

## Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

Vernonia Ballet wants to thank all of the local business and organizations that have given donations this year. Amongst the groups are; The Vernonia Lion's Club, Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District, Wauna Credit Union, True Value Hardware and other various donations from local families.

With these donations we have been able to provide pointe shoes, costuming, leotards, and mirrors! This is so very exciting for us as we have needed these items for many years.

Vernonia Ballet is humbled and grateful for these amazing donations. We can hardly wait to present The Little Mermaid to the community on May 22nd.

Thank you Vernonia!

Jessica Davis  
Director, Vernonia Ballet

To the Editor,

"Cancer!? It can't be me!"

I went to the Spencer Clinic to Albert Rodriguez in January 2014 to have a spot checked. No big deal. Went to OHSU and had it removed. Then, after talking to Albert again about steroids and wanting to stop taking them after two years, they set up an appointment for x-rays.

There it was, in living color, cancerous tumors in the lower colon. I started to cry. Who would take care of my children, we have no other safe family? I cried out to God, "Please don't forsake us!"

I went home to tell my children. Radiation treatment began along with strong chemo. I cried out to God and he answered. Joyce James brought me a book, 'Praying Through Cancer.' She would say, "trust him." Easy to say. I was mad at the Bible, but not this little book.

We started going to Grace Family Fellowship in January 2014 because of the worship and Pastor Mac's preaching; always a perfect word for me at this time. I attended prayer on Thursdays at 6:00 PM. There I heard a miracle story from a visiting minister. I really needed to hear this. God gave him a new heart.

I prayed for a miracle. Getting rides was very difficult. The Rockwoods would ask people to drive me. I decided to take the Columbia County Rider Tuesdays and Thursdays. On May 6<sup>th</sup> Terry Baska came to pick us up. I kept Sarah home from school to help me stand and walk. When Terry saw me she said, "You are too sick, I will call 9-1-1!" She did and I was taken to St. Vincents. I don't remember anything. Around 2 I woke up. They told me, had I not been taken by the ambulance I WOULD HAVE DIED!

May 7 at 7 I was watching Sid Roth and I heard a word that some woman had cancerous tumors and God was healing them. I jumped out of bed and raised my hands up crying and began praising God. Just then my oncologist walked in and I said "I have had a healing miracle!" and he said, "YES YOU HAVE! Your blood work turned around 100% and you can go home today."

I was very sick and weak but God was with me and he heard my prayers and the many who prayed daily for me. IT WORKED! Thank you!

June 19 was my last radiation treatment. In August I was told I was a miracle. My cancer is gone. My energy is coming back. My daughter Sarah had to be the woman of the house. She even had to change poop pants and never complained.

Bless America God, please.

Gail Law  
Vernonia

### HOW TO SEND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vernonia's Voice welcomes and requests your thoughts, opinions and ideas. Please include your name, address and phone number, limit your letters to 300 words or less. Vernonia's Voice reserves the right to edit, omit, respond or ask for a response to letters submitted. We will print letters space permitting. Deadline is the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Email: [scott@vernoniasvoice.com](mailto:scott@vernoniasvoice.com) or mail to: Letters, PO Box 55, Vernonia, OR 97064.

## Columbia Humane Society Featured Pet

Poindexter is part of our Hawaii transport program. He just flew in from the big island and is ready to start his adventure here on the mainland.

This guy appears to get along great with dogs and not care much about cats. He is very goofy and is always ready to give you a laugh. He is about 2 years old and weighs in right at 72lbs. He will need a forever



home that is willing to do some training with him, and will also give him the exercise that he requires. He will for sure need a fenced yard and a place to run and play. Stop in today and give him a try. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email.

Web: [www.columbiahumane.org](http://www.columbiahumane.org)  
2084 Oregon Street  
St. Helens, OR 97051

Phone: 503-397-4353  
Email: [animalwelfare@columbiahumane.org](mailto:animalwelfare@columbiahumane.org)

### Safe Kids Columbia County Car Seat Clinic

Saturday, May 2nd  
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Vernonia Fire Station  
555 E. Bridge Street  
For more info call:  
503-556-3736

### Stub Stewart Clean Up Day

Stub Stewart State Park will be hosting a SOLVE IT invasive plant removal event on Saturday, April 18 from 9am-12pm at the Hilltop Day-Use area. Scotch-broom will be cut within the park to reduce spreading. Volunteers will be provided with a Day-Use pass good for that day, snacks, and gloves for participating. Volunteers are requested to wear closed-toe shoes, and bring water. For more information please call Park Ranger Terra Kemper at 503-324-0606 x223

### Need Help?

Call for meeting times  
and locations

Columbia Community  
Mental Health

Call 503-397-5211  
-or- 1-800-294-5211

For after hours Crisis call:  
1-866-866-1426  
<http://ccmh1.com/crisis.html>

Narcotics Anonymous  
NW Region

503-345-9839

<http://portlandna.com/>

Alcohol Anonymous  
NW Region

503-366-0667

<http://www.pdxaa.com/>

## Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 4, 10:00 AM sharp at Hawkins Park. This free event is sponsored by Vernonia PTA.

Columbia County Resource & Job Fair - Wednesday, April 8, 12:00 - 4:00 PM at the Columbia River Foursquare Church, 555 Commons Drive, St. Helens. First hour is open to veterans and their families only. 1:00 - 4:00 PM open to the public.

Empty Bowls - Friday, April 10, 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the McBride Elementary School, 2774 Columbia Blvd, St. Helens. Tickets \$10. Benefits Columbia Pacific Food Bank.

Vernonia Sportsman's Banquet - Saturday, April 18, 6:00 PM at the Vernonia Christian Church, 410 North St. Tickets on sale at R&S Market.

The Power of Play: Promoting Health and Creativity - Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 PM at the Vernonia Public Library. Join Jonathan Blasher and Tara Doherty for this Conversation Project sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Make Vernonia Shine Day - Saturday, April 25, 9:00 AM - Noon. Register at City Hall, 1001 Bridge St. Contact Donna Webb 503-429-5201 or [donnatwebb@gmail.com](mailto:donnatwebb@gmail.com)

Spring Tea, sponsored by Vernonia P.E.O. to honor mothers, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and girlfriends. Saturday, April 25, 1:00-3:00 PM at the Vernonia Christian Church, 410 North St. Light luncheon, entertainment, photos, etc. \$7 tickets available at R&S Market.

Vernonia Community Garden Fair & Plant Sale - Saturday, May 9, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the School Commons. 503-429-0196

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Vernonia, Columbia County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, will be held at the Cabin in Vernonia 901 Park Drive, Vernonia OR 97064. The meeting will take place on April 21st at 6pm

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message, the Budget Document and to establish the agenda for future meetings. No deliberation will take place at this meeting.

An additional, separate meeting of the Budget Committee will be held to take public comment. Any person may appear at that meeting to discuss to proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

The meeting for public comment will be on:

Date: April 28, 2015 Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Cabin in Vernonia

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 22nd, 2015 at City Hall 1001 Bridge St, between the hours of 9am - 5pm Monday - Friday

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Vernonia School District 47J, State of Oregon, Columbia County on the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, will be held at 1000 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia Oregon

The meeting will take place on April 30, 2015 at 6:00 pm

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place.

An additional, separate meeting of the Budget Committee will be held to take public comment. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. The meeting for public comment will be on:

Date: May 14, 2015 Time: 6:00 pm

Location: 1000 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia Oregon

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 30, 2015 at 1201 Texas Avenue, Vernonia Oregon between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm