

Vernonia Band Marches in Macy's Parade

For the fourth year in a row the Vernonia Marching Band participated in the Macy's Holiday Parade in downtown Portland the day after Thanksgiving. This year the band was sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank! Macy's and Wells Fargo provided a banner, which misspelled Vernonia, but that just gave the chaperones an opportunity to explain to onlookers where the Band comes from.

The Vernonia Band uniforms still have BHS on the collar instead of VHS—the uniforms were purchased

with donated funds after the flood and the school and band have not had the resources to replace them. The kids do not seem to mind, they enjoy the parade and look forward each year to lunch at Izzy's buffet afterward.

Who else but teenagers would be hungry the day after Thanksgiving!

Congratulations to the Vernonia Band for being invited to play in the Macy's Parade and for continuing to be true representatives of the spirit of Vernonia!



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second place finishes at the district meet. Johansen, Stevens and Barnes all finished third at district. Benes ended up placing fourth at state.

As a team the Loggers finished second at the district last year, just two disappointing points behind Central Linn. This year the Loggers are on a mission—win that district title.

At the Harrisburg Eagle Classic the Loggers finished first with 168 points; ahead of Harrisburg—152,

Jefferson 145, and district rival Central Linn—144.5. Twelve Loggers placed in the Tournament included individual champions Dillion Dethlefs at 152, Joe Benes at 170, Jacob Stevens at 182; Jake Barnes who took second at 170, third place finishers Shylo Dooley at 138, Quin Johansen at 145 and Dawson Shay at 195 and fifth place finishers Ty Talantov at 126, Damian Young at 138, Amir Habibuloev at 160 and Kristian Wredstroem at 182; and Matthew Bringman took sixth at 106.

On December 7 the Loggers faced some tough competition at the Banks Invitational, wrestling against several 4A schools programs. The Loggers got some good experience while finishing fifth out of six teams. The Loggers were head to the Colton Invitational on Saturday December 10 where they again expected to see some tough matches.

"I like to get my wrestlers as many tough matches as I can during the season, that way they're ready when it's time for the Districts," says head coach Wolf.

The Loggers have three home meets scheduled this year: Friday December 16

against Knappa and Warrenton; January 17 against Clatskanie and another team yet to be determined, and January 26 against Knappa and league rival Nestucca. The Loggers will compete in several tournaments including Nestucca on December 17, Clatskanie on December 28, the Bob Bishop Invitational on January 7, the Oregon Classic on January 13-14 and the prestigious Pac Rim Tournament in Seaside on January 20-21. On February 8 the Loggers will travel to Central Linn as a tuneup for their ultimate goal—the District 1 Tournament on February 17-18 and finally the 2A State Tournament on February 24-25.

Girls Basketball—New head coach Victor Matoush has a talented varsity squad, with depth and some height. The Lady Loggers graduated several regulars after last season, so this year's squad starts the season with limited varsity game experience. The team is learning a new system, and Coach Matoush and his players are adjusting to each other and their personal styles. The Loggers have a difficult non-league schedule, so the early part of the season is looking like it will be a learning experience. The Lady Loggers headed into league play 0-4.

Matoush has previous girls basketball coaching experience at St. Mary's High School in Medford and North Medford High School.

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Quin Johansen placed third at the Harrisburg Tournament at 145.

Merry Christmas

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