

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

Since starting the Community Wide Garage Sale in 1999 I have sponsored and organized the event each year since, but this year the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce is taking over my role in this event.

I want to thank everyone who participated over the years. Let's keep making it bigger and better each year forward.

For information please email the chamber at (vernoniachamberofcommerce@gmail.com) or call (503) 429-6081.

Helen Bateman, Principal Broker
Vernonia Realty

To the Editor,

The town of Vernonia and the "Dewey Pool Fund" are a little bit better, richer and cooler, thanks to the golfers and those want-to-be golfers, as well as poker players who were at Vernonia Golf Club Saturday, June 25th. Although no one won the \$10,000 Hole In One Prize on the 150 yard hole #7 or #16, it was a fun, sun shining day as 32 golfers hit the links.

This was the 1st Annual Lions Club Golf Tournament. It has been many years since the Lions Club hosted a tournament but we did not lack for enthusiasm. The winning team with 65, or 6 under par, was Rick Lutrell, Brad DeBray, Spencer DeBray and Maryanne (a ringer from out of town). The "Best

Dressed" as everyone agreed, went to Vince Aszman's team, a fellow Lion. They also had the most fun, getting their money's worth of strokes for the day. Mike Hasskarl scored Long Drive for men, and Maryanne for women. Nick Zavales won Long Putt, on the infamous hole #3.

It has been said that "It takes a Village to raise a child" and you can say this is true of all local fund raising efforts. It take a whole community to accomplish great things. All net proceeds will go into the "Dewey Pool Fund" at US Bank, sponsored by Vernonia Lions. The Lions have already helped clean the park area, refinished the wadding pool, put up new fencing and purchased benches. Now the club wants to help make a safe access path for everyone, including those who deal with disabilities. So thank you Vernonia for your support through all your endeavors so far to support this worthy cause.

Thank you to those who helped support the Golf Tournament and the Poker game with cash, prizes and their smiling faces and a big "shout out" to Lions Club members who gave their time and sweet efforts to make this all happen.

Also, thank you to all our Sponsors: US Bank, Robert Watts Construction, Vernonia Auto Parts, Vernonia Realty, Vernonia Golf Club, Natural Path Health Services-Dr. Carol McIntyre, R&S Market, Gretchen's Saddlery, The Rusty Nail, True Value Hardware, Ma-

rio's Pizza, All in Pub & Eatery, Cedar Side Inn, Blue House Café, Out on a Limb, LaCabana Mexican Restaurant, Creatures Pet Store, Modern Insurance Marketing, Stoney Point-Vince Aszman.

Barbara Sperling
Vernonia Lions Club

To the Editor,

I've known Wayne Mayo for over thirty years and he's my choice for County Commissioner. Wayne has many outstanding qualities that would make him an exceptional commissioner. He's clear thinking, approachable and straight-forward. He also has the courage to make tough decisions. However, what's most compelling to me is his willingness to step in and help people, regardless of who they are or how difficult the circumstances, and never expect anything in return. If you're in a jam, you'd be fortunate to have Wayne nearby. This is a man who truly cares about people.

The next few years are critical for Columbia County. The Commissioners will have a lot on their plates. Wayne's ability to work with people and solve problems will be needed more than ever.

Pete McHugh
Scappoose

Sheriff's Office Now Managing Dog Licensing

Effective July 1, 2016, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office has begun overseeing the licensing of dogs in Columbia County. The Clerk's Office ceased responsibility for Dog Licensing on June 30.

The goal is to increase the convenience to dog owners, minimize confusion in the enforcement of dog control laws and ordinances, and to increase participation by dog owners in the licensing program by making it more user friendly by:

- Enhancing communication between licensing and enforcement
- Providing a full-time licensing clerk to

handle dog and CHL licensing

- Increasing the number of dog license providers around the County.

The Sheriff's Office is currently working on a way for dog owners to be able to obtain their licenses online, through veterinary offices and through the animal shelter. Any way that we can better meet the needs of a mobile, commuting public is our end goal.

The license may be obtained in person at the Sheriff's Office (901 Port Avenue, St. Helens) or on-line at <http://www.co.columbia.or.us/sheriff> (click on link to Dog Control under the Enforcement Division Menu).

Upcoming Events

Your Event - Saturday, July 16, 4:00-8:00 pm at Hawkins Park. Youth and community BBQ, music, games and more.

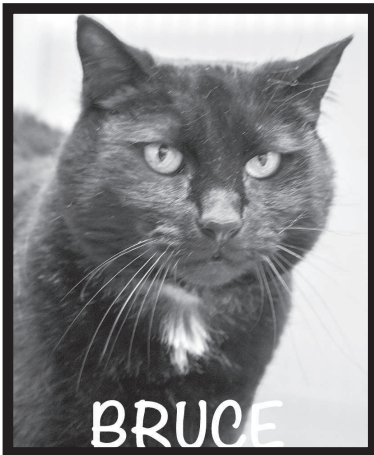
Columbia County Fair & Rodeo - Wednesday, July 20 thru Sunday, July 24 at the Columbia County Fairgrounds, 58892 Saulser Rd., St. Helens, OR 97051.

Bear Creek 10K/5K Run/Walk - Saturday, July 30 at Anderson Park. To register go to <http://www.signmeup.com/114488> or contact Jeana at (503) 819-1511 or jeana.gump@gmail.com.

Vernonia Friendship Jamboree & Logging Show - Friday, August 5 thru Sunday, August 7.

Vernonia's Voice is published on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Look for our next issue on July 21st.

Columbia Humane Society Featured Pet



Hi! My name is Bruce "Almighty." I am a black neutered male. I am an older cat but healthy. I came here from a shelter partner that felt that the great adopters of Columbia County would be a better match for me. I am a great kitty. I like my inside time, but I also really love going outside. Please stop by and meet all 10 lbs of me. My adoption fee is \$110.00. If you have any questions please call or email.

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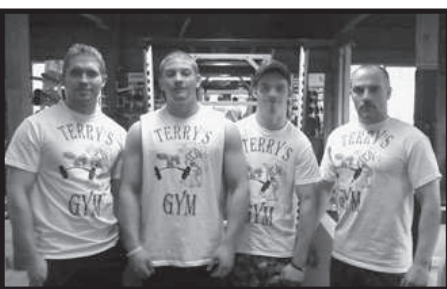
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