

## Creature Comforts ~ New This Month

By Michal Smith

Creatures is kicking off the month with a full blown sidewalk sale featuring items used and new from back stock to overstock, and from under stock to one of a kinds! There will be items for sale in all animal categories as well as several boxes of books on every animal topic you can imagine! Sale will begin Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and run through 5pm on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. **DON'T MISS IT!!** Huge deals and steals will amaze you no doubt about it. This will be our valiant attempt to gain even more floor and stor-

age room for even more inventory!! The Melissa and Doug toys and products are hugely popular and we need to bring in more great items and great gifts for birthday parties, etc. Horse tack has been a great seller and we're bringing in more of that as well!

Also, new this month we're featuring the sale of "paw print" earrings. These are handmade locally by Kim Tierney. Kim's work is well known and her jewelry creations have been shown and sold at craft fairs and exhibits around the Portland Metro area. All proceeds from the earring sales at Creatures

will go towards the efforts of our local feral cat spay and neuter project in Vernonia. The task of catching these kitties requires items such as food, blankets, materials for shelters, often medications and first aid supplies and others. Please consider purchasing a pair and as an added bonus, Creatures will take \$1 off your entire purchase anytime a customer comes in wearing a pair they purchased here throughout the month of June!

Speaking of handmade and local~ come in and see hand crafted writing pens from Kimo's Pens which feature a rifle and bullet style casing with exotic

hardwood or antler, and Miss Summer D's animal artwork. Summer captures the spirit and life of each animal she sketches in a very talented and unique delivery style. Sketches are available for sale in the store or she can be commissioned directly to sketch your pet. These artists' work can be seen in person in the store while they last.

998 Bridge Street. Mon-Fri 10-6pm; Sat 10-5; Sun 12-4. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of kittens and puppies as they come in!! Or call us at 503-429-PETS (7387)

## Wauna Credit Union Report of the 47th Annual Meeting

Wauna Credit Union has announced the information shared with the membership during its 47th Annual Meeting, held earlier this year. Robert Blumberg, CEO & President, and George Dunkel, Chair of the Board of Directors, addressed the membership. Blumberg reported the following statistics as of December 31, 2013: Total Assets grew by 6% to \$161,355,916, Total Deposits increased 6% to \$144,240,118, Total Loans increased 4.5% to \$123,679,788, Capital Ratio increased to 8.73% of Total Assets, and Total Membership increased by 6.2% to 17,343.

Dunkel announced results of the elections for the Board of Directors: The three incumbents, Lester

Kahr, Clatskanie, Amanda Lamb-Severson, Astoria, and Marti Gwin, Clatskanie, were each reelected to three-year terms, incumbent Bill DeJager, Birkenfeld, was reelected to a two-year term. Newly elected members to the Board, each for a one-year term, were Jennifer Teeter, Astoria, and Christine Johnston, Scappoose. Board officers have been announced: Dunkel, Scappoose (Chair), Kahr (1st Vice Chair), Gwin (2nd Vice Chair), DeJager (Financial Officer), and Lamb-Severson (Secretary). Other members of the Board include Erlene Darby, Clatskanie, and Debra Huffman, Astoria.

The Wauna Credit Union 2013 Annual Report is available on the website or at any branch.

Wauna Credit Union is headquartered in Clatskanie, Oregon, employs over 80 people, has total assets surpassing \$160 Million and serves over 17,000 members. Branches are located in Astoria, Clatskanie, St Helens, Scappoose, Vernonia, and Warrenton, Oregon. Anyone who resides, is employed, attends school or worship, or any business or qualifying organization in Clatsop or Columbia Counties, Oregon, or Pacific County, Washington, is eligible for membership with Wauna Credit Union. For more information please call toll-free 800-773-3236 or visit our Web site at [waunafcu.org](http://waunafcu.org).

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**FRIDAY MAY 16TH... TRAPDOOR SOCIAL**  
ALTERNATIVE ROCK

**SATURDAY MAY 17TH... CALICO THE BAND**  
AMERICANA

**SUNDAY MAY 18TH... CALICO UNPLUGGED**

**THURSDAY MAY 22ND... FREEWAY REVIVAL**  
COUNTRY BLUES

**MAY 24&25TH... SUGARAY RAYFORD**  
BLUES

**FRIDAY MAY 30TH... MT. THELONIOUS**  
INDIE FOLK

**SATURDAY MAY 31ST... NORMAN SYLVESTER**  
BLUES

**JUNE 6&7TH... FIREWEEDS**  
AMERICANA

**JUNE 11TH... NICK MOSS**  
BLUES DINNER SHOW

**JUNE 14TH... BILLY D & THE HOODOOS**  
BLUES

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## Open Air Market is Back!

The Open Air Market returns June 6<sup>th</sup>. This fixture of downtown Vernonia has a new home in 2014 at the old school grounds on Bridge Street, Fridays from 4:00-7:00 PM.

Several vendors are returning with fresh local produce, but also expect a new selection as the market expands with new faces. We welcome the return of the Christmas in Vernonia fundraising booth, which will join us on the first Friday of every month.

The Open Air Market is managed by the same folks who manage the Vernonia

Community Garden, currently scheduled for construction this year at the Vernonia Schools. Help support this non-profit educational effort and your local farmers and artisans by choosing the Open Air Market.

People interested in becoming vendors, or seeking more information about the market, should contact Bill Langmaid (971-998-3705) or Penny Costley (503-804-0424).

Vernonia's Voice is published on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Our next issue will be out June 19th.

## Nominations Wanted For "Citizen of the Year"

The Vernonia Friendship Jamboree and Logging Show Committee is seeking nominations for "Citizen of the Year" to be recognized at the 2014 Jamboree celebration on August 1-3.

If you know someone who deserves recognition for their contributions to the Vernonia community please fill out this nomination form and drop it off in the box at Vernonia City Hall by June 10, 2014.

My nomination for 2014 Jamboree Citizen of the Year is:

**Co-mingle Recycling**  
D.A.D.'s Recycling  
2024 Mist Drive

Tue, Thr, Sat  
10am-5pm