

Logger Wrestlers Win District *continued from front page*

This will be both Henson and Williams' second year in a row they qualified for the State Tournament. Sholes finished third last year at District. Henson and Williams are both seniors, Forster and Sholes are juniors, Rice is a sophomore, and Jones is a freshman.

Barnes says he thinks a couple of his wrestlers have a good shot at medaling at State and would like to see the team finish in the top five in scoring. "Storm is looking really focused and really serious," said Barnes. "My goal this season was to win the District, which we did, and to finish in the top five at State, which I think we have a chance to do."

Other Loggers who contributed strong performances to the District Championship included Patrick Fletcher, who finished third at 106; Elijah Bozied, who took third at 132; Jake Patton at 138, who went 3-2 at the tournament with two win by fall and a major decision to take third place and whose only losses were to eventual champion Hayner of Toledo and teammate Williams by fall at 5:06; Nick Bennett, who was 3-2 in the tournament at 170

with two wins by fall and a major decision; and Murad Yazanedov, who had two wins by fall at 195 before losing in the final and then falling in the second place match to take third place.

For the Loggers Zach Larke took third at 120; Kameron Powell at 126, Isaiah Thompson at 145, Austin Sicard at 152, and Cutter Barklow at 170 all took fourth place.

Coach Barnes acknowledged several wrestlers that moved up in weights in order to fill open spots in the Loggers line-up and score valuable points for the team, including Byron Cook, Austin Sicard, Isaiah Thompson, Pakorrkeat "James" Insawang, and Josh Bennett. "Those kids really stepped up to help the team," said Barnes.

Barnes expressed disappointment for senior

Nick Bennett, who did not qualify for State. "Nick has been a real key individual for this program for four years," said Barnes. "Even in our post District practices, without a meet to train for,

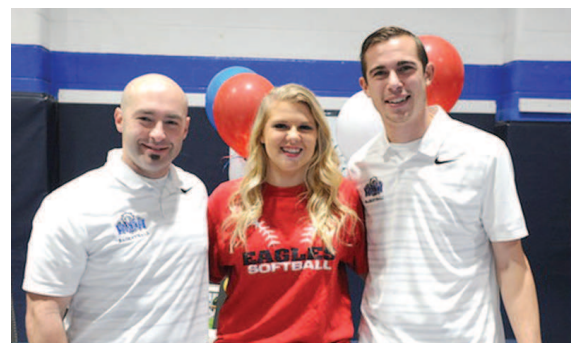
he's been in here leading the team and there is a lot of respect for him in the training room. It's really hard for me to see that he's not going to State."

The State Tournament will take place all day on Friday and Saturday, February 16-17 at Portland's Memorial Coliseum. Doors open for the public at 7:30 am both days, with matches running from 8:30 am - 9:30 pm on Friday (Session 1) and 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (Session 2) and 6:30 - 10 pm (Session 3) on Saturday. Doors reopen to the public at 5:30 pm on Saturday with the Parade of Champions before the final matches from 6 - 6:30 pm.



These Vernonia wrestlers (clockwise from top right) Mekhi Williams, Storm Henson, Josh Rice, and Wyatt Jones are headed to the State Tournament on February 16-17. Photos by Lily Buchanan.

Poetter signs with College of the Siskiyous



Allegra Poetter, a Vernonia resident and senior at Faith Bible High School, has signed a Letter of Intent to attend the College of the Siskiyous in California, where she will play volleyball and softball. Poetter has played volleyball and basketball for Faith Bible and plays softball for the Vernonia Lady Loggers because Faith Bible does not field a softball team. Poetter is pictured with her Faith Bible coach Eddie Kirkpatrick (left) and College of the Siskiyous softball coach Jon Cox (right). Congratulations Allegra!

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