

VHS Spring Sports Report

Softball – For the second year in a row the Lady Loggers have won their regular season title. The Lady Loggers finished the season with an 11-1 record in league play and a 15-4 record overall.

Vernonia swept their final league series against Knappa, winning 11-1, 14-

8, and 18-3. Between those games the Lady Loggers pulled off a minor upset, defeating #2 ranked Central Linn 12-6 on May 10 in a non-league matchup.

Head Coach Mike Fetch, and assistant coaches Ernie Smith and Katie Poetter, have a core group of veteran

seniors leading the team this year, including Payton Wolf, Cassidy Whitton, Pearl Cook, Allegra Poetter, Autumn Sorenson and Vivianna Bustemonte.

The Lady loggers are scheduled to play in the State Tournament on May 24 with opponent and location to be determined.



Track and Field – Clay Sullivan stole most of the headlines at the District meet on May 12-13, winning three district championships while setting two district meet records; Sullivan was named Athlete of the Meet for his heroics.

Sullivan won both the 110 and 300 hurdles along with the long jump, setting new meet records in both hurdle events. “He had to beat the toughest competitor in the state to do it,” said Logger head coach Byron Brown. “They were two of the best hurdle races you’ll ever see and obviously it brought out the best in Clay.”

VHS athletes won a total of six District championships and also had four state-qualifying 2nd place finishes. Lena Jacobsen won a tough 400 meter race and also qualified for state with a 2nd place finish in the 200 meters. Megan Ely won the girls javelin, Nathan Colot won the 3K race, another upset as it was the first time he ran the event all season; Colot also earned a spot at state in the 800 with a 2nd place finish. Javier Arenas-Oliver won a spot at state



Megan Ely won the District Title in the javelin. Her sister Lauren finished 4th.

with a 2nd place finish in the triple jump and Pauline Sandweg was 2nd in both the girls 300 hurdles and the long jump.

As a team, the Vernonia boys finished 3rd in the district and the girls finished 4th.

Vernonia track and field athletes will compete at the state meet on May 19-20 where Sullivan will defend his 110 hurdles championship and try to add another in the 300 hurdles. “Our goal is to turn in our best performances of the season at historic Hayward Field, where the best track and field athletes in the world have competed,” said coach Brown.

Baseball – The Loggers finished their season in 3rd place with a 6-6 league record and a 10-8 record overall. They were scheduled to play in the District playoffs on Wednesday, May 17 at Pacific University.

Commissioner Tardif Meets with Vernonians

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Landing area at the beginning of the trail in Scappoose.

“There was a time in our history when timber did pay us very well,” said Tardif when discussing tourism. “Unfortunately that time is gone and we need to find solutions to our revenue stream and in my opinion tourism is that key. We are perfectly situated and we have so many beautiful landscapes around us that people want to see, we just don’t market it. We need to market who we are and preserve our natural identity instead of converting it to other uses that might not be right.”

The Columbia County Commissioners meet every Wednesday at 10:00 am at the Columbia County Courthouse. The public is welcome.

Fundraiser
for Vernonia Youth
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