

# Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In February the VEF Board welcomed a new member, Ruby Wells Ifversen (VHS Class of '57), to the board. We are looking to strengthen our board and are constantly looking for community members and alumni to join our cause and help us create an organization that will stand long into the future providing ongoing support for Vernonia's schools. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can help the VEF Board please contact the district office (503-429-5891).

At our March meeting we discussed establishing a mission statement and the need for a five year strategic plan. The draft mission statement that was discussed was "to improve the quality of educational opportunities in the Vernonia School District." A sub-committee was given the task of drafting the skeleton of a five year strategic plan and hope to have something for our next meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 pm. The VEF meetings are held immediately before or after the regular VSD board meetings in the library at the new school located at 1000 Missouri Avenue in Vernonia. Please come and join us if you can.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming **V.E.F. Board Meeting**—School Library  
May 8th at 4:30 p.m.

**First Annual Logger Hall of Fame** inductions will take place on April 19th at Cedar Ridge Complex starting at 6:00 p.m.

**Vernonia Schools Formal Dedication** on June 5th at 10:30 a.m. Join us as we recognize the many volunteers, donors and partners and unveil the dedicatory plaques and thank-you signage.

*Upcoming Events*

# V.E.F. FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Vernonia School District and The Vernonia Education Foundation continue to work toward our goal of meeting the annual financial requirements of our construction debt. So far this year we have received nearly \$60,000 toward the \$300,000 loan payments that will need to be paid this year. If you have any spare change, please send it our way.

The Vernonia Education Foundation has been established to “raise funds for the benefit of students in the Vernonia School District.” We are prepared to accept giving in the form of bonds, estates, and any property that could be a benefit to the foundation. If you are in a place in your life where you could donate or are looking to leave a legacy there are many opportunities available through the VEF and the Vernonia School District. There are many portions of the new school that are available as a naming opportunity. I believe we only have one classroom named after a family foundation and there are many other opportunities available. If you are interested in making sure that your name or your family’s name is remembered well into the future please contact the district office at 503-429-5891.

## VEF Board of Directors

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<b>Ronda Lennen</b> VHS Alumni Class of 1974	<b>Camrin Eyrrick</b> Vernonia Community PTA
<b>Ruby Wells Ifversen</b> VHS Alumni Class of 1957	<b>Jim Eckland</b> VHS Alumni Class of 1962
<b>Marie Knight</b> Treasurer	<b>Barb Carr</b> Secretary

## LOGGER ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

The Vernonia High School Hall of Fame was established for the purpose of recognizing former Vernonia High School student athletes or coaches for their outstanding achievement in athletics while attending Vernonia High School. The first annual Logger Hall of Fame inductions will take place on April 19th at Cedar Ridge Complex starting at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited. Tickets (\$15.00) may be purchased at the door.

**Congratulations** to the first round of inductees; Gilbert Bergerson (Class of 1928), John Gordy Crowston (1952), Leonard Schmidlin (1962), Marvin Crowston (1962), Steven Hanson (1970), Patrick Curl (1975), Dean Bernardi (1978), Travis Gwin (2005) Joreigh Landers (2007) and the 1976-77 Cross Country Team.

## ALUMNI SPORTS INITIATIVE

142 Vernonia Alumni have contributed over \$52,000 thus far; preliminary work on the new fields has started with the hope of having a completed softball field ready for the 2015 season. Our fundraising effort is ongoing until enough resources are secured to complete all the fields. Thus far the vast majority of the contributions have come from Vernonia Alumni who graduated prior to 1975. If you are interested in helping the Sports Initiative endeavor you can donate online at [www.vernonia.k12.or.us](http://www.vernonia.k12.or.us) or by mailing a check to the Vernonia Education Foundation in care of the Vernonia School District, 1201 Texas Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064.

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