

from the editor

There has been a lot of excitement around Vernonia during the last few weeks as both our high schools boys and girls basketball teams qualified for the league playoffs in what will be the last season of games in the historic Logger Dome. The Boys team took it a step further, bringing home the league title, winning a first round state playoff game and earning a trip to the final eight in Pendleton.

The Logger Wrestlers also added to the excitement around town as they brought home their second team District Championship in three years, including three individual champions, and qualified five wrestlers for the State Tournament on February 24-25 where four Loggers medaled.

It's a good time to be a Logger!

But I would also like to bring attention to some other talented students at VHS who are also working and

practicing hard and doing a lot to make all Logger fans proud.

First is the Vernonia Robotics Team, which are featured in an article in this issue on page 10. This is the first year Vernonia has organized this type of activity and the kids and adult mentors have been diligently working in preparation for their regional competition. The kids spent long hours fabricating, programming and constructing their robot, as well as practicing the tasks they will be required to perform at the competition on March 8-10. These hardworking kids also deserve our acknowledgement, kudos and respect for their accomplishments.

There is another group at VHS I would also like to recognize. The VHS Pep Band, under the direction of Mr. Rob Izzett, has been performing at most recent home basketball games and wow, are they getting good! The kids

have obviously been practicing and improving. The sound they are putting out is great! Not to mention what they add to the atmosphere at the home games.

Mr. Izzett, as many of you know, has been doing an amazing job over the last few years, reviving a music program in our schools and building an award winning band program. Anyone who was at the homecoming football game this past fall, and saw the halftime show the marching band put on, knows what I'm talking about. The VHS band is another group of dedicated and talented students who also deserve our praise, admiration, and cheers!

It's not just our Logger athletic teams that are enjoying success this year. Let's Go Loggers!

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