

## Follow Up on Food Support for Students

In the December 20 issue of the Voice, our Schools Update column featured a new program that would provide food support for middle school students in the Vernonia School District. District Guidance Councilor Pete

concerns that some of her fellow classmates did not always get enough to eat on weekends. Maggie met with District Office staff and discussed her concerns in more detail.

• Councilor David Spackman and



7<sup>th</sup> grader Maggie Lance helped initiate the program over concerns that fellow classmates didn't have access to enough food on weekends.

Weisel has provided some additional details about the program:

- The pilot program is up and running, with about 50 people receiving support the two weeks before the start of the Winter Break.
- This program was initiated after 7<sup>th</sup> grade student Maggie Lance approached the District Office with

Weisel were fortunate enough to secure a grant to begin the pilot program – enough money for 4-5 distributions.

- Maggie helped prepare food bags for the Christmas distribution, which included perishables like spiral cut honey hams, Tillamook cheese, fresh fruit and vegetables, nuts, and more.

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## VHS Winter Sports Report

**Wrestling** – Vernonia's wrestlers added two more impressive performances to a growing list this season finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in team scoring at two tournaments over the Winter Break.

On December 22 the team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in an 11 team field at the Molalla Holiday Mayhem Tournament. For the Loggers Isaiah Thompson took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 152 pound bracket and Shawn Long finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at 113. Five Loggers had 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes, including Patrick Fletcher who won three of four matches all by fall at 106; Wyatt Jones at 126; Josh Sholes at 132, By-

privilege to be coaching such a fantastic group of young warriors!" said head coach Chris Barnes in a Facebook post.

**Girls Basketball** – The Lady Loggers dropped both their games at the St. Paul Holiday Tournament, falling 52-37 to the hosts, before losing 43-38 to Lost River.

The Lady Loggers currently sit in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Northwest League play with 4-1 record and a 5-6 record overall.

The Lady Loggers return to league play on January 8 at home



Hepner Forster was named MVP of the Clatskanie Winter Classic.

ron Cook at 138; and Austin Sicard who won three of four matches by fall at 145.

At the Clatskanie Winter Classic on December 29 the Loggers fell just short of winning the 11 team tournament, finishing just eight points behind winner Rainier. Two Loggers were named Tournament MVPs, with Luke Thompson winning for the 106-145 classes and Hepner Forster winning for the 152-285 brackets. For the Loggers Thompson won the 126 bracket and Forster won at 160, while Patrick Fletcher won at 113 and Josh Rice was victorious in the 152 class. Other top finishers for the Loggers included 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers Brandon Depue at 106 and Josh Sholes at 132; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers Wyatt Jones at 126 and Byron Cook at 138.

"This group is really growing as a team and it's a real pleasure and

against Columbia Christian and then visit Gaston on January 12. Vernonia will host current league leaders Portland Christian in an important match up on January 15, and then play City Christian at home on January 17.

**Boys Basketball** – The Loggers boys split their games at the St. Paul Holiday Tournament, losing to host St. Paul 51-40 before bouncing back to defeat Lost River 42-37.

Vernonia has a 2-3 record against Northwest League opponents and is currently in 6<sup>th</sup> place; the Loggers have a 6-6 record overall on the season.

The Loggers will host Columbia Christian on January 8 at home, and then travel to Gaston on January 12, before returning home to play Portland Christian on January 15. The Loggers will host City Christian on January 17.

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