

Chalk Talk

Chalk Talk is a monthly column of information about Vernonia schools. It is written by various staff members. This month's column was written by Athletic Director Gordon Jarman.

Winter Sports Report

The winter sports season can be summed up in a few words; trying times, frustration, learning experiences, and success. The participants, coaches and athletes competed very well given the unfortunate circumstances we dealt with resulting from the flood and high snow levels. The Loggers did not have a home court or mat to compete on for most of the season. We had to travel 40 minutes one way to practice. In spite of all the roadblocks set up in the way of our student athletes, the coaching staff and their quest for success, we overcame the adversity and frustrations and competed extremely well. These young people represented the community, our school and themselves at a very high level and with pride. Each team, whether it was wrestling or basketball, gave their all to show Logger pride still existed in Vernonia and our teams never gave up in spite of what Mother Nature dealt them.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girls were in almost every game they played. They adjusted well to a new coach, a new system and in a new venue as a home court, Scappoose High School. The JV girls won three ballgames this year and the Varsity girls won one. The success they experienced came not from wins and losses but from the improvement they made throughout the year. They developed as basketball players and as competitors and look forward to the upcoming year. Leading the team was Junior Trisha Levenseller, Trisha brought the ball up the court and led the team in points scored. She was the player who put the offense in motion and we will be counting on her next year to be a big part of

Lady Logger Basketball. Other Lady Loggers who played a big part in the season were Seniors Heather Bassett, Jennifer Castro, Shandee Cota, and Ashton Yountz. These girls were instrumental in the development of the girls program this year. With the return of several younger players such as Megan Rock, Ivory Garrymore, Samantha Lee and Katie Wilson, the girls program looks to be on the upswing for the next few years.

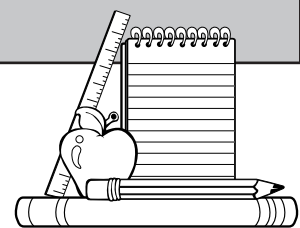
BOYS BASKETBALL

The boy's teams were competitive from the start. The JV team came up one game short of having a winning record while the Varsity team made the league play-offs and beat schools that ended up finishing higher than the Loggers. The team was led by outstanding Junior Byron Schorzman. Byron is not only a great leader he is an excellent athlete. His athleticism allows him to score from the outside as well as drive to the basket for easy lay-ups. He is an outstanding rebounder and began most games at center court to start things off. Byron had several players helping out as outstanding contributors to the overall success of the program. They were led by two Senior Foreign Exchange Students. Benny Scheytt from Germany and Leo Sousa from Portugal, these two young men dazzled the fans with their three point shots and ball handling skills. Josh Tong was another senior whose defensive skills were very important to the team's winning ways. Juniors who will be back to lead the Loggers for next year's team are Jason Weller, an outstanding point guard and excellent outside shooter, Blake Moellar was back this year and immediately made an impact on the team, his defensive play and ability to hit the three point shot was very good and he will be a welcome addition to next year's team. The Junior Varsity team was led by two outstanding players, junior point guard Nick Young and outstanding

three point shooter Brandon Gilbertson. Teams had a difficult time defending these two players all year. With the addition of the rest of the JV squad and the graduation of just a few varsity players, the Loggers look like serious contenders to make the league play-offs again next year.

WRESTLING

This year's wrestling team started off the season with over thirty wrestlers and a big win at the Banks invitational. The move to Scappoose did not slow the team down and they continued to show improvement all season. The wrestlers were third in District one 3A dual meets, losing only to Rainier and Clatskanie and defeating Warrenton, Neah-Kah-Nie, Gervais, Colton and Chemawa. At the district tournament the team showed their overall strength and placed second to Rainier while qualifying seven individual competitors to the state meet. The Loggers were led all year by senior Tyler Bernardi who went undefeated all season until the district finals where he was beaten by a returning state place winner from Colton. Other seniors who were essential in the Loggers' success this year were Jake Thompson, Kodiack Stone, Jeramey Lende, Tommy Carr, Kevin Cook, Bryan Benes and John Dotter. Returning underclassmen who will lead a strong contingency of next year's team are Trever Gwin, Taylor Owen, and Dalton Rumbolz. The Loggers qualified seven athletes to state from the team that finished second. These wrestlers were: Kodi Dyer at 112 lbs, Tommy Carr at 119 lbs and seeded 4th at state, Tyler Bernardi at 125 lbs and seeded 4th, Dalton Rumbolz at 130 lbs, Tyler Owen at 152 lbs, Kodiack Stone at 160 lbs and Trever Gwin at 171 lbs and seeded third at state.



Oregon children awaiting adoption now



herself. She also has a more delicate side, and is fond of pretty things and fancy clothing.

Angelina requires a very structured environment geared specifically toward meeting her specialized needs. Early Intervention services and occupational therapy are helping her to make many gains.

Adoptive parents will need patience and perseverance in order to help Angelina maximize her potential. Due to her delays, she will require contin-

ued advocacy, both in school and in the medical community. A skilled and nurturing adoptive family will reap many rewards in parenting Angelina.

This child is one of approximately 300 Oregon children available for adoption through the state, generally because of abuse and neglect. For more information on the availability of this child, or on how to become a foster or adoptive parent, contact the Special Needs Adoption Coalition at 503-542-2392 or DHS at 1-800-331-0503.

Adorable Angelina, age 5, has bright and luminous brown eyes are a clear barometer of the excitement and curiosity with which she approaches life. The right family will enjoy being a part of Angelina's world!

Despite her autism, Angelina has a happy disposition which she shares openly. By using signs and cards, she is able to communicate her needs to others. Angelina is an active child, loves to climb, run and exert

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