

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

As the chair of the Vernonia School District Board, I would