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## Vernonia Logger Stadium Campaign

# BLEACHER REPORT



*November 2021*

## Fall Sports Report

*Teams battle adversity with COVID quarantines while trying to rise to the top*

*By: Gordon Jarman*

As the fall season began in August, athletes and coaches were ready to start a normal year of competition. After a strong start in all fall sports, volleyball and football were both placed on a two week quarantine due to covid exposures, which halted their momentum.

Football won their first game of the season prior to the quarantine but were not able to rebound to any victories after that. Injuries late in the season forced the Loggers to cancel their last scheduled game.

The Cross Country teams continue to turn in strong performances. The girls team has especially turned in strong performances. Vernonia girls were ranked #2 in the state and have won the last 5 meets they have competed in. This includes the prestigious 45<sup>th</sup> annual Harvest Classic in Longview, and the Vernonia Invitational which consisted of 17 teams at the 3A/2A/1A level. A top 3 finish at district on October 29<sup>th</sup> will ensure the team a trip to the state meet in Eugene on November 6<sup>th</sup>. If they can pull this off, it would be the first time our girls made it to the state meet as a full team. The boys team is currently ranked

#6 in the state and 3<sup>rd</sup> in District 1. It will take a top two finish at district for them to make it back to the state meet, where they finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall last spring. Update: October 29<sup>th</sup> Vernonia girls won the district meet, boys took 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Coach Roady picked up coach up the year. The girls team advanced to the state meet where they tied for 1<sup>st</sup>, but a tie breaking decision moved them to 2<sup>nd</sup>. Despite that this was the best showing for the girls' cross country team from Vernonia!

Volleyball took some hits as the team eased back into competitive play. As players returned, lineups shifted to fill holes and find the most competitive mixture of girls that were able to recoup early season losses to Portland Christian and Gaston in the district playoffs. The Lady Loggers took down Faith Bible, Portland Christian in a 3-0 sweep, and eventually the #2 state ranked Gaston for the district tournament championship, which earned them hosting a 1<sup>st</sup> round state playoff game. The Lady Loggers hosted Reedsport (21-8) on October 30<sup>th</sup>. After a slow start, and losing their starting

middle blocker to a rolled ankle in the first set the team was able to come back from the first set loss and take the next three. The win advanced them to the second round in John Day against the Prospectors. After making the long trip to John Day the Lady Loggers would fall to Grant Union 3-1, a team they beat early on in the season. In a normal year the girls would have had another opportunity to win a trophy but due to COVID protocols the OSAA opted to take only 4 teams to the big tournament in Redmond.

Middle school teams finished their seasons with great success. The volleyball team won many of their matches, and football played competitively in all games. They won their last game against Rainier by a convincing 20-7 margin.



# Memorial Gifts

The following listed individuals have been remembered by a family member, classmate or friend during the past 16 months while donating to the Stadium Campaign:

Steve Hanson, Class of 1970  
Bill Pringle, Class of 1965  
Bryan McLeod  
Joe Taylor, Class of 1956  
Bob Crowston, Class of 1957  
Harold and Ann McEntire

If you wish to designate your past or future contributions in memory of someone, please let us know. You may contact:

[gjarman@vernoniak12.org](mailto:gjarman@vernoniak12.org) or [twilliams@vernoniak12.org](mailto:twilliams@vernoniak12.org).

# In-Kind Contributions

By: Jim Eckland

The Stadium Campaign is also accepting non-cash contributions in the form of **In-Kind Contributions**. Examples of In-Kind Contributions may include donated professional services or labor, printing, advertising, materials, etc.

Remember, In-Kind Contributions reduce our expenses, and are eligible to be used as a tax deduction.



# Tax Incentives

By: Jim Eckland

If you itemize your deductions, the adjusted gross income (AGI) for cash contributions made to qualifying charities in 2021 remains increased for individual donors. You can elect to deduct up to 100 per cent of your AGI.

If you do **not** itemize your deductions, single taxpayers may take an “above-the-line” deduction up to \$300. Married couples, filing jointly, will be allowed to take an above-the-line deduction of up to \$600 in cash contributions to charities for 2021.

The Vernonia Boosters is a 501(c) (3) organization; thus, all contributions are tax-deductible.

# Co-Chair Needed

By: Gordon Jarman

The Stadium Committee is in need of an additional co-chair. Jim Eckland is stepping down as co-chair. Jim and Kathy will still be involved in our fundraising campaign and the committee. However, living in Keizer, Oregon and trying to help manage this project is a daunting task.

If there is anyone that is willing to help or anyone that would like to serve on this committee, please contact Gordon Jarman at Vernonia Schools 503-429-1333. Or email [gjarman@vernoniak12.org](mailto:gjarman@vernoniak12.org).

# Donation Drawing off to a Super Start

By: Gordon Jarman

The Stadium Committee has started a raffle fundraiser. All prizes have been donated by local community members. They include a gas BBQ & Cover (\$300.00), electric chainsaw (\$70.00), cord of seasoned firewood (\$250.00) and many other items.

To kick off this raffle John Roady took time off from his busy Cross Country coaching duties to man the booth at the first home football game October 15<sup>th</sup> offering tickets to interested spectators. John was rewarded with a great response earning the project \$150.00. Not to be outdone, the trio of Jim & Kathy Eckland and Darlene McLeod stepped up and sold tickets at the homecoming game on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, then at the R&S market to surpass John's efforts and took in over \$200.00 for this project.

