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Vernonia Logger Stadium Campaign

BLEACHER REPORT



March 2021

Important Dates

March 31st @ 6PM

- *Logger Stadium Meeting,
Vernonia Catholic Church*

August 6th – 8th

- **Vernonia Friendship
Jamboree*

August 15th

- **Old Timers Picnic @
Anderson Park*

**Tentative*



History and Background

By: Gordon Jarman, Co-Chair

Greetings to all supporters, donors and friends of the LOGGER Stadium project. The committee wanted to keep you informed of our progress. We thought the development and publishing of a newsletter is a good way to accomplish this task. I do want to thank ALL of you. Through your efforts we have raised almost \$57,000 going into the 2021 year and phase two of the project.

In the spring of 2020 I asked superintendent Miller if I could start a fundraising project to secure funds for a stadium to go with the new track and football field at Vernonia Schools. After receiving the ok from Mr. Miller the first person I contacted was Jim

Eckland. Jim is the former Chairman of the Sports Initiative arm of the Vernonia Education Foundation. Jim was instrumental in the fundraising to develop Alumni Field, home of Lady Logger softball and Holce Field the home of Logger Baseball. Jim agreed to help co-chair this project. We began with a meeting and several emails to put together a list of people who would be interested in serving on the committee to complete this project. With that, the LOGGER Stadium committee and project were under way and the work began.

Thank You Donors >>>

A Note From Jim and Kathy

By: Jim and Kathy Eckland, Classes of 1962 & 1965 respectfully

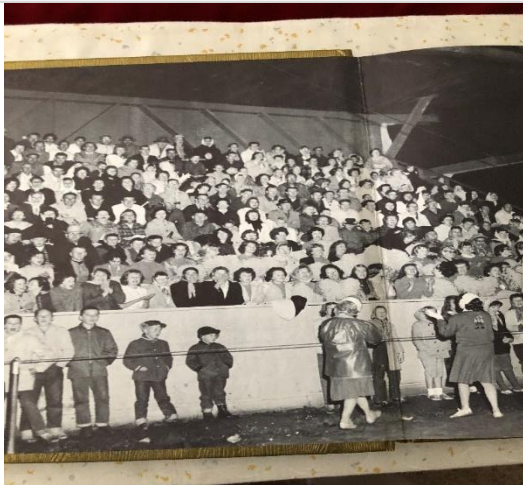
We want to take this opportunity to thank our donors. You have responded to our appeal and we appreciate it.

As of press time for this newsletter, we have received donations from 120 individuals and businesses.

Many of you are Vernonia Alumni, 80% of donors went to school in Vernonia. About one third of you still live in the Vernonia School District and pay property taxes to

help operate and support the schools. Your donations range from \$25 to \$5,000 and added up to over \$33,000. Most of you wrote checks and a few donated online through our GoFundMe page. Most of you are retirement age and donated a few years ago to help build the softball field for VHS, but we have also gained some younger donors, and some new donors.

The Vernonia Education Foundation has pledged \$25,000 to help support our campaign. We are grateful to all of you!



Homecoming October 1961

Professional Help

With the help of Tony Hyde, we met with fundraising consultant John Donovan who is advising us at no charge. John was involved with fundraising when the new school was built several years ago and has a heart for Vernonia. This help will be invaluable as we work toward accomplishing our goals. A big thank you to Tony for setting this up.

A Case for Support

By: John Donovan

Like many small towns, Vernonia's heart is with its kids, gathering on evenings and weekends to cheer on the young athletes and supporting the school's teams. Vernonia Schools has served our families up on the hill since 2012 and the community, alumni and local champions have stepped up to support the completion of the playgrounds, track and ball fields that are key to a complete school campus.

Now the final phase of this vision has come into focus, a covered stadium structure that will host families, fans and guests from across Northwest Oregon. The Logger Stadium structure will provide cover for fans, concession facilities and restrooms. Once completed, up to 900 fans and family members will be able to gather under cover and cheer on the Loggers in football and track and field competitions.

A local group of alumni and community volunteers have already raised almost \$60,000 toward the Phase 1 goal of \$850,000. A second phase (\$300,000) will construct team rooms under the grandstands as well as additional restrooms. We need everyone's help to finish this last key piece of the school campus. Vernonia's Logger Stadium will complete the school's facilities and bring the community closer together as only a school's sporting contests and traditions can. The addition of a 900 seat stadium will bring district championships and regional competitions into Vernonia to boost the local economy and increase Vernonia's exposure to visitors.

Please consider what contribution you can make to help our community cross this goal line together! Donations are welcome in the form of financial contributions, in-kind materials or volunteer time.

Needs and Fundraising

Looking at the needs, it was determined to include a separate concession and restroom facility with team rooms under the stadium. To achieve our goals, the steering committee decided to divide the project into three phases. The first phase was funding the stadium itself. We started this off with a letter writing campaign that many of you donated to and can continue to donate to. We also started a Go Fund Me account for those that wish to donate online. Our second portion of fund raising is to seek the support of larger donors and corporate sponsors.

If you know of any possible corporate sponsors or persons interested in donating, large tax-deductible amounts please send us their contact information.

We are seeking the assistance of the Vernonia Education Foundation as a 501c3 entity to handle the funds we receive. Checks can be made out to Vernonia High School Athletics but also can be made out to Vernonia Education Foundation and ear marked for Logger stadium. We are still seeking individual donations, tax-deductible donations and potential contact information.

Please send donations and pertinent information to:

Logger Stadium
P.O. Box 73
Vernonia, Or. 97064

*"We also have a **GoFund Me** Logger Stadium account for those of you that wish to donate online."*



Yes, we can help build Vernonia Logger Stadium

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000

\$Other, please accept my donation of: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address for receipt: _____



Make checks payable to: Vernonia Athletic Dept.

Mail to: Vernonia Logger Stadium, PO Box 73, Vernonia, Or 97064

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Current Logger Events

Volleyball

3/2 vs. Knappa ~ W
3/3 vs. Neahkahnie ~ W
3/6 vs. Clatskanie ~ L
3/10 vs. Rainier ~ W
3/11 vs. Gaston ~ L
3/16 vs. Nestucca
3/18 vs. Knappa
3/23 vs. Neahkahnie
3/25 vs. Rainier
3/30 vs. Gaston
4/1 vs. Nestucca

Football

3/5 vs. Colton ~ L
3/12 vs. Neahkahnie ~ W
3/19 vs. Nestucca
3/26 vs. Knappa
4/2 vs. Gaston

Cross Country

3/2 @ Home
3/6 @ Knappa
3/11 @ Clatskanie
3/17 @ Home
3/23 @ Southwest Chris.
4/1 @ Rainier

IN MEMORY OF GIVING

During the past four months several donors have given contributions in memory of a loved one or a classmate. For example, the following deceased individuals have been honored with a special gift in their memory: Bill Pringle (class of 1965); Joe Taylor (class of 1956); Bob Crowston (class of 1957) and Bryan McLeod.

If you wish to designate your past or future contributions in memory to someone, please let us know. You may contact gjarman@vernoniak12.org or twilliams@vernoniak12.org

All gifts in memory of Bill Pringle will be earmarked for adequate access and seating for persons with disabilities.

If you wish to receive this newsletter electronically please email gjarman@vernoniak12.org or jkeckland@msn.com

Thank you for your continued support!