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a two day, single elimination bracket tournament to qualify for the state tournament.

The Lady Loggers have upcoming home matches against Harrisburg on September 17, Columbia Christian on September 20, and City Christian on September 26.

Cross Country – Logger head coach Byron Brown looks like he has a squad of runners with a lot of potential this season.

In cross country meets, a team's top five finishers score points, so it's important to have five quality runners.



Lena Jacobson is looking to be the top runner for the girls cross country squad.

Brown's girl's squad has been practicing for several weeks and is made up of four exchange students and three local students. Lena Jacobson from Norway looks like the leader of the pack at the moment and is a real natural runners who has been steadily and quickly improving early in the season. "She's really taken to it and is a very strong runner," said Brown. The other three exchange student runners also show promise and include Pauline Sandweg, Tessa Bomke, and Katherine Will. Cassie McFalls, Makenzie Willard and Katie Goodman round out the squad. "The consistency of all these runners is going to make us a strong team," said Brown during a recent practice.

For the boys, the early surprise of the season has been senior Brett Jones who is running competitively for the first time. Sophomore Jakob Handegard looks like he has the potential to be really

good, as does junior Clay Sullivan. "All three really have talent, are great athletes, and are really good runners," says Brown. Those three runners are followed closely by Jared Shaw, Sean Coffey and Ben Fleck, along with exchange student Leng Kuokitattana, giving Brown five strong runners and a solid squad capable of scoring high at meets.

In addition to his high school squads Brown has five middle school runners this year, led by Saddle Gump and Emma Hahn, along with Jenna Handegard, Peter Hahn, and Conner Lemay. The middle school runners will have six meets this year; the high school teams will compete in ten meets.

Brown's runners competed early

this season in the fun Tillamook Ultimate Race which included running through a mud pit, crossing a river twice and running through a corn maze. They will also compete at the Kiwanda Challenge again this year. The Vernonia Invitational will be held on October 6.

VOTE YES

NOVEMBER 8



FOR VERNONIA SCHOOLS



Vernonia School Bond 5-259 Informational Guide

WHAT IS PROPOSED?

The Vernonia School District is asking taxpayers to pass a \$6.8 million bond to finish paying for construction and to complete the campus.

WHY NOW?

The district was recently awarded a \$2.7 million matching grant from the State of Oregon; however, that money will only be available if voters approve this bond

WHAT WILL IT COST ME?

\$24.00/year on \$100,000 assessed value
\$48.00/year on \$200,000 assessed value
\$72.00/year on \$300,000 assessed value

I DON'T HAVE KIDS, WHY SHOULD I VOTE YES?

The most important thing a community does is prepare and educate its children. Voting YES is the right thing to do.

WHAT IS THE PLAN?

The bond will refinance construction debt of approximately \$4.1 million, complete athletic fields and facilities, furnish and equip new art and welding/metals shop, and upgrade Mist School.

YES MEANS...

- Refinancing existing debt to free up resources for general operations to support classroom learning.
- Completing athletic fields and facilities on the Vernonia Schools Campus.
- Allowing the school district to build infrastructure such as an art and welding/metals shop.
- Funding for much needed repairs to Mist School.
- Installation of playground equipment at both school campuses.
- With the matching funds from the State, the value of the \$6.8 million bond is actually \$9.5 million.

NO MEANS...

- Loan payments in the amount of \$408,000/year will be paid from the general funds rather than going toward classroom learning.
- The district will be facing budget cuts that equates to 5 full time teachers or a reduction of 20 school days.
- No track or football field on the new campus in the foreseeable future.
- No hurts everyone, from landlords to senior citizens to city government, but most importantly, our students.

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