

Meet the Exchange Students *continued from page 10*

football team and will wrestle this winter. He says he has not traveled much and has never been to the U.S. before, but that he lived in Russia for five years. Serhiy says he likes the climate in Vernonia which is actually much warmer this time of year than in Ukraine. He also says he likes the healthy and fresh air here. He says he has had a hard time adjusting to the food and also dealing with a very busy schedule of school, sports, and homework. His favorite new food he has tried here are sweet potatoes.

Nathan Colot – Nathan is from the northwest of France from the city of Renn and is spending this year with Kathy and Reggie Ward. Nathan played wide receiver on the football team, will play basketball this winter and run track in the spring, and is also part of the robotics team. He said he likes that the Vernonia Schools are different from his school in France and that he can participate in sports through the school. Nathan says he has a hard time not being able to get on a bus and go places or see his friends like in France. He says his family likes to travel a lot so he has visited New York City for a week, and has been to Egypt, Martinique, Guadalupe, Turkey, Germany, Italy, and England.

Merce Patricio – Merce is staying with Justin and Ashley Ward and is from Nampula, Mozambique. She played volleyball this fall, will play basketball, and would like to try softball in the spring. She says she had a hard time adjusting to the food here and the weather, but is

doing much better now. She says she also struggled with finding the right English words to explain herself at first. This is her first time in the U.S., but she has traveled to Malawi and South Africa. Merce says she likes all the activities that are available through the school, which gives her an opportunity to interact with lots of people, and she also really likes the small town feel of Vernonia and how helpful everyone is.

Pauline Sandweg – Pauline is from Solingen, Germany and she is living with the Gump family. She ran cross county, will play basketball and will run track in the spring. She has traveled a lot in Europe with her favorite being the south of Italy, and also visited Cuba when she was very young. This is her first time in the U.S. Pauline says she likes the strong community feel in Vernonia and how everyone knows and helps each other. Pauline said she initially had a hard time adjusting to the food.



(L-R) Nathan Colot, Merce Patricio, Pauline Sandweg, Katherine Will, and Romain Regache.

Katherine Will – Katherine is living with Ben and Christy Davis and is from Traunstein, Germany. Katherine thinks both the school and the community are strong with lots of people who volunteer and help and care about each other. She also likes that when she walks through town she is certain to see someone she knows. Katherine ran cross country, will wrestle this winter and will run track in the spring. She said she had a difficult time with the food. She has traveled to Great Britain, France, Greece, Italy, Scandinavia, and Croatia. This is her first time in the U.S. and she enjoyed traveling to Seattle and to Crater Lake.

Romain Regache – Romain is from the small city of Breve-la-Gaillarde in the southwest of France and is staying with the Wack family. He ran cross country this fall and will wrestle this winter. He says he likes all the activities and things to participate in at the school. Romain also had a hard time adjusting to the food and also has a hard time getting around Vernonia because he lives outside town. He says he has trouble speaking English but does pretty well understanding it. He has never been to the U.S. but says he has traveled extensively in Europe to Germany, Italy, and Spain and also to Guadalupe.

TenderCare DENTAL

North Plains
10395 NW Glencoe Rd #100
North Plains, OR 97133
Phone: (503) 647-0055

Banks
12350 NW Main Street, Ste 104
Banks, OR 97106
Phone: (503) 747-3409

Dental Hygiene,
Gum Disease treatment,
Cosmetic & Restorative
Dentistry, **Dentures,**
Children's Dentistry,
Orthodontics, Teeth
Whitening & Root Canal
Therapy, **Emergency**
Appointments welcome,
Sedation Dentistry,
Dental Implants.

**Mention this ad and
receive \$50 off your
first appointment**

*New patients only, no cash value, cannot be
combined with any other offers.

