

VHS Sports Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

The selection committee of the Vernonia High School Athletic Hall of Fame met on Tuesday, February 28 and March 7. At those two meetings they selected the group that will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for this year.

Those that were nominated but did not get selected will be kept on file for further consideration in future years.

The induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 29 at the Cedar Ridge Conference Center and is open to the public. The event will start at 6:00 pm with a no-host bar and social time. Dinner will be at 6:30 and the induction ceremony will follow. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$20.00.

Anyone wishing to attend, please contact Vernonia High School at (503) 429-1340 and let Kathi Fetch know you are planning on attending so they can get a head count.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees are:

- 1978 Football Team, (2nd in State), Graduated 1979 +
- Ellie Prpich, All State Volleyball, Graduated 1998
- Lois Osborne, State Champion Shot Put, Graduated 1990
- Fred Busch, Football and Track, Graduated 1944
- Dave Siedelman, All State Golf, Graduated 1970
- Randy Holce, Community Member, Graduated 1967
- Justin Johnson, 2x State Wrestling Champion, Graduated 2000
- Terry Nimz, 1978 Football Coach
- Mel Nice, 1978 Football Coach

We hope to see everyone support this group's induction at Cedar Ridge on April 29.

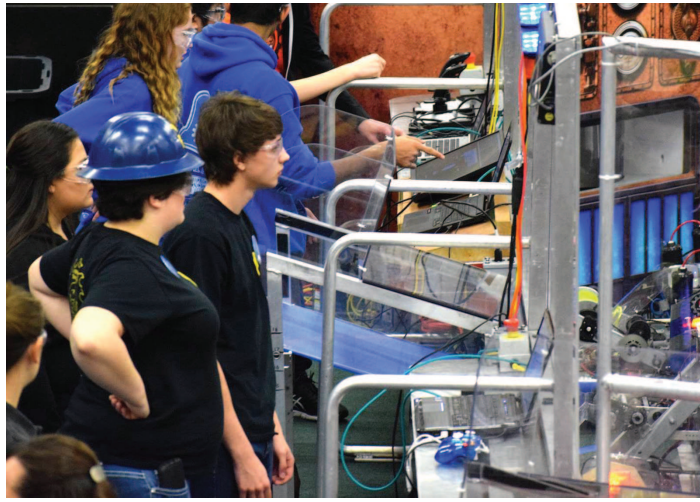
LoggerBots Win Judges Award at Robotics Competition

It was a crazy couple of weeks for the LoggerBots, Vernonia's entry in the FIRST Robotics FRC competitions.

The Loggerbots had more than a few issues to overcome during the week of Spring Break. Even with all their work modifying "The Wooden Phoenix," the team still placed low in the rankings at the competition during the weekend of March 31-April 1.

Although they did struggle, the LoggerBots did play in every match and scored in all of them. They were able to climb the rope, one of the more difficult challenges in this year's competition, in more than one match and reached the top in two. "They did awesome!" said Nicole Larke, one of the team's adult mentors.

The Wooden Phoenix is so named because much of the robot is made from wood, rather than metal, due to the team only having a wood shop,



and no metal shop, at the school facility in which to work and build their robot. For their efforts, the LoggerBots received a Judges Award at the competition for overcoming obstacles; the award was called "I Could, I Wood."

Vernonia has participated in First Robotics Competitions for the last six years. Each year the team faces a new challenge and older students mentor new students. The program provides

a chance to learn teamwork, collaboration, and skills that will transfer to almost any field of study. With an emphasis on engineering, the students have six weeks to plan, create/fabricate, build, program and test their robot. It's long hours and a lot of work, but the end result is a robot that they created.

In the past some robots have shot basketballs, Frisbees and yoga



balls. Others have climbed ropes, tripods or walls. Some have scaled obstacles, and some have lifted and carried recycling bins and trash cans. Usually the challenge the students have to solve and overcome involves a combination of several of the above tasks. "If FRC is one thing, it's never boring!" says Larke.

Congratulations to the LoggerBots on another successful season of learning, teamwork and perseverance.

Vernonia's Voice is published on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Look for our next issue out April 20.

Join us to celebrate the birthday of
KENNY SMEJKAL
April 8, 2017
11:30 to 3:30

Lunch will be served
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We hope to see you on April 8th!
Penny, Susan, Cindy & Sharon

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