

**Sports**



Logger Jesse Walters at the beginning of one of his trips 'round the bases against Knappa April 6. Knappa's Loggers got more than one good look at the #3 on the back of his uniform in the contest.

**Loggers' confidence grows as weather allows games**

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and seventh innings.

Chad Dewitt knocked both of Vernonia's runs across the plate in the fourth with his RBI home run that Rand described as a "mighty fine hit."

Benedict pitched 2-1/3 innings then "ran out of steam." Luke Brown finished the third.

"Luke did a fine job of getting the inning closed," said Rand.

Aultman pitched innings four through seven.

Vernonia's home baseball season opened with a 9-6 loss to Knappa.

Walters started Vernonia's Loggers off with a single to

center field, advanced to third, on Justin Johnson's single, then stole home when Knappa's catcher threw down on Johnson as he stole second.

Johnson stole third and Pat-tison, who'd been given a free pass to first, stole second. Benedict singled to load the bases and Bellingham tallied the first RBI.

By the top of the fifth, Vernonia's Loggers held a 6-2 lead.

Johnson took the mound in the fifth, without proper warm-up, and after seven batters and one out was relieved by Aultman. When the top of the in-

ning ended two batters later, Knappa had pulled even, 6-6.

Vernonia ended the top of the seventh after three batters. Aultman struck out the first, the second thrown out at first base, and Parker's third catch in center field.

Vernonia scored six runs on 11 hits, two walks and three Knappa errors. Vernonia pitchers Benedict, Johnson and Aultman faced 37 batters and gave up four hits, nine walks and struck out eight.

The Loggers host Corbett April 23 and Warrenton April 30, both double headers beginning at 3:30 p.m.

**Spring concert, drama set at VHS**

Vernonia High School and Washington Grade School junior high students will perform their annual Spring Concert on Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the VHS gym.

The community is invited to enjoy the performance by these young musicians. There is no charge for admission.

The VHS drama company will perform "a simplified version" of *Romeo and Juliet*, April

29 and 30 at 7:00 p.m. and May 1 at 3:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

Seating is limited and tickets for the drama must be purchased in advance. They will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Cost is \$5.00 for anyone age 12 or older, \$3.00 for children age 11 and under.

Call drama teacher Jennifer Calvert at 429-3521 to arrange ticket purchases.

**Young golf team enjoys learning**

Vernonia's lady golfers hosted Valley Catholic for nine holes April 14 and lost, 264-281.

and freshmen keep playing through their high school years we'll have a very experienced varsity team."

Senior Allie Krahn finished with Vernonia's best score, and second overall at 59.

Jennifer Grady shot 69, Marilyn Schmidlin 70, Lianna Traylor 83 and Megan Serra-Mars shall 86.

"This is a young team, with one senior and the rest sophomores and freshmen," said head coach James Brookins. "This year we're building for the future, if these sophomores

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