

Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Aaron Miller

It is that time of year again when we at school look forward to seeing friends of old. Homecoming is upon us!

The week of October 5-9 will be full of Homecoming activities and athletic contests. We hope you are able to join us for one or all that are listed below:

- Tuesday, October 6 – Home Volleyball game v. Gaston – 5:30pm
- Wednesday, October 7 – King/Queen Coronation and Air Jams – 7:30pm
- Thursday, October 8 – Vernonia Invitational Cross Country Meet – 4pm
- Friday, October 9 – Home Football game v. Portland Christian – 7pm

LOGGER PRIDE

If you are able to attend Homecoming please take a look at the progress on our new softball field to which so many of you have made generous donations. These gifts to the VEF Sports Initiative have totaled just under \$100,000, and our field is nearly complete. The dirt is down and grass seed will be applied with the onset of fall rains. Fencing, backstops and dugouts will follow shortly thereafter. With these timelines, home softball games are still on track to be held on our new campus during the spring of 2016.

After the softball field is completed, any remaining funds left in the Sports Initiative will be seed money for our next project: installation of the baseball field on campus. With adequate fundraising efforts we hope to have our baseball team playing at our new home during the spring of 2017.

I want to again give my sincere thanks for all your past donations to the VEF, and encourage you to donate again (or for the first time) to support all the goals and initiatives of the foundation. Your continuing support helps provide our students the best educational opportunities and facilities possible and is so appreciated! Thank you!!!

The photo to the right shows the progress being made on the new VHS softball field.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

Oct. 5-9, 2015—VHS Homecoming Week. See President's message for a detailed schedule of events.

Nov. 12, 2015—VEF Board Meeting 4:30 p.m. School Library.

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Class of 1975 Fundraiser Success!

By Tammy Vanderzanden

On August 8th the Class of 1975 held a "Laughter Through the Years" fundraising event in memory of their Classmate, Pat Curl. The event featured Las Vegas entertainer, Tony Pace, who put on a fantastic show! It was a wonderful evening starting off with a VIP event which included an array of delicious appetizers, a market bag filled with great treats, and a private pre-show with Tony. We would like to thank our financial sponsors, the VHS Cheer Team, the VHS athletes that pitched in to help, as well as the many people from our local and surrounding area who donated items for our 12 raffle baskets.

Running was Pat's passion so the proceeds from the event are being directed to the Vernonia Education Foundation, Alumni Sports Initiative, specifically for the new Track and Field facilities. Although at the time of this writing the final numbers were not in, thanks to the efforts of the Class of '75 and all of those that attended and/or contributed to this event, the VHS Class of 1975 plans to present a check for over \$8,000.00. Funds are still being accepted to this great cause in Pat's memory, and donations may be directed to the Vernonia Education Foundation, Pat Curl Memorial Fund.



Donations to VEF are tax deductible and support a great cause. Donate Today!

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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

By Gordon Jarman

Deadline to submit names for the 2016 Induction Ceremony is Jan. 4, 2016. Categories for this honor include:

- ◆ Older Athletes—VHS graduates more than 10 years ago
- ◆ Modern Day Athletes—VHS graduates 5-10 years ago
- ◆ Community Members—those that have gone above & beyond through their volunteerism, dedication, and contributions to VHS Athletics.

Older and Modern Day categories must include participation on a state championship team or be a state caliber athlete by earning all-state recognition or honors. To submit a nomination please contact Gordon Jarman, VHS Athletic Director at gjarman@vernonia.k12.or.us.

2nd BIGGEST REUNION

By Ronda Lennen

The 2nd Biggest Reunion was held August 16th. This all class, all school reunion is held every 5 years. This year's attendance was estimated to be approximately 250-300 alumni and friends. Attendees enjoyed music from over the decades, provided by Tommy Sherman, burgers sponsored by the Vernonia Boosters, concessions sponsored by VHS Jr. Class, Alumni t-shirts for sale and a display of vintage Logger/Topper sports uniforms were also for sale. In addition to the \$5 entry fee, there was a silent auction with items donated by local business and community members.

With a profit of over \$2,000.00 to be given to the Vernonia Education Foundation, the event was considered a "Success!"

Thank you to those who spent endless hours in preparation this event. Watch for our next reunion in 2020!

