

# VHS Fall Sports Preview *continued from front page*

strength this year as well. "Our line is pretty big with some really strong guys," says Watson. "This is going to be a really good offensive line." The line will be led by junior center James Watson, senior Hepner Forster, along with juniors Jackson Fletcher, Cameron Depue, Hunter Nordahl, and Manual Lazama. Newcomer Dustin Carreon, a junior who is playing football for the first time, is

a 23-12 loss to Illwaco on August 31. They travel to Colton on September 7 to finish their non-league schedule, and will open league play on September 14 at home against Nestucca. Other home games this season will be on September 28 versus Knappa and October 19 against Neah-Kah-Nie.

This season Watson will continue his tradition of honoring veterans. He shares a story about a heroic individual at each practice and players can earn an American flag decal for their helmet for great individual efforts throughout the season. He says the team would like to reach out to any veterans in the community and invite them to either be involved with this team or be a guest and come out and meet the players



Running back Josh Rice will be key to the Logger offense.

still learning the game, but will bring an imposing presence with his size and strength. Carreon will mostly play defense, but could see some time on the offensive side of the ball.

On defense Carreon will play at nose guard. Clapshaw and Depue will play on the edges and should lead the team in sacks. Rice and Watson will play linebacker. Sullivan and Thompson will play at cornerback and Harral will play safety.

"This group has a great attitude," says Watson. "They are always eager to practice and never complain and are always ready to go. Our slogan this season is 'Adversity devours the weak.' I've told them that adversity is whining or complaining about their circumstances, and we're trying to teach them how to be tough enough to get through those things and they have answered up to that real well. We've done a lot more conditioning this year and they're just thriving on it."

The Loggers showed well at the season opening Jamboree, playing well against Sherwood before dominating Corbett and Gaston. The Loggers opened their non-league schedule with

either before or after a game, or during a practice. "This group of kids cares about our veterans and appreciate the freedoms they've been provided through the vets' service." Watson also invited any special needs children in the community to be a guest of the team. "They can come out and be part of this team - wear a jersey and be on the sidelines during a game, or be introduced as a captain of the team. The guys on this team want to be of service to people, so if there's anything we can do, we would love to do it." Anyone interested can contact coach Reed Watson at (503) 726-9347.

**Volleyball** – Head coach Teresa Williams is once again confident in her team heading into the season. Williams' teams have regularly competed for the league title and have advanced to the state playoffs every year. This year should be no different. The squad is off to a strong start with a 7-2 record in preseason.

"We have several returning players that will be big contributors, and two freshmen that are really good athletes," says Williams.

Leading the way for the Lady Loggers will be two co-captains, senior



Lady Logger head coach Teresa Williams (left) talks strategy with her team.

setter Joyce Everett and junior Jordan Walters. Walters was First Team All League last season as an outside hitter and Everett was Second Team All League. "Jordan really likes to lead by example and works really hard in practice and Joyce is more vocal and our leader out on the court," says Williams.

Freshmen Nita Cook and Brooklyn Walters will add some depth on the outside offensively and should see a lot of court time. "Neither of them has hurt us as freshman and both are really starting to do some good things to help the team when they are playing," says Williams.

Junior Lauren Ely will play in the middle of the front line, and will rotate with senior Karrah DeLemos. Ju-

nior Abby Coleman may play libero and play some on the back row and may also play as an outside hitter. "Abby is just a stable player and is always somebody I can count on," says Williams.

Jordan Walters and Cook will rotate through and join Coleman on the back line, as will Brooklyn Walters. Junior Jessica Butcher will use a strong serve and may see some time in the backcourt.

The team was 3-1 in the opening Jamboree on August 23, finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 12 teams at the Warrenton Tournament with a 2-1 record, and then defeated Sheridan, Amity, and Colton. At the Hepner Tournament over Labor Day weekend, the Lady Loggers fell to Grant

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The Logger Cross Country team heads out for a practice run.

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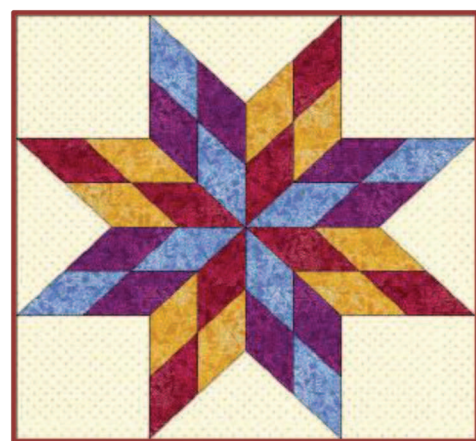
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