Thanks to all of you who have purchased tickets and especially to those committee members that donated their time and effort to sell them. The final drawing will be held at the last home basketball game Feb 9th. Tickets are still available from committee members or at R&S market.

**Ticket prices are \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00**



#4 Shayne Lardy  
2021-2022 Football team  
#36 Garrett Jones

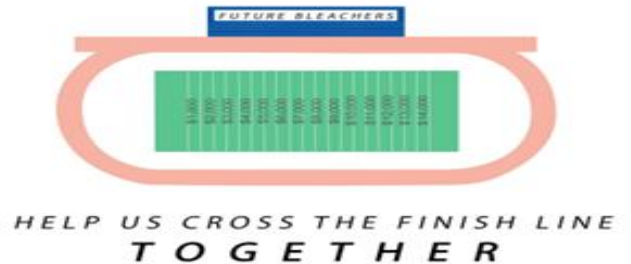
# Help Us Cross the Finish Line

By: Gordon Jarman

## Plea For Help

We are entering our second year of fundraising for our new **LOGGER** stadium to benefit the fans, students, and guests that attend our home track meets and football games. I just wanted to thank all of you that have donated so far and implore you to continue to support this campaign. We have reached over \$100,000 in pledged monies, donations, and in-kind donations, and are always looking for ways to enhance our efforts—we are on our way! As you can see in these photos that we are in dire need of improved accomodations for seating, team use, and overall safety.

Please, let's cross the finish line together..



## Vernonia Logger Athletes Lending a Hand

Just a few photos of some of our local track and field athletes promoting the campaign during the 2021 Annual Friendship Jamboree Parade. (Pictured: Nick Costley & Sadie Gump)



# Needs and Fundraising

*What's missing? What do we need?*



## A Covered Stadium for students and fans:

- ✓ It rains once in a while in Vernonia; our students, local fans and visitors need to stay warm and dry during home games and meets;
- ✓ Community members and students need a gathering place to support their teams;
- ✓ For track meets: Safety and control issue: our fans need to sit in one place and not interfere with track and field events;
- ✓ Big enough to share with visitors – 900 seat capacity – large enough to host playoff games and regional meets
- ✓ Seating and access for all fans – young, old and disabled.
- ✓ Estimated Price Tag: \$650K

## Concession Stand and Restrooms:

- ✓ Students and Fans may wish to eat and drink during games and meets;
- ✓ Students and Fans may need to use adequate clean facilities during games and meets; (instead of the current, rented Port-a-Potties).
- ✓ Vernonia Boosters need to provide fundraising opportunities for student and local groups to support youth sports in the community;
- ✓ Centrally located to accommodate all outdoor sports at Vernonia schools.
- ✓ Estimated Price Tag: \$250K

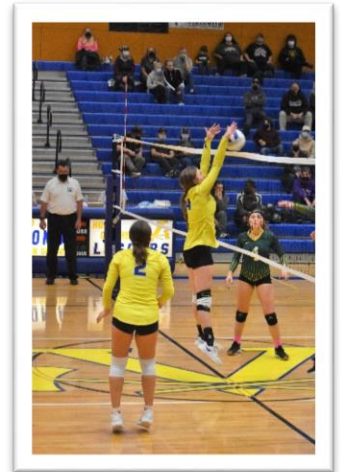
## Extra Enhancements:

- ✓ Restroom facilities closer to the seating at Stadium;
- ✓ Teams and Coaches can gather during halftime under the seating;
- ✓ Secure Storage Facilities under seating.
- ✓ Estimated Price Tag: \$150K



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Junior middle, Kortnie Adams with the block. Senior Sadie Gump crossing the finish line at the state tournament.



## 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 Boosters, Memo line: Stadium  
**Mail to:** Vernonia Boosters, PO Box 73, Vernonia, Or 97064

# Stadium **DONORS**

## **\$25,000 AND ABOVE:**

Bill Hanson  
Vernonia Education Foundation  
Vernonia School District

## **\$5,000 - \$24,999:**

Fred Bender  
Gwin and Sons Logging  
Samuel S Johnson Foundation

## **\$1,000-\$4,999:**

Bellingham Logging  
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Jim & Kathy Eckland  
Randy Holce  
Marsha Krieger King  
Kathy Medges Knowles  
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## **\$100-\$499:**

Absolute Marble & Granite  
All Inn Pub  
Ken & Odean Anderson  
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Ken & Helen Bateman  
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Dado & Janet Briones  
Martha Bush  
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Carol Ostrander  
Randy Parrow  
Jim Peters  
Chris Quigley

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Ken Roberts  
Leonard & Betty Schmidlin  
Bud & Marcie Robertson  
Ken & Penny Smejkal  
Randy & Vicki Tovey  
Don Tunnell  
Vernonia's Voice  
Susan Wagner  
Earl Wantland  
Pete Weisel  
Teresa Williams  
Otis Wilson

## **\$25-\$99:**

Joann Beamish  
Dean Bernardi  
Gordon Blackburn  
Mary Steen Boeger  
Rick Bush  
Michael Calhoun  
Ann Bergerson Carson  
Necia DeWitt  
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*Thank you for your continued support!*

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