

VHS Fall Sports Update

Volleyball- The Lady Loggers finished in third place following the Northwest League playoffs, earning a trip to the state playoffs for the third year in a row.

Vernonia closed out their regular season play with convincing 3-0 wins over Faith Bible (25-20, 25-13, 25-19) and Riverdale (25-11, 25-10, 25-8). The Lady Loggers then entered the League Playoffs where they soundly defeated Neah-Kah-Nie (25-15, 25-13, 25-16) before winning against Faith Bible in three straight tough games (27-25, 25-23, 25-19). The Lady Loggers ended their regular season with a 9-3 league record and 13-6 overall record. Stephanie Castro and Julia Fletcher were both named First Team All League.

For the third year in a row the Lady Loggers entered the state playoffs as a low seed and had to travel to face a tough Days Creek squad. Days Creek finished their season with a 14-0 league record in the Mountain

View Conference and 26-2 overall.

Days Creek dominated the match against the Lady Loggers on Saturday November 2, winning the match 3-0 (25-10, 25-10, 25-14) and ending the Lady Loggers season the same way it has ended for three straight years.



Vernonia's Paul Lemaron (right) finished 2nd at the Vernonia Invitational Cross Country Meet.

Cross Country- The Loggers finished the season as the 4th best team in District 1, 1-2-3A; as the top ranked team in the NWL (by team best times) and the 12th ranked 1-2-3A team in the state (of 61 teams).

The team was led by Paul Lemoran, their all-league foreign exchange student from Kenya, who finished 6th at the state qualifying meet, just missing qualifying for the state meet. He was out-kicked the last 50 meters of the 3.1 mile race. "He was far and away our best runner all season, and just got better and better as the season progressed,"

said head coach Byron Brown. "It was like having Nathan Fleck back. In retrospect, I should have trained him a little harder on the last 100 meters of the race. We won't make that mistake again." As a team, the Loggers really came on the last couple of weeks of the season. Jacob Medaris was outstanding down the stretch, as was Drew Cheney, Dan Rice and Alex Rubiera. The girls team finished 6th at the district state qualifying meet. "They did a great job this season and showed a lot of improvement," said Brown.

The top 3 girl runners generally ran as a group--Hannah Fleck, Emma D'Onghia and Johanna Lange. "Anastasia Mihalcuic really got better as the season went on, and so did Laura Rice and Jean Lee," said Brown.

Football- The Loggers ended their season with three straight losses and finished their season in last place in the Northwest League.

The Loggers lost to Neah-Kah-Nie 34-13 in their Homecoming Game on October 18, followed by a loss at home to Portland Christian 59-0 on October 25 and a loss at Gaston 54-7 on November 1.

The Loggers ended their season with an 0-5 league record and a 1-8 record overall.

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the specifications. At this time, the District has directed the contractor to winterize the site, and we anticipate the final site work will be completed in April to June 2014.

The City has in storage brick and asphalt salvaged from the school demolition. The materials are on private California Avenue property. The City is required to process these materials in a timely fashion. It is the City's intent to crush the brick to be used on the replacement park site for the planned pathway system for Phase One. The asphalt may have use on the site but that is now an unknown.

The District agreed to provide the City with \$15,000 to be used to bring power to the parking lot lights and the basketball facility at a future date when the City constructs a new picnic shelter and restroom at a site currently designated as due west from the basketball facility. These funds will be used to bring power to the site that will entail a contract with WOEC and a separate contract with an electrician to power an electric panel and connect wires to key services.

Prior to the construction this spring of final replacement park improvements the City will establish a location for one or more water connections either from an existing line in California

Avenue or an existing line in Bridge Street.

Members of the Parks Committee and the community are exploring design build options for the picnic shelter and restroom facility.

OPRD MASTER PARK PLAN

The consultant team from MacKay and Sposito Landscape Architects made a presentation to the Vernonia Parks Committee on 10-16-13. The plan is to conduct a public hearing and work toward City Council adoption by January 2014.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS ROSE AVENUE PROJECT

The Vernonia Health Center Board made a presentation to the Vernonia Planning Commission on 10-17-13. The City Administrator participated in a meeting with Meyer Memorial Trust and the VHCB. A member of the Vernonia Cares Food Bank also participated. The City Administrator previously participated in a meeting with Oregon Community Foundation and the

VHCB. The VHCB will hear on their funding requests to MMT and OCF by mid-November. The City will begin negotiations with VHCB on a long term lease agreement in October.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS ANNUAL FISCAL AUDIT

The City's auditor conducted their second onsite review of the City's fiscal records. The Auditor identified minor fiscal management issues that were discussed with Finance Administrator, but we expect a clean management letter based on close out

discussions this week.

FAIR HOUSING CONFERENCE

The City Administrator plans to attend two work sessions on Fair Housing in Portland on October 17th (Oregon Fair Housing Council) and 18th (Housing Land Advocates), 2013. HUD is in the process of modifying the Fair Housing requirements that are required to be maintained at the local level. Attending then acting on these trainings will meet that annual requirement. Action at the local level will include outreach to rental property owners, real estate brokers and local financial institutions.

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