

# VHS Band Wins League, Qualifies for State



VHS Band members (left to right): Iryna Verhogliad, Sarah Wagner, Jacob Medearis, Nate Izzett, Jackson Miller and Brandon Krause qualified for the state solo contest.

The Vernonia High School Band won the Northwest League Band Festival on March 8, 2012 and has qualified for the State Contest in May.

According to Band Instructor Rob Izzett, the VHS Band received scores of 85, 86, and 87, which was higher than any other school, including 3A schools at the competition. This was a big improvement over the previous year when VHS was chosen to attend State from a pool based on receiving two scores of 75.

In addition, several weeks ago a number of Vernonia High School students competed at the district #3 solo/ensemble contest with all four qualifying for the state solo contest.

The following students represented VHS at the district competition and qualified for state:

- Jacob Medearis - trombone - 1st place
- Jackson Miller - trombone - 2nd place
- Sarah Wagner - Tuba - 2nd place
- Nate Izzett - Marimba - 1st place

Brandon Krause and Jacob Medearis performed a Euphonium/Trombone duet and scored high enough to qualify for State, but they do not accept this type of ensemble at the State level.

Band Instructor Rob Izzett also wished to acknowledge foreign exchange student Iryna Verhogliad who was the piano accompanist for Sarah Wagner's tuba solo.



The VHS Band practices before their Northwest League Contest. The Vernonia Band won the festival and will compete in the State competition in May at Oregon State University.

## VHS Student Wins D.A.R. Award

Vernonia High School senior Crystal Ann Carreon has been awarded the Good Citizen Award by the St. Helens Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The prestigious award recognizes and rewards high school seniors who possess good citizenship qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. Each award is given on a merit basis including completion of a questionnaire, essay, scholastic record, and a letter of recommendation.

Carreon attended a ceremony with her family and VHS Principal Nate Underwood, where she received her award and read her essay she had written for the competition.

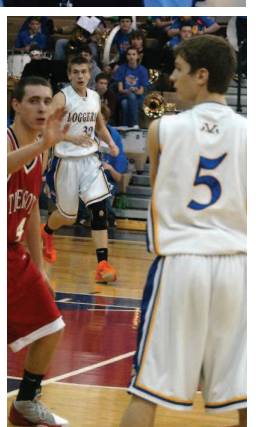


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