

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

I have something I want to get off my chest, and as a former Mayor, I feel qualified to say it. I want you to know the City is running wonderfully!!

WE have working for us a fabulous staff, including City Hall, Public Works, The Library, and the Police Dept.

One of the reasons for our success is due to a Council and Mayor who are thoughtful and appreciate who pays the bills. They spend our money wisely.

But, most of all, we have a whiz of a whiz for a City Administrator in Josette Mitchell. I can sing her praises on so many levels. We are very fortunate.

So, if the opportunity presents itself, and you are so inclined, take a moment to thank those who are working so hard to make Vernonia the lovely place we live in.

Sally Harrison
Vernonia

To the Editor,

Hello, "Brian from Wauna" here, at least that's how most of you know me. July 29th was my last official day of employment with Wauna Credit Union. I have some health issues that

have required my full attention and made retirement a necessity. I have worked in this community for over ten years, and although we don't live in town, I have always felt a part of it. This letter is long overdue.

There are too many names to list, so I want to thank the entire community for the love, support, and prayers that have been sent our way. We don't attend church, but you would think we did with the outpouring of prayers and cards we have received through them. I am certain they have helped. I have always felt like a giving person, but I learned how important it is to also be a gracious recipient as others can then feel the fulfillment of giving. It does come naturally to many in this community. Thank you. Having been here for a while I have seen others go through severe hardships, and the people of Vernonia always came through for them. Your hearts are in the right place, we need each other!

I guess along with thank you, I want to encourage everyone to be nice to each other. Being nice to people really pays off. Being a good neighbor, holding a door for someone, offering to help when you see a need, or simply sharing a smile and a kind word, all can make a difference in someone's life. You never know what someone may be dealing

with, and a simple act of kindness may help their day. I like to think that in some small ways I have made a difference in some of your lives, and I know you have made a difference in mine. Thank you!

With much gratitude,
Brian Franck
Vernonia

To the Editor,

I really, really, really don't want this job!

If WOEC members want a real shot at lower electric rates, VOTE FOR NICK GALADAY as District 5 Director! It's election-time. Keep an eye out for the WOEC ballot in the mail! The mailing is ordinary, not particularly noticeable. You'll have to watch for it. What is important is that you vote!!

Usually, only very few of the several thousand members vote. Directors stay in office for years, election after election, simply because the same two or three hundred people vote each year. Make this time different. Time to bring WOEC into the 21st century. WOEC needs new blood.

After watching the presidential campaign party conventions Bev and I got into a discussion about the difference between ambition and avarice. And the fact anyone seeking to become a public servant at any level has to have at least a little ambition. I, on the other hand, have unlimited ennui! And that's not funny, if you equate my level of ennui with laziness. I'm no one to be running for public service!

But: Since moving to the WOEC service area 10 years ago I've

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Upcoming Events

Senior Picnic - Friday, August 19, noon at Anderson Park. Hot dogs, hamburgers provided, bring a side dish.

American Legion Texas Hold'em - Saturday, August 20, 7:00 pm at the Vernonia American Legion Hall, 627 Adams Avenue.

VHS and Oregon-American Alumni/Vernonia Society Picnic - Sunday, August 21 at Anderson Park. Registration begins at 10:00 am.

Community Wide Garage Sale - Saturday, August 27 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. To be added to the map visit <https://facebook.com/vernoniacommunitygaragesale> or visit the Chamber of Commerce office at 1001 Bridge St.

West Oregon Electric Co-op Annual Meeting - Saturday, August 27 at the Cabin in Vernonia. Registration starts at 10:00 am, meeting starts at 11:00 am.

Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Community Picnic - Saturday, September 10 at 1:00 pm.

Columbia City's Show & Shine - Saturday, September 17, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Columbia City School. All Vehicles welcome. For more information go to "Columbia City Celebration" on Facebook.

Vernonia Weather July 2016

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	81	57	0
2	79	55	0
3	71	53	0
4	66	47	0
5	70	44	0
6	79	48	0
7	68	53	.18
8	65	49	.15
9	69	48	T
10	70	51	.01
11	72	49	0
12	67	49	.04
13	74	42	0
14	77	49	0
15	70	45	0
16	70	50	0
17	73	54	0
18	71	53	0
19	72	50	0
20	80	47	0
21	83	49	0
22	67	55	T
23	70	44	0
24	85	45	0
25	85	54	0
26	81	50	0
27	86	49	0
28	90	48	0
29	91	49	0
30	73	51	0
31	73	43	0
Ave/Tot	75.1	49.9	.38

Weather data is collected at the U.S. Weather station at the Vernonia Water Plant

LaCabana
will be temporarily closed due to a family emergency. Thank you for your understanding. Questions? Call Juan 971-704-4811

MOVING SALE
56940 Timber Rd.
August 20th
9:00 am to dusk
Too many items to list!

AUCTION NOTICE
at Storage, Too
58605 Nehalem Hwy. South
Vernonia, OR
(503) 429-7867

CC26 - 10x20 J. Christie
CC27 - 10x20 J. Christie
C23 - 10x20 T. Baker
G9 - 10x20 M. Clough

Auction will be held
Wednesday, August 24
12:00 pm
Cash or certified check only

Camp 18 to Host Tool Swap & Show

The Camp 18 Logging Museum, home of the Loggers Memorial, is proud to be sponsoring the first annual "Hammer In" Event and Antique Tool Swap & Show, August 27th and 28th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Camp 18 Logging Museum - Blacksmith Shop. Bring your equipment, tools, and projects to work on with fellow blacksmiths, or simply watch! This event is free!

If you are interested in participating or have any

questions, please contact Herman Doty (503) 990-4134 or Mark Standley (503) 434-0148, for more information.



Columbia Humane Society Featured Pet



Draco has been in the shelter system going on a year. He came to us in January and was adopted for a couple weeks but returned for not sharing toys with the other dog in the home. He would do best in an adult home with no other pets. He is a cattle dog/pitbull mix and is approximately 3 years old. He is a loyal dog with lots of love to give.

Web: www.columbiahumane.org
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St. Helens, OR 97051

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