

BLEACHER REPORT



Photo by: Teresa Williams

FIVE STAR READY TO START PHASE I CONSTRUCTION!

By: Jason Busch, Vernonia Booster Club

April 2023 marks the official start of construction on our restroom/concession stand building. Dan Titus has completed his portion of the ground and utility work. Through a contract with the school, the water, power, and sewer hooks ups have been installed at the building site ready for use. Thanks to Dan and the school district!!

The committee awarded the contract for the building construction to local contractors Five Star Builders. I have been working diligently with them to procure materials, and work out the timeline for this project. Five Star has been very understanding and supportive in our goal to have a great building at a reasonable cost. They have mobilized their equipment, done some site prep work, and are ready to start construction as soon as the weather breaks. We have a tentative completion date of mid-June.

The committee is continually working to get this phase of the project wrapped up. Recent donations from Randy Holce, Stimson lumber, and RSG Olympic Forest Products have helped to ensure we are on track for a timely completion.

A huge thank you to all the people who have supported us this far. Without your support this would not have been possible!!

VHS Alumni Are Responding

By: Jim Eckland, Class of 1962

Thank you Vernonia Alumni! Thus far, after 33 months of the Logger Stadium Campaign, 75% of our Donors are Vernonia Alumni, and nearly 60% of the funds raised have come from those who either taught at, or attended, Vernonia Schools.

The majority of Alumni Donors graduated between the late 1940's and early 1980's, which means you are between 60 to 90 years old and are probably either semi-retired or fully retired. Whatever your age or the class, we are very grateful for your contributions.

We still need your support. We have more work to do to complete Phase II and Phase III. Please consider making another donation during 2023. Remember, if you itemize your deductions when you file your income taxes, your contribution is tax-deductible.

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Parade of Classes

By: Jim Eckland, Class of 1962

At the urging of a few VHS Alumni, and just for fun, we have compiled a list of classes whose members have stepped forward in making contributions to the Stadium Campaign during the past 33 months. We have assigned one point for each dollar contributed. If a married couple are in different classes, we split their points to each of their class. At present, here are the top 20 classes:

- #1 – Class of 1967 = 187,200
- #2 – Class of 1963 = 12,200
- #3 - Class of 1966 = 9,450
- #4 - Class of 1965 = 7,732
- #5 - Class of 1954 = 7,075
- #6 - Class of 1960 = 6,125
- #7 - Class of 1962 = 4,532
- #8- Class of 1977 = 4,225
- #9 - Class of 1979 = 2,500
- #10 - Class of 1969 = 1,950
- #11 – Class of 1978 = 1,125
- #12- Class of 1952 = 1,100 (Tie)
- #12- Class of 1961 = 1,100 (Tie)
- #12- Class of 1964 = 1,100 (Tie)
- #12- Class of 1973 = 1,100 (Tie)
- #16- Class of 1957 = 1,030
- #17- Class of 1970 = 1,000
- #18- Class of 1949 = 950
- #19- Class of 1959 = 825
- #20- Class of 1955 = 625

Alumni Field Gets a Makeover

By: Gordon Jarman

After a soil study was done last summer on the alumni softball field it was determined that the infield needed to be redone in hopes of helping the field drain more efficiently. This would enable the Lady Loggers to get more games in during the early spring rainy season. The study recommended scraping the top layer off of the surface of the field and adding sand and turface to the existing field to help with the draining. Following the advice of the experts in field maintenance, two tons of turface along with several tons of sand were added to the field. Using the district tractor, I scraped the field then deposited the turface/sand. With the assistance of Head Coach Katie Poetter, volunteer Jen Rau, and Maintenance Supervisor, Mark Brown we spread the turface and sand. Former head coach Ernie Smith, was able to assist me to work the materials into the field using the drag and tractor to smooth out the playing surface enough so that the field was playable for the first home game on March 22nd. The Loggers hosted the Toledo Boomers for their season opener that came right down to the wire. The game was called however, on the account of darkness with the Loggers losing by one run, 13-14.

Knowing the field needed more work superintendent Jim Helmen acquired a compactor and a tractor equipped with a rototiller and we spent the day on Tuesday of spring break tilling and compacting the field. While I rototilled to mix the sand and turface into the soil Mr. Helmen compacted the entire infield using a push behind compactor. When we finished, Eric Larke of Five Star builders came in, with the assistance of Jeff Watts on machinery, they floated and rolled the field with a two-ton roller to get it leveled and firmed up even more for the next game scheduled on March 30th. The field still needs some work and we will continue to build up first base, home plate, and the pitching circle as the season goes on.

The athletic department and the softball team wish to thank all of those that assisted in making this field ready, especially Jim Helmen and Mark Brown from the school district, Eric Larke and Jeff Watts of Five Star Builders, Ernie Smith, and the coaches. All worked together to get Alumni Field game ready.



VHS Winter Sports Wrap-Up

By: Gordon Jarman

Winter sports season concluded at the end of February with mixed results for the LOGGERS.

In Logger basketball, both the boys' and girls' teams made the league playoffs with the girls advancing to the district tournament. Unfortunately, both teams just missed making it to the state tournament.

Boys basketball placed 4th in the league standings, losing a close playoff game that would have advanced them to the district tournament. The league was very competitive this year for the boys, they won and lost several very close games throughout the regular season. After finishing 3rd overall in the regular season the girls had the opportunity to battle for the 3rd seed from the Northwest League to go to state but fell short against Clatskanie, a team that they had beat in the regular season. Although both teams missed the state playoffs this year they still had some very honorable recognition with league awards.

On the girls side, a sophomore, Kaydence Roberson was selected as *Player of the Year* in the NWL, Senior Kortnie Adams was named 2nd Team, sophomore Momi Leinginger was selected to the *All-Defensive Team*, and sophomore Avery Wolf received honorable mention for the Lady Loggers. For the Logger boys, they also brought home a *Player of the Year* award through Senior David McCallum who was also named to the *All-Defensive Team*, Junior Logan Wolf was named 3rd Team, and finally Senior Garrett Jones earned an honorable mention. Both Kaydence and David were selected to the *All-State* teams this year as well, David receiving 1st Team honors and Kaydence earning 2nd Team.

Despite the wrestling team being largely young and inexperienced they were still competitive this season. With only two seniors, the majority of the team will be returning for next year and the Loggers will look to finish at the top of the league again next season.

This season Vernonia qualified two wrestlers to the state tournament, both were returners from last year, Juniors Trevor Wolf & Isaiah Naeve. Both had challenging draws and were unfortunately eliminated.



Sponsorships Available!

The Vernonia Lions Club is our first official Major Sponsor for the Logger Stadium Campaign. That means they have donated at least \$5,000; and they now can promote and/or advertise their many community projects and membership drives at Vernonia High School athletic events.

If you, or your business and/or organization, are interested in becoming a Major Sponsor, please contact Gordon Jarman at gjarman@vernoniak12.org or phone: 503-369-2126.

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A few of our Donors have submitted their financial gifts in memory of a friend, a loved one and/or a classmate. Those who were remembered during the past 33 months, include:

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