

## Vernonia Sports Report

by Brittanie Roberts and John Fitch

All good things must come to an end, including this year's fall sports season. Football this year, coached by Jackson Gillett, finished their season with a 5-4 record. The team was dedicated, with everyone working toward a chance to make it to State. The Loggers started out well, with three victories, but took a devastating blow when playing Portland Christian; the score was 46 to 6. This was the first loss of the season, and hit the players hard. The team suffered three additional losses to power teams Warrenton, Rainier and Clatskanie; then had edge-of-your-seat performances at Homecoming against the

Riverdale Mavericks, and finished the season with a 30-0 shut-out against the Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates. The Junior Varsity football team also had an impressive season, finishing with an almost perfect record; six victories, one loss, and one tie.

Six Loggers made the cut for All League and were introduced at this year's fall sports banquet. The resilient running back Brent Thompson, hot blooded and impenetrable strong safety Caleb Rice and power-hungry defensive tackle Dylan Burch were named to first team All League. Linebacker Bud Normand, tight end Jeremy Lende, and defensive end Willie Hansen made second team All League.

The Loggers operated with

fire and passion, always working to get better and better, and better. If you attended any of the games this year, you would understand why six of our players stood out enough to make All League. The team worked together and performed with unmatched intensity.

This year's volleyball team had a competitive season, right from the start. At least ten girls were cut from volleyball try-outs, unable to participate as part of the team due to size. The Lady Loggers Junior Varsity team won the bulk of their games, finishing with more wins than losses; an 8-6 record. Varsity did well, finishing just one game out of state, a 4-7 record, all under the direction of Ron Ropp, their new

head coach, and assistant coach Brook VanMeter.

Cross Country also finished Districts just out of state as a team, but had an awesome season. The girl's team won second-place at two separate meets, and the boy's won first place at the Adventist meet. Nicole Frantz once again blew the competition away, qualifying for the state meet, and finishing eleventh there, just clinching a play-off position. Sunny (Michael Calhoun) finished 13th at Districts, missing a spot to State by mere seconds, an excruciating run to watch for the team's coach, James Brookins. Brookins knew that all Sunny needed to do was beat the one man ahead of him; however, both

Sunny and Nicole made third team All League, which was also announced at the sports banquet. Coach Brookins had an emotional display of pride and gratitude toward his runners, and an emotional farewell to his senior star, Nicole, saying he's, "going to miss her!"

In a fitting end for our first column, we want to congratulate senior Joreigh Landers for committing to a division one college in Illinois to play softball. She signed a letter of intent to Northern Illinois with a full ride scholarship. Joreigh is an amazing athlete, exemplifying impressive skills in basketball and softball. We wish her luck, and know that she will attempt nothing less than her very best.

## Wrestlers take second in Jefferson

Vernonia High School wrestlers took second place at a nine team tournament in Jefferson, during the weekend of December 9-10. With 14 wrestlers finishing in the top 4, the Loggers were only 13 points away from first place.

Local wrestlers placed as

follows: 1st place – Tommy Carr, Tyler Corey and Trevor Gwin. 3rd place – Mike Potter, Willie Hansen, Tyler Bernardi, Collin Moeller, and Joe Johnston. 4th place – Kodiak Stone, Dylan Burch, Ben Bamburg, Tyler Clines, John Dotter, and Taylor Smith.

## Board meeting cancelled

The December 14 meeting of the Vernonia 47J School District Board was cancelled after the wind storm caused a power outage that afternoon. The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 11, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the district office.

## WGS Site Council invites public to meet with them

The Washington Grade School Site Council meets monthly to discuss plans to improve the school's educational environment, to enhance educational opportunities for all school staff and develop plans to improve the professional growth of school staff mem-

bers. The WGS Site Council would like to extend an invitation to all community members interested in attending these meetings. The group will meet at Washington Grade School on Mondays at 3:15 p.m. with future meetings scheduled for

January 22, February 26, March 19, April 30, and May 21, 2007.

If you have questions regarding the Site Council or the meetings, contact Aaron Miller or Cici Bell at 503-429-7941.



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The Washington Grade School Christmas Program, held on December 11, was directed by district music teacher Bonnie Holce. The program, written by 6th grader Sammy Lindauer, was entitled "Santa's Stuck."

## Pet of the Month

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## Vernonia Sports Home Game Schedule

**Wrestling**

Thursday, Jan. 4, against Nestucca & St. Helens at 5 pm

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