

VHS Class of '75 to Honor Classmate with Jamboree Event

The Vernonia High School Class of 1975 will honor one of its beloved members when they host a fundraising event on August 8th during the annual Friendship Jamboree weekend.

The Pat Curl Memorial Sports Benefit-*"Laughter Through the Years,"* will feature entertainer Tony Pace and will raise funds for the Vernonia Education Foundation's Sports Initiative for track and field and cross country facilities.

Pat Curl is remembered by his former classmates as a remarkably generous, funny and delightful human being. He was a track and cross country star who led the cross country team to state and was inducted with the inaugural class into the VHS Sports Hall of Fame in 2014.

"Pat liked everybody, and everybody liked him," said classmate Tammy Smith Vanderzanden.

After starring at VHS, Curl went on to attend and run cross country at Clackamas Community College and then Western Kentucky University. After graduating from WKU he taught school and lived in Louisville with his wife Chris and two sons.

Pat Curl passed away in October 2014 after a brief battle with cancer. He remains an inspiration to his friends, fellow athletes and community.

"We had already started planning this event before Pat passed away," said Vanderzanden. "We decided this would be great way to honor Pat and to direct the funds to the sports he loved."

The *"Laughter Through the Years"* event will include a VIP reception with a pre-show performance by Pace, hearty appetizers, gift bag and VIP seating, beginning at 5:00 PM. The main show starts at 6:30 and tickets range from \$50 for preferred seating to \$25 for general admission.



Pat Curl, VHS Class of 1975.

"Pat was the class jokester," said Vanderzanden. "If you ever needed a laugh, you always knew you could go to Pat."

The Vernonia Education Foundation (VEF) has been raising funds to help construct athletic facilities at the new Vernonia Schools campus, which opened in 2012. According to Jim Eckland of the VEF, to date the Sports Initiative has raised just shy of \$80,000 from 174 alumni, plus a few non-alumni. In addition, the Class of '73 Give Back Bash brought in \$10,000, the Gary Davis Memorial donated \$4,000, and a \$10,000 local match (from Evelyn Holce) for the OSAA grant for the football practice field, which has already been constructed, brings the total to almost \$104,000 for sports-related contributions since October, 2012. Construction of a new softball field on the campus is scheduled to begin this spring.

Tony Pace is a Las Vegas headline entertainer and performing artist who has spent thirty years combining an extraordinary singing voice with a clever comedic wit. Known as "America's Best Kept Secret," and "The Man With the Voice," Pace is a unique talent who continues to amaze audiences all over the world with his singing, musicianship, impressions and comedy.

Vanderzanden saw Pace perform last year. "He was the entertainment at a company event we had and he was a big hit," she said. "He was appropriate for all ages and really en-

gages the audience."

The Class of '75 will be continuing a tradition of VHS alumni organizing and hosting fundraising events for the new school. This will be the second time alumni have hosted an entertainment event during Jamboree weekend, following the Class of 1973's "Give Back Bash" which was held during the 2013 Jamboree and featured Elvis impersonator Justin Shandor for two shows. Alumni also organized the "Biggest Class Reunion," prior to the opening of the new school campus and are currently organizing the "2nd Biggest Class Reunion," to be held on August 16, 2015.

Tickets are available at www.patcurlbenefits.bpt.me.

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VHS Hall of Fame Inducts Second Class

Nine new members of the Vernonia High School Sports Hall of Fame were inducted at a ceremony on Saturday, April 4th at the Cedar Ridge Retreat and Conference Center.

New inductees included: two time State High Jump Champion Gary Davis, 1969; All State Basketball Ken Nanson, 1954; two time State Wrestling Champion Steve Wolf,

1994; two time League MVP Volleyball Tarah Pond, 1995; All State Football Tim McLeod, 1980; two time State placer in Track Sheri Hiveley, 1980; All State Football Brent Thompson, 2007; two time State Champions Boys Basketball teams from 1976-77 and 1977-78; and Community Supporter Evelyn Holce.



Steve Wolf
1994 Wrestling



Tarah Pond
1995 Volleyball



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Mother's Day Brunch
Sunday - May 10th
10am - 4pm

Honey Glazed Ham
Chicken Marsala
Lemon Peppered Salmon
Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Rice Pilaf
Broccoli with Cheese Sauce
Scrambled Eggs & Home Fried Potatoes
Bacon & Sausage Links
Waffles with Strawberries
Biscuits and Gravy
Fresh Fruit
Assorted Salads
Homemade Desserts

Regular Menu served from 7am - 11am and 4pm - 8pm
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