

Schools Update: Vernonia Education Foundation

By Superintendent Aaron Miller

The Vernonia Education Foundation (VEF) was initially set up to provide fundraising support for the new Vernonia Schools project, and then moved its fundraising efforts into paying off the debt from the new campus once it was completed in 2012.

With the passing of our most recent General Obligation Bond in 2017, the \$5 million in debt incurred by the District during construction was paid off, and the main focus areas for the VEF have been reevaluated.

With no debt to repay, the VEF will now focus on three new main areas of support for its fundraising efforts. These include the Sports Initiative, Scholarship Opportunities, and Classroom Support within the Vernonia School District (VSD). The VEF Board is very excited to direct its attention to more student-centered initiatives.

The following is a brief description of these focus areas. We hope that one of these areas will be especially near and dear to your heart, and you will find it an acceptable place to provide a donation that will truly impact the students of Vernonia.

The Sports Initiative is a VEF fund that has been operating for

several years, right along with the debt reduction campaign. Donations in this area from many past alumni, paid for the construction of Alumni Field, the new varsity softball field on the Vernonia Schools campus. Donations in this area from Evelyn and Randy Holce paid for construction of Holce Field, our new varsity baseball field.

Student scholarships are another area in which the VEF will be focusing fundraising efforts. The Vernonia Alumni Scholarship is one such scholarship that is available for students graduating from Vernonia High School. Other scholarship efforts are being discussed and developed, to provide more financial opportunities for our Vernonia High School graduates.

Classroom Support is the final area of focus for VEF fundraising efforts. Providing small grants for a classroom teacher's special project, money for taking a field trip, or funding for needed supplies or equipment are some of the opportunities this fund will provide.

These are just some of the items that the Vernonia Education Foundation is working on. If you are interested in being a part of the group, and helping make a difference for Vernonia Schools, call (503) 429-5891 to find out when the next meeting will be held.

2018 VHS Fall Sports Awards

VOLLEYBALL

Northwest League Awards

1st Team: Joyce Everett, Setter
1st Team: Jordan Walters, Outside Hitter
Honorable Mention: Abigail Coleman, Libero
Team Awards
MVP: Jordan Walters
Most Inspirational: Joyce Everett
Most Improved: Brooklynn Walters

CROSS COUNTRY

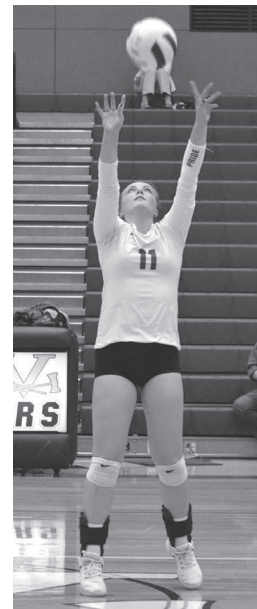
Northwest League Awards

1st Team: Jakob Handegard
1st Team: Sadie Gump
2nd Team: Jenna Handegard
Team Awards
MVP Boys: Jake Handegard
MVP Girls: Sadie Gump
Most Improved Boys: Dinu Cojocaru
Most Improved Girls: Grace Costley
Outstanding Leadership: Sean Coffey

FOOTBALL

Northwest League Awards

Offensive Team
1st Team: Joshua Rice, RB
2nd Team: James Watson, OL
Defensive Team
1st Team: Joshua Rice, LB
2nd Team: James Watson, DL
2nd Team: Kale Sullivan, DB
Honorable Mention: Gunnar Harral, DB
Honorable Mention: Calvin Clapshaw, LB
Honorable Mention: Hepner Forster, DL
Special Teams
1st Team: Joshua Rice, Kick Return
1st Team: Gunnar Harral, Punter
Team Awards
MVP: Joshua Rice
Most Inspirational: Kale Sullivan
Best Lineman: James Watson



Above: Brandy Everett
Left: Sadie Gump
Below: Josh Rice



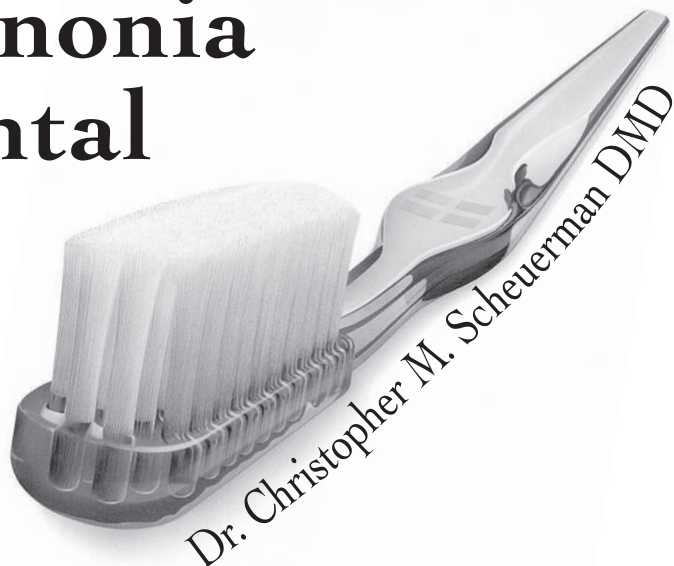
Boosters Buzz

The next Boosters meeting will be Tuesday, December 11 at the Schools Library, 6:00 pm. We would like to open the doors to new people joining boosters and all we have to offer. Hope to see you there!



Vernonia School Board Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of each month. The next School Board Meeting is scheduled for November 15 (third Thursday) at 6:00 pm in the Schools Library.

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