

Four Locals Will Run In 26 Mile Race

The 26 mile run called the Seaside Marathon, last year attracted two runners from Vernonia, and this year two more are added to that figure.

Melvin Nice, the Biology and Boy's P.E. teacher, and Pat Curi, a student at VHS ran the race last year. Nice managed to finish about 350th in a field of about 600 participants. Pat finished a strong 31st place in the competition. Approximately 600 people started the race, but only about 500 managed to finish.

The race starts at the Seaside Turn Around and goes through the town of Gearheart. Then the runners turn around near the Astoria Country Club, and they run back to the starting place for the finish.

The whole length of the race is 26 miles 385 yards, up and down hills, and through long straight stretches.

The other two runners from Vernonia besides Nice and Pat are, Pat's brother Jeff, and Jeff's classmate Kelly Smith.

During the last several miles of last year's race, Nice developed cramps in his legs, which forced him to stop running until the pain subsided. This is probably the reason for his late finish.

Training for this year's Marathon, he was running around the seven mile loop, and was savagely attacked by a dog, which left him with several teeth marks on his thigh.

Pat, who is the number one cross country man at VHS, runs the year around and stays in top physical condition.

Jeff is hoping to run the course in about three hours and 15 minutes, and Nice is bidding for about the same time.

Kelly Smith is a good, consistent runner and should finish well up in the pack, with Jeff and Nice.

There are a lot of students at VHS, who are planning to drive to Seaside to watch the four athletes torture themselves.

A statement from Pat after completing the 26 mile marathon last year was, "It's not the first 26 miles that gets to you, it's the last 385 yards that hurt."

The Marathon will be run February 23, and will start at 11:30 sharp.

Driver Testing To Be Given At VHS

Driver permit and driving tests will be given February 28 at the high school at 11 a.m.

The cost for the learners permit is \$3. Proof of birth is also required before a permit can be issued.

Adults in the community who need to take the permit or driving test should contact Gordon Crowston at the high school. For those people who will be taking the driving test, their own automobile is needed. Students will not be able to take the driving test. However, adults may take either examination.

Merle Graham, former police chief of Vernonia several years ago, will be doing the testing.

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Dan Kabler left for San Diego last week because his brother had a heart attack, and was not expected to live. His brother is recovering satisfactorily at the present time.

Last Friday the teachers presented Chris Boyle, VHS English teacher, with a sponge cake birthday cake made out of real sponges.

The girls in Home Ec II are learning how to make home made bread.

Two VHS students, Loren Kennedy and Scott Cameron, refereed a basketball game between the fifth and sixth graders last Thursday.

Mike Chance who went to grade school here before moving to Oklahoma has returned to VHS as a freshman.

This reporter lacking anything else to do, surveyed all the classrooms to see if they had flags. Only four rooms out of 14 do not have flags. However, a few are badly faded.

Students were cautioned Friday at the pep assembly by the cheerleaders that if they didn't show more interest in pep assemblies, that the events might be cancelled.

On her recent trip to San Francisco, Mrs. Hearing brought back copies of two San Francisco newspapers for use by her journalism class.

The popcorn concert was recorded on tape by Rory Dunaway, for use in the future by the band and chorus.

Mrs. Pat Taylor was given a baby shower last Thursday, at the Robert Carson home by faculty and friends.

Survival Assembly Held Last Tuesday

Last Tuesday the local Army recruiters from Longview, Washington came to VHS to present a cold weather Survival Demonstration Assembly.

Sgt. Terry Henry demonstrated different experiments with water and tin cans. With these experiments he demonstrated that wool was the warmest to be wearing.

After the first demonstration he showed a movie about cold weather survival in the mountains. After the movie he illustrated different things with survival kits. He showed the students and faculty how they could make their own survival kit.

Sgt. Henry demonstrated survival kits that he said was the best one that he has found on the market. He had Kathy Kretschmer, a freshman help him demonstrate this kit. The kit contains a plastic bag, a package of salt, tea, sugar, and two bullion cubes.

Rooks Smash Seaside Team

Thursday, February 14, the Vernonia Loggers ripped the Seaside Seagulls.

The first quarter the Freshman Loggers walked all over the Seagulls, scoring 15 points to Seaside's zip. Terry Ellison put in 9 of the 15 points.

In the second quarter it was still Vernonia all the way, chalking up 12 points to the Seagull's 7. The half time score was 27-7 Vernonia.

The second half proved to be no different from the first half. The third quarter Vernonia dumped in 14 to Seaside's 8 points.

In the fourth quarter Vernonia was again the victor, making 10 points to the Seagull's 7. The final score was a lopsided 51-22 win for the Loggers.

High scorer for the game was Terry Ellison with 11 points. Other Vernonia scorers were Rick Johnson chalking up 7 points, Vince Baker, Jeff Bellingham and Gary Ellison each adding 6 points, John Roady and Milton Dennis putting in 4 points, Shawn Naeve making 3 points and D.J. Cole and George O'Neil dumping in 2 points each.

JV Loggers Defeat Jays

The Vernonia JV's overcame the Concordia team, with a final score of 61 to 54, after being down by nine points at the end of the third quarter.

The JV Loggers fell behind by four points in the first half meaning that they would have to play catch-up ball the last half. The Loggers were outplayed in the first half even though they gave a good effort.

When the second half began, the JV's were behind by four points. The Loggers gave a gallant try in the third quarter even though they lost another five points putting them down by nine points.

The Vernonia JV's showed that they were much better conditioned than the Concordia JV's when they pulled off a very successful final quarter by out scoring the Jay's by five to one. The JV Loggers ended the game triumphantly when they overcame the odds and beat Concordia by seven points with a final score of 61 to 54.

The high scorers were Bryan Traylor, 16; Kris Crowston, 11; Bob Black 10.

VHS Girls Look for Odd Jobs In Town

The girls of Vernonia High School have been asking Mrs. Hendryx, the girls counselor, if she knows of any part-time jobs they can do.

If anyone in the community needs a girl to do some odd job, such as sewing, cooking, ironing, mending, typing, babysitting, cleaning, etc., Mrs. Hendryx would appreciate a call to let her know. The phone number of the high school is 429-3521.

Bad Breaks Give Loggers League Defeat

The elements were evidently against the VHS Loggers last Saturday 16, as bad officiating by the referees, cold shooting, and injuries gave the top ranked Concordia Lutheran Bluejays a convincing 64-46 victory over the tough Loggers in league play.

The first quarter started out disastrously for the Loggers, as Concordia took control of the game with a 14-0 lead. VHS then rallied back to cut the defense minded Bluejays lead to two points, 6-4. It was nip and tuck for most of the quarter, until the last three minutes when the Loggers had a chance to tie the score, but a traveling violation quickly ended the drive. The remaining minutes saw Concordia run away with the score, also calls from the referees forced VHS to turn the ball over repeatedly. The score at the end of the first quarter read 8-14 in Concordia's favor.

The second quarter started without Vernonia's big man senior Mike Smith. Smith saw limited action throughout the game as he had a foot injury. Filling Smith's shoes was sophomore Bob Brooks, who lacked the experience, but did a good job of guarding Concordia big man Eric Dressler.

The second quarter had Vernonia fans on their feet as, without Mike Smith, they closed within four points. The hot shooting of Concordia's Art Harrison ended the Loggers hope of tying up the score as the half time score saw Concordia with a six point advantage 21-27.

The third quarter saw Concordia run away with the score, as Vernonia couldn't seem to get the ball through the hoop. Senior Greg Bellingham displayed quick movements as he successfully weaved through the tough Concordia defenders to score a couple of baskets and temporarily pick up the lagging Loggers. Despite Bellingham's efforts and the tough Vernonia defense, Concordia consistently hit the long outside shots and by the end of the third quarter had taken a twenty point lead, with the score reading 30-50.

The fourth quarter was almost an exact repeat of the third period, as the Loggers couldn't seem to pull themselves together. The quarter seemed to last forever as the Bluejays took a twenty-six point advantage over the Loggers. With only 3:00 left to play, both teams put in their top JV's.

The only highlight of the fourth quarter was when the Vernonia JV's outplayed the Concordia JV's, coming from a 26 point deficit to narrowing Concordia's lead to 18 points. At the final buzzer the score read 64-46, with Concordia winning their seventh straight league game.

High scorers for the Loggers were Greg Bellingham with 12, Clint Holsey 8, Bob Brooks 6, and Randy Ellison 6.

Loggers Smash Knappa Squad By Ten Points

The Vernonia Loggers left the Knappa Loggers with one more loss to their record, as they beat them by ten points in a hectic league battle, played at Knappa.

The Knappa team jumped into an early lead in the first quarter. Artie Ziebell and Tim Kelly combined for 13 of Knappa's 17 points. For the local Loggers Clint Holsey scored four, while Greg Bellingham, Randy Ellison, Gordy Crowston, and Mike Smith had two apiece, to make the score at the end of the first period 17 to 12, Knappa leading.

In the second quarter Knappa extended their lead to eight points, as the Loggers continued to shoot poorly. Tim Kelly continued to score well for Knappa. He racked up eight points in the period. Gordy Crowston fired six points to lead Loggers scoring in the second quarter. Clint Holsey got three, and Mike Smith and Bob Brooks each hit for two. The end of the half saw Knappa still leading by a score of 33 to 25.

Vernonia came alive to out-score Knappa by 12 points and take a four point lead by the end of the third quarter. Mike Smith dominated scoring, by hitting 15 of Vernonia's 22 points. Clint Holsey added four. The third period score was 47 to 43 Vernonia taking the lead.

In the fourth and final period of action, the Loggers stretched their lead to 10 points. Knappa did their best to chip away at the lead the Loggers had accumulated, but their best wasn't good enough, and the game came to end with a score of 65 to 55, Vernonia taking the victory.

Mike Smith led Logger scorers with 23 points, 15 of them made in the third period. Clint Holsey racked up 16 points, and Gordy Crowston hit for 13.

Tim Kelly and Artie Ziebell combined for 43 points for Knappa.

Friday February 22 the Loggers travel to Corbett. Varsity game time is approximately 8 p.m., and the JV game starts at 6:15. Support of the Loggers is appreciated.

Tigers Defeat Loggerettes

February 11, the Vernonia Loggerettes were trounced by the Clatskanie Tigers.

The first quarter was very close with Vernonia holding a 9 to 7 lead over the Tigers. In the second quarter Clatskanie "busted" the game wide open putting in 16 to Vernonia's 8 points. The half time score was 17-23 Clatskanie.

The third quarter the Loggerettes fought valiantly, but could only make 12 points to the Tigers 13. The fourth quarter it was tied with both teams chalking up 11 points.

The final score was 40-47 in favor of Clatskanie. The Loggerettes seven point defeat was a vast improvement, as they lost by 19 points the first time they played the Tigers.

Scoring for Vernonia were Margy Tronson and Sheryl Ray both chalking up 12 points, Carol Evans adding nine points, Noell Sturdevant dumping in four points, and Connie Kyser making three points.

Funny Speeches Given In Class

Whoever said that school was dull, routine, and serious, has never attended a speech class where the students were giving humorous speeches.

This last week, pupils have been giving speeches on anything from phobias to strange diseases.

The fact that the class was expecting to have their funny bones tickled did have an impact on the reactions, but none-the-less, a few of the speeches did manage to break up the class. Even Mrs. Hearing, the class instructor, was guilty of an occasional snicker or two.

Thursday, the class was started off with Sandra Tupper giving a speech on the adventures of "Benny the benchwarmer."

Sandra explained how and what the common bench-rider does during an average game.

Next in line was Bob Warburton who told about the art of "involuntary dismounting." Or in layman's language, a motorcycle wreck.

One of the other students who was brave enough to volunteer to give his speech was Rob Clason. Rob broke the class up with his encounter with Reverend Leroy and his wife. It seems that the Reverend's wife is constantly under the influence of the devil who makes her do evil things, like buying dresses and running the car into the side of the church.

Some of the other topics were clothes that are too tight, how the army treats its recruits, the horrors of eating at the grade school cafeteria, the humor of some of the presidents, what happens at a drinking party, and phobias.

But perhaps the most successful speeches were given by Candy Brunson and Scott Cameron. Candy dressed in a suit that was about six sizes too large, a silver wig, glasses, and white make-up, and called herself Dr. Poke. She talked in the futuristic tense about how all the members in the class found their wives and husbands through various means.

Scott's speech was about a rather unusual thing to get hooked on, rubber. He told of the horrors of having to eat erasers, rubber bands, and even basketballs to satisfy his ravenous appetite for the elastic material.

For the speech students, there will be yet one more chance to escape from the normal in the form of a humorous speech. And for the rest of the student body, well, they will have to suffer until summer when they all turn into a bunch of giggling idiots.

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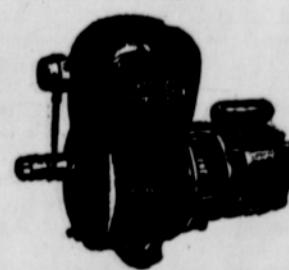
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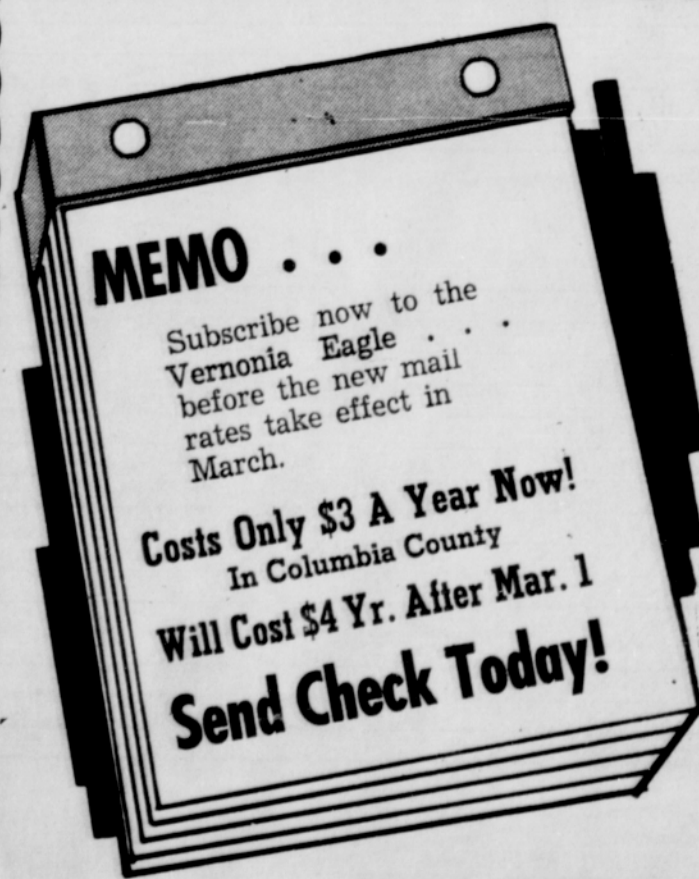


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