

Lady Loggers Take 4th at State Tournament

The Vernonia Lady Loggers defeated Monroe 61-56 on Saturday, March 7th to take 4th place at the 2A Girls Basketball State Tournament in Pendleton.

A large contingent of Lady Loggers fans and family followed the team to Pendleton to support the girls.

matchup against Monroe on Saturday morning, the Lady Loggers fell behind 10-0 early in the game before scoring the next 12 straight points and grabbing a 21-19 half time lead they never relinquished.

Marketa Vesselkova bounced back and had her best game of the tournament after struggling in the first



The Lady Loggers and head coach Steve Whiteman bounced back from a devastating 64-36 opening round loss on Thursday to eventual runner up Burns, showing resilience and determination in winning their final two games and the consolation round bracket.

On Friday morning, the Lady Loggers played what was probably their best game of the tournament in a 61-51 win over Regis. Senior and Northwest League Player of the Year Meghan Sullivan led the Lady Loggers with 17 points on 7 of 8 shooting from the floor and added 11 rebounds. Julia Fletcher also scored 17 for Vernonia and Lisa Paje added 13 points including 9 of 10 from the free throw line. Paige Smith chipped in 7 rebounds.

In the spirited 4th place

two games, leading Vernonia with 22 points, including 4 clutch free throws towards the end of the game. Senior Fletcher, in her final game of a storied Vernonia varsity career, had another big game scoring 17 points, going 5 for 5 from the free throw line including two huge shots to close out the game, and added 7 rebounds. Sullivan had a huge game under the boards, grabbing 17 rebounds. Smith added 8 more rebounds and scored all her 6 points down the stretch in the 4th quarter to help hold the Lady Loggers' lead. Lisa Paje scored 13 points and also grabbed 6 rebounds.

Congratulations to Coach Whiteman, his staff, all the players and all the Lady Loggers' fans on a fantastic season!

For more photos of the Lady Loggers' trip to Pendleton see page 12.



Activists Rally Against LNG

Local activists and citizens met on Thursday, March 12 to discuss the Oregon LNG and Oregon Pipeline projects.

The meeting was organized and moderated by Steve Calhoun, along with his son Michael, to raise awareness within the community about the projects and included several guest speakers. The discussion focused on ways to organize and oppose the projects and on making sure locals understand that they have a voice in whether they are constructed or not.

The Oregon LNG and Oregon Pipeline projects propose to transport fracked natural gas from Canada across Washington and Oregon in a high pressure, thirty-six inch pipeline, to a terminal in Warrenton, OR where it would be converted to Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and exported to overseas markets. The pipeline travels across Columbia County through mostly private timberland and crosses Rock Creek about five miles above the intake to the City of Vernonia's water plant.

Some of the most pertinent concerns about the projects include water quality degradation and damage to critical salmon habitat, and public safety and the risk to residents in the event of an accident.

Among the guest speakers was Dan Serres, Conservation Director at Columbia Riverkeeper, who has been opposing LNG projects in Oregon for ten years. Serres provided an overview of what he called "one of the most controversial projects in all of Oregon," and told the audience that the one way to stop the projects was to stop the terminal in Warrenton. "Without the terminal there is no pipeline," said Serres. He also pointed out that both State and Federal regulatory agencies need to approve the projects before it can move forward. Serres explained that FERC (the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) will say yes to this so it is important for local citizens to be heard by state agencies and legislators. Serres encouraged locals to organize together to oppose the project.



Dan Serres of Columbia Riverkeeper addressed a crowd of local activists concerned about LNG projects.

projects. In addition to her concerns about water quality in the rivers, streams and wetlands the pipeline would cross and its impact on local salmon populations, Peyton also expressed reservations about the continued dependence on fossil fuels, the ability of local emergency responders to handle accidents or natural disasters, and the effects on water quality from deforestation in the region. She said she is also highly concerned about the potential damage from a predicted large subduction zone earthquake.

One of the most interesting guest speakers of the evening was Paul Sansone from Gales Creek, OR. Sansone, a longtime outspoken opponent of the projects, is part of Oregon Citizens Against the Pipeline, a group that has previously organized and successfully stopped the pipeline from traveling through Washington County and the Willamette Valley. Sansone told the audience that after communities and

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VHS Sports Hall of Fame Announces 2015 Induction Class

The selection committee for the second annual Vernonia High School Athletic Hall of Fame met on Tuesday, March 3rd and selected the group that will be inducted for this year. Those that were nominated, but did not get selected, will be kept on

file for further consideration in future years. This is the second year of the Hall of Fame and will continue to be an annual event in the coming years.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 4th at the Cedar Ridge Complex and is open to the

public. The event will start at 6:00 PM with a no host bar and social time, dinner will be at 6:30 and the induction ceremony will start after that. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$15.00.

This year's group to be inducted are:

Gary Davis
Ken Nanson
Steve Wolf
Tarah Pond
Tim McLeod
Sheri Hiveley
Brent Thompson
Boys Basketball
Evelyn Holce

Graduated in 1969
Graduated in 1954
Graduated in 1994
Graduated in 1995
Graduated in 1980
Graduated in 1980
Graduated in 2007
1976-77, 1977-78
Graduated in 1943

Two time State High Jump Champion
All State Basketball, OSU Basketball
Two time State Wrestling Champion
Two time League MVP Volleyball
All State Football
Two time State place winner in Track
All State Football
Two time State Champions
Community Supporter