

Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Saturday, May 9 Vernonia School District will hold a celebratory event to officially recognize the Vernonia Schools building as an award winning project through the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and The Green Building Initiative (GBI) for Environmental and Energy Efficiency rating systems.

Our new building continues to draw rave reviews from all new visitors, as well as our regular patrons. We are so pleased to be able to call it home! Besides the feel and look of the building, it is so nice to know that our efforts to build a school that is a model in functionality in terms of energy efficiency and design have been rewarded.

Our building has earned a "Platinum" designation (their highest level of recognition) through the LEED rating system, and "3 Green Globes" (their second highest level of recognition) through the GBI rating system. We hope you will be able to join us on this day to celebrate these major accomplishments.

Our Career and Technical Education programs continue to develop with Forestry/Natural Resources and Engineering wrapping up their work to become fully certified programs that are recognized by community colleges and 4-year universities. The new shop is almost complete, with finishing touches being made to the electrical and heating systems. Construction students have been working in the new shop to help with painting, tool set-up and installation of shelving units. Occupation is expected by mid-March.

One change the Vernonia Education Foundation's (VEF) board members recently issued is the assessment of a one-time foundation administrative fee of 5% charged on all new gifts. Each new donation or gift will be subject to the 5% fee to help offset costs incurred (mailings, secretarial support, etc.) by the Vernonia School District (VSD) through the VEF's fundraising efforts. Management fees are subject to change from time-to-time based on policies established by the VEF Board of Directors.

If you know of others who are willing and able to help with our fundraising efforts through planning and organizing events, making phone calls, or actually donating, please have them call Superintendent Miller at 503-429-5891.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

VEF Board Meetings – School Library; March 12 @ 7:00 p.m. / April 9 @ 4:30 p.m. / May 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- April 4, 2015**—2nd Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions
- August 8, 2015**—*Laughter Through the Years* with Tony Pace - Comedy Show and Dinner Fundraiser.
- August 16, 2015**—Vernonia's 2nd Biggest Reunion

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LOGGER ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

The selection committee for the second annual Vernonia High School Athletic Hall of Fame met on Tuesday, March 3rd and selected the group that will be inducted for this year. Those that were nominated, but did not get selected, will be kept on file for further consideration in future years. This is the second year of the Hall of Fame and will continue to be an annual event in the coming years.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 4th at the Cedar Ridge Complex and is open to the public. The event will start at 6 pm with a no host bar and social time, dinner will be at 6:30 and the induction ceremony will start after that. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$15.00. This year's group to be inducted are:

Gary Davis, Class of 1969 - Two time State High Jump Champion
Ken Nanson, Class of 1954 - All State Basketball, OSU Basketball
Steve Wolf, Class of 1994 - Two time State Wrestling Champion
Tarah Pond, Class of 1995 - Two time League MVP Volleyball
Tim McLeod, Class of 1980 - All State Football
Sheri Hiveley, Class of 1980 - Two time State place winner in Track
Brent Thompson, Class of 2007 - All State Football
Evelyn Holce, Class of 1943 - Community Supporter
1976-77 and 1977-78 State Champion Boys' Basketball teams



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ALUMNI SPORTS INITIATIVE UPDATE

Vernonia Alumni have contributed nearly \$78,000 to the Sports Initiative since October, 2012. That amount, combined with other sports-related contributions during the past 30 months, totals over \$100,000 for new athletic fields and facilities. Thank you Alumni!

HOW CAN I HELP V.E.F.? - DONATE TODAY!

PAT CURL MEMORIAL SPORTS BENEFIT—"LAUGHTER THROUGH THE YEARS"

Join us for an amazing performance by **TONY PACE**—the Impressionist/Characterization Artist: When you close your eyes you could swear the original artist is performing in front of you, that's an impersonation. When you laugh hysterically because your favorite artist has been portrayed by that distinguishable **THING** they do, that's characterization. Tony does them both, with a magnificent voice!

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW for the August 8, 2015 show to be held in the Vernonia Schools Commons. **VIP Event:** 5:00 pm \$150 (limited to first 54 who purchase) includes VIP Pre-show performance, hearty appetizers on the patio, gift bag, raffles & VIP Section seating at main event. **Main Event:** 6:30—8:30 pm. Preferred seating \$50.00. General Admission \$25.00.

This event is being sponsored by the VHS Class of 1975 in memory of classmate Pat Curl who passed away Oct. 22, 2014. Pat was inducted to the VHS Sports Hall of Fame in 2014 for his accomplishments in Cross Country. All proceeds from this event go to the Vernonia Education Foundation, Sports Initiative, for Cross Country and Track & Field. Donations can also be made to the Pat Curl Memorial Fund c/o Wauna Federal Credit Union, 1010 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.

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