

# PTA PRESS

## EXTRA!! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

By Melissa Zavales

It is the holiday season and we are ready to go. We have a fabulous team on the PTA, whom makes things happen. I would like to extend a couple of thank you's to our members. A very special thank you to Susan Ely whose extensive organization and relentless volunteer coordination made our Fall Carnival a huge success; to Camrin Erryick for bringing back the carnival and ensuring a good team was in place to make it fun for community members of all ages; to the Vernonia School District for opening the doors to the public to aid in the fundraiser; and an enormous thank you to all the volunteers from school staff, to janitorial help, to moms, dads, kids, teens, and businesses who made the carnival possible.. THANK YOU! We, the PTA, are looking forward to doing it again next year. Hopefully "YOU" will join too and bring bigger and better ideas.

Our PTA is having a giving tree for the teachers of the Vernonia School District. This is our way to help the staff in giving them gifts of supplies they request to aid in the education of our students. If you are in a position to give please stop by the school and pick a tag from the tree outside the main office. Once you purchase the suggested item please wrap and attach tag so we know whom to deliver the gift to.

We are also doing something for students as well. This year it will be called SECRET SANTA! We will have a choice of 3 gifts. One for \$.25 cents, one for \$.50

cents and one for \$1.00. Your child may choose a friend or teacher to receive a purchased item of their choice along with a festive note. This is a fun way for students to celebrate the holiday season. The SECRET SANTA station will be up and running Monday December 10<sup>th</sup> through Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>. All gifts will be delivered Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>. The stations hours will be 7:30 AM-8:0 AM and 3:00-3:20 PM. Please stop by and give some holiday spirit and support your local PTA.

PTA will be decorating for the band holiday concert on Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and the Elementary Holiday program December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. We hope to see many jolly faces to support the efforts of Mr. Izzett and his students.

As PTA promised through fundraising and the help of Mr. Spalding, we have a new "ROCK WALL" in the elementary gym.

We are so excited to be able to present this to the Vernonia School District. Students are ready to begin their climbing adventures when they return from Christmas break. The wall is installed and looks amazing in the new gym. Thank you to all whom supported our fundraising efforts to make the rock wall a success. Also a special thank you to the group of volunteers whom gave up a weekend day to install the wall. Again we have awesome community support, and hope that many more will get involved and join our PTA!

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Barnes. "This a great group of kids who all want to work hard and are real team oriented."

Barnes says he is trying to develop a style of wrestling for his team. "If you watch any solid team they all kind of wrestle the same way. So we're trying to develop a team style this year. That way when our younger wrestlers are watching from the stands they can learn what to do in certain situations."

The Loggers line-up is filled with underclassman this year and the squad is made up of a lot of freshman and sophomores. But Barnes still has some key returning wrestlers. He also has some new wrestlers to the program.

Dawson Shay is senior and will wrestle in the upper weight classes. He recently finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Harrisburg Tournament at 220 pounds. T John Wolf is a senior and a first year wrestler who is very athletic and also took 3<sup>rd</sup> at Harrisburg at 195. Also watch for Mikol Pihl at the upper end of the classes. Ethan Johnston is another senior who did well at Harrisburg placing

5<sup>th</sup> at 182. Bridger Steward is a junior with several years of experience, who finished 6<sup>th</sup> at Harrisburg at 170, and who should fit somewhere in the middle weights for the team.

Barnes says he is also expecting good things from freshman Caton Watts and Jessea Hunt and sophomores Andrew Jennings, Jeffery Goodman, Damian Young, Michael and Jason Bouslaugh, and Dylan Taylor. New students to the school, brothers Zane Green and David Kovelda have wrestling experience and will definitely be a strong part of the team. Also watch for exchange student Vardan Grigoryan as a first time wrestler.

Barnes says he expects the Loggers to be right there challenging for the District Championship again. "I told the kids that I don't care about any tournament this year except District," says Barnes. "Our goal is to win the District and I don't care what happens anywhere else as long as we all wrestle our hardest all the time."

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### Rayford Wayne Allen

Rayford Wayne Allen, 72, July 2, 1941 - November 24th 2012 passed away peacefully with loved ones at his side. Ray was born in Hardin, Oklahoma and spent his younger adult years traveling around the Midwest working on the oil fields. He eventually moved to Mist, Oregon with his family in 1985 and worked at the mill and as a ranch hand. Ray will be remembered for his strong work ethic, quick wit, big stories of bull-riding and his "Hey Darling" that he called all the ladies. Ray lived his life always putting family first and enjoying every minute of the time he had here. His legacy will live on through the great love he had for his family and friends. Ray is preceded in death by his wife Judy, and is survived by his sons Mark Porter and Randy Kotara, daughters Samantha Francisco and Kerri Lendgren, sisters Kay McLaughlin and Wanda Johnson, 14 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews that he loved like children of his own. A celebration of life was held on Saturday, December 1st at 2 pm at The Nehalem Valley Community Church on Hwy 103 in Jewel, Oregon.

of Vancouver, Janet LeSollen and her husband, Steve, of Saint Helens, Mary Jane Hackler of Newport and Brother-Clayton Lynch, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, his extended family, including his two furry daughters, "Maddie" and Gabbie". A Celebration of Life Service was held on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. at the Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home, 741 Madison Avenue in Vernonia, with Elder Marvin J. Long, of the Council Creek Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Forest Grove, presiding. Dedication of the grave with Full Military Honors under the American Veterans Honor Guard followed at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery, 2080 Bridge Street in Vernonia. A celebration of life and dinner followed at Vernonia Christian Church, 410 North Street in Vernonia.

The family suggests that remembrances may be contributions to one's local Humane Society, in his memory.

To sign the online guest book or to send a condolence to the family go to [www.fuitenrosehoyt.com](http://www.fuitenrosehoyt.com)

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