

Schools Update: Budget Committee

By Superintendent Aaron Miller

Citizens interested in serving on the the Vernonia School District (VSD) Budget Committee are needed to fill three open positions. Budget Committee Members will review the upcoming 2018-19 proposed school budget, and provide recommendations to the School Board for approval. Budget Committee positions are filled through application and appointment by the VSD Board of Directors for a three-year term. Public involvement in the school budget process is mandated by law.

Budget Committee Members are responsible for reviewing the proposed budget and assuring it is balanced, receiving public comment, and providing input and feedback at official meetings that will be held throughout the spring. This year's meetings are scheduled for May 3 and 10. The Board will take action to adopt the Budget Committee approved document at their June 14 meeting.

The Committee must keep in mind the budget goals of the District which include providing the necessary instructional resources to ensure student

success, maintaining safe and healthy physical facilities that provide a quality learning experience, and offering professional development opportunities for all employees when reviewing the over \$6 million budget.

Through their work the Budget Committee can recommend revisions to the budget, if needed, and will approve a budget for adoption by the VSD School

Board. The adopted budget becomes the basic short-term operational plan and fiscal guideline for the VSD Board of Directors and the administrative staff for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in being a part of the VSD Budget Committee please contact the VSD office at (503) 429-5891.

VHS Hall of Fame Class of 2018 Announced

The Vernonia High School Hall of Fame Selection Committee met February 13 and selected the individuals to be inducted into the VHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

April 7 is the date of the ceremonial dinner and induction ceremony. Those athletes and/or community members who will be inducted are:

Ben Soejima
Class of 1941
Athlete and community member

Ralph Sturdevant
Class of 1945
Football, Basketball, and Track

Reese Sturdevant
Class of 1972
All State Basketball

Ken Roberts
Coach 1975 & 76 Cross Country teams,
2nd and 1st in OSAA State Meet

Karl Garner
Class 1980
800-meter State Champion,
Cross Country State, 2nd 1978, 3rd 1979

Matt Hillhouse
Class of 1988
Wrestling Champion,
All State Football 1987

Mary Ann Miller
Class of 2000
800-meter State Champion 2000,
1500-meter Champion 1999 and 2000

The induction ceremony will be at Cedar Ridge Retreat and Conference Center starting at 6:00 pm. The public is invited; tickets for dinner and the ceremony are \$17 and can be purchased through Kathi Fetch at Vernonia HS (503) 429-1340 or (503) 429-1333. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Vernonia School Board Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. The next School Board Meeting is scheduled for March 8 at 6:00 pm in the Schools Library.

Winners of Take a Friend Hunting Contest Announced

A deer tag that's good for three months statewide and a Leupold rifle scope valued at \$690 are among the prizes 22 lucky hunters have won for taking part in the 2017 Take a Friend Hunting Contest.

The contest was launched in spring of last year to encourage experienced adult hunters to take out other adult friends and family members who had never hunted before or hadn't gone in several years. (While ODFW has a variety of programs encouraging hunters to mentor youth in the sport, the contest was a way to incentivize mentoring among adult hunters.)

A total of 1,546 people signed up for the contest (773 entries of two hunters, the mentor and the mentee).

The contest was part of larger ODFW efforts to raise awareness of the benefits of hunting among Oregonians and encourage more participation in the sport. Through their purchase of hunting licenses and equipment, hunters fund wildlife management, research, habitat restoration, and other work that

benefits both game species and wildlife species that aren't hunted.


ODFW is planning to host a similar contest in 2018. Look for details to be announced and registration to open sometime this spring at www.MyODFW.com.

A list of winners of the 2017 Take a Friend Hunting Contest follows. Winners have already been notified and most prizes delivered.

- Statewide deer tag (courtesy of ODFW) Mark Anderson, Ione
- Siberian Sidekick Cooler (donated by Mule Deer Foundation) Erik Hasselmen, Eugene
- Eberlestock Me Team Elk Pack (donated by Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation) Dylan Boyer, Coos Bay
- Leupold Rifle Scope (donated by Leupold) Jason Saucedo, Tualatin
- Timberline Jacket, Pants and Cap (donated by SITKA Gear) Brian Alexander, Oakland
- Wild Sheep package Sitka hat, camo pullover, scope shield, etc. (donated by Wild Sheep Foundation)

- Mark Smith, Oak Grove
- 4 DICK'S \$50 gift cards (donated By DICK'S Sporting Goods) Alfredo Cruz, Monmouth; Gordon Bristlin, Medford; Josh Rosin, Durkee; Kellen Huddleston, Portland
- Bushnell Binoculars (donated by Bi-Mart) Jeremy Hruska, Philomath
- Alps Grand Slam Turkey Vest (donated by National Wild Turkey Federation) James Munson, Milwaukie
- David Kurt Handmade Knife (donated by David Kurt Handmade Knives) Ryan Martin, Springfield
- Sportsman's Warehouse \$300 gift card (donated by Sportsman's Warehouse) William Ham, Bend
- TangleFree Deadzone Layout Blind (donated by Ducks Unlimited) Rafael Friedenfels, Portland
- 5 Nosler \$100 gift cards (donated by Nosler) Travis Rogers, Molalla; Levi Tickner, Bend; Marcus Starr, Seaside; Bob Perez, Silverton; Jeffery Birkholz, Salem
- Cabela's \$500 gift card (donated by Cabela's) Robert Stahl, Pendleton
- Weatherby Vanguard Rifle (donated by Weatherby) Jon Blyeth, Keizer

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