

## Timberline Topics

A note from Vernonia High School journalism instructor Jessica Streeter:

I feel extremely honored to have the privilege to work with a group of such dedicated and responsible students. This year has seen many changes in the journalism program, not least of which is our decision to publish student work in *The Independent*. Doing this for our students, gives them the opportunity to write for a broader and more diverse audience. Also this year we have an exciting addition to the year-book/journalism class, a new program. With this program, which is actually entirely web-based, we hope to produce a more professional and appealing year-book. In addition, the website has the capacity for community members to upload their own pictures for staff use. Not only does this give the opportunity for non-staff members to participate, it gives more coverage and a chance for everyone to be represented in this year's book. I would like to invite anyone to email me for the login and password at <jstreeter@vernonia.k12.or.us >. The only restriction is that the pictures must be 3.2 mega pixel or higher to be useable in the program, scanned images are acceptable.

### COULD THIS BE THE YEAR?

By Kerstin Brixey and Patrick Schilling

The last few years have ended in disappointment for the Vernonia Logger Football program, but could this be the year it all changes? With eleven returning Varsity players and more coaching staff, the Loggers are looking good! There is a much bigger emphasis this year on fundamentals, which so far has proven very effective.

Preseason the Loggers traveled to Sherman County. The Loggers won the game with a score of 38 to 12. The next week Vernonia hosted 3A Banks. Everybody in the state was talking about how Banks would kill Vernonia. With a great deal of heart and a crowd that backed the Loggers up, Vernonia showed the state who they are. Although Vernonia did not win the game, they only allowed Banks to score three points, with an ending score of three to zero. This showed the state that Vernonia is a competitive team that could hold off any opponent.

League play began Friday

September 24, 2004; The Vernonia Loggers traveled to Knappa. The Loggers dominated the game with a score of 28 to 3. Leading the team in rushing was senior Travis Gwin, with 13 carries for 159 yards. Adding senior Luke Enneberg's six carries for 24 yards, the Loggers rushing was awesome. Bryan Budge a junior this year caught two passes for 29 yards. Junior Russell Lende put up one hundred yards receiving five passes from quarterback Eric Schmidlin. Schmidlin was 7 for 12 on the night with 126 yards, one touchdown, and no interceptions.

Vernonia played at Portland Christian Friday October 1, 2004. The Loggers won the game with a score of 16 to Zero. On Friday October 8, 2004 the Loggers played at Lewis & Clark College vs. the Riverdale Mavericks. The Loggers ended the game with a score of 20 to zero.

Having a very good chance to go to state play-offs this year, the Loggers play Corbett October 4, 2004 at home. On October 22, 2004, Vernonia plays the Warrenton Warriors at home. This will be the game everyone in the league will be talking about on Saturday. Having the two strongest teams in the Northwest League going head to head here in Vernonia, everyone needs to be there to give the Loggers the support they need and deserve. This really could be the year for the Mighty Loggers, so start believing.

### THREE WEEKS LEFT IN THE SEASON — WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

By Kerstin Brixey

The Lady Loggers first half of the season has not been much to brag about, but the girls have great potential to pull out some upsets in the last half of the season. Starting out the season, Vernonia played Knappa at home with a loss. The first game was 7-25, the second game was 11-25, and the third game was 21-25. The Knappa Loggers took the match in three.

Clatskanie traveled to Vernonia Thursday September 30th. The Loggers attempted to come back from their loss vs. Knappa the Tuesday before. The Tigers took the match in

three games, each game ending 20-25, but Vernonia showed heart.

The rivalry between Loggers and Warrenton Warriors goes way back. Vernonia traveled to Warrenton October 5, 2004. The first game of the match Vernonia took, 25-22. The warriors took control of the match, dominating the next three games, 14-25, 20-25, 14-25.

De La Salle defeated the Loggers in three games, with the Loggers barely making double digits. The Lady Loggers played a good game. From the scores, it may not sound like it, but De La Salle is a very good team. With strong hitters and determined passers, the Knights were an enormous challenge for the Loggers. The Lady Loggers worked hard and never gave up. The rallies were unbelievable. The support of the crowd kept Vernonia fighting. This game showed Vernonia who they were and who they will become.

After the loss to Da La Selle, Vernonia played at Riverdale. Coming off of an exhilarating game, the Loggers were ready to go. Riverdale giving Vernonia their first win in league, the Lady Loggers have never played better. Running a five-one, the team morale was awesome. Playing four games, the scores were 25-23, 22-25, 25-15, and 24-22. Starting and ending the game with unity, showed the Lady Loggers that believing in each other, will give great rewards.

Pack the gym night is October 21, 2004. This is when the school encourages everyone in the school and community to come and support the Vernonia High School Volleyball Team. Portland Adventist comes to Vernonia to play. Junior Varsity starts at 5:00 o'clock and varsity at 6:00 o'clock. This will be the last home game of the season and the last home game for the seniors. Come and support our team!

### CROSS COUNTRY

By Jon Kintz

Four laps. One mile. Remember back in 5th grade when everyone complained as the P.E. teacher announced the mile? This is the first warm up for a typical cross country practice. After the warm up laps,



comes a serious round of stretching. Once the series of about six different stretches are complete, they do it again. This gives way to many different practices. Sometimes they run to the lake, around and back. Sometimes they work on their cardiovascular systems with stair sprints and wind sprints. Then there are "Lincolns". Runners start at the high school and run up to the now empty grade school up the hill and back. Once they return, they head back up. Cross country participants may do as many as seven "Lincolns" in a practice. No wonder Mr. Brookins, long time cross country coach, holds this year's team with such high regard. However, he also feels the team can only improve. He said the team will greatly miss the leadership and energy of one of this year's three senior runners Natalie Rombach, Torin Tierney, and Viliam "Will" Görföl.

"The boy's team next year will be better" Brookins explains "One of our goals is to qualify for state. Burdette, [Travis] Baker, Sam, Patrick, [John] Fitch, [Michael] Calhoun: Next year should be one of the best we've ever seen." So far the team has been doing very well, bringing home ribbons and personal bests. One of the big stories this year is Kristin Kelly, winning her first meet early in the year. It is obvious that everyone can expect great things to come from her. Another runner to keep your eye on this year and next, is Kristin's fellow Junior, Sam Thornton. He set his personal best this year and is running meets in twenty minutes or less. In addition, Mr. Brookins is keeping a positive outlook, as he explained, "we never know what the next batch of freshmen will bring."

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**KIDS:** Stay where you know people. Go only to houses with lights on. Eat your treats ONLY after your parents have checked them. Watch for cars. Tell your parents about anything that scares you or makes you feel uncomfortable.

We offer these Halloween Safety Tips for parents and children so your holiday can be safe and fun.

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