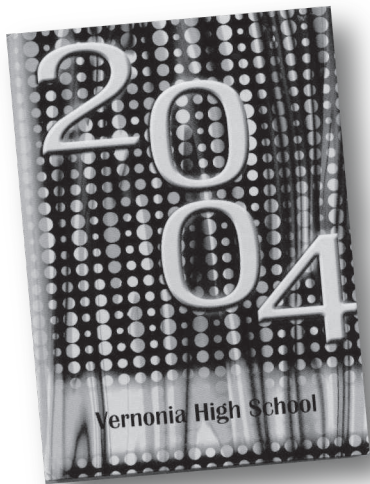
And all this pretty weather just paves the way for something even more exciting, to kids and teachers at least-- the end of the school year. This is that special time of year when new class officers are elected, the eighth grade graduates into high school and the seniors graduate from high school. The seniors also just returned from their Disneyland trip, fully loaded down with Mickey Mouse mementos. And they, of course, got back in time for Spring Fling.

Right now, you could possibly be wondering, what's Spring Fling? Spring Fling is an end of the year celebration, a special award to everyone for making it this far and all the hard work it took to get here. It's basically just a big play day at the high school. For the entire day, kids can talk, draw, play games, do pretty much whatever for most of the day. And students are more than welcome to bring in their X-Boxes, Playstations and Nintendos for some gaming fun. The fun-filled day was on Friday the 29th, and seemed to be the perfect antidote for end of the year stress.

Also, our hardworking art and yearbook teacher, Miss Allen, deserves a pat on the back and a thank you for all her efforts on the yearbook signing party. Speaking of signing yearbooks, don't forget our foreign exchange students. And remember that they will be going home soon; in fact, Lena already has. I know everyone has become good friends, so spend as much time with them as you can before they go home. But hey, don't let me leave you on a sad note. Remember, summer is just around the corner.



Washington Grade School Phys Ed instructor Mr. Spaulding gets a public haircut (left) as part of the students reward for their Run For The Arts fundraiser. Students ran a total of 1,954 laps around the school track, equivalent to 488.5 miles, and raised \$2,553.45 to help bring cultural assemblies and artists in residence to WGS.



### VHS Class of 2004 Reunion

when: August 15th

where: Vernonia Golf Club

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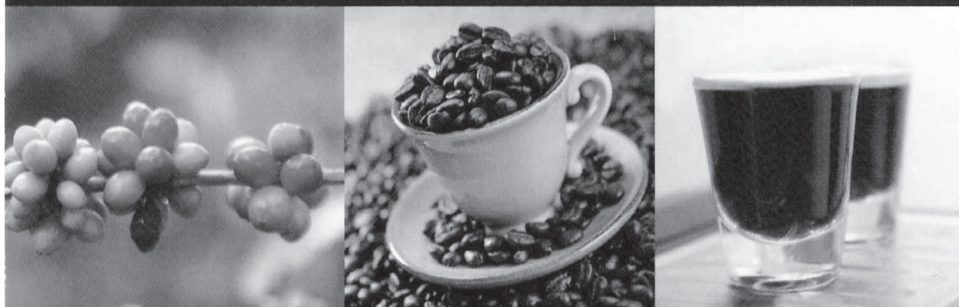
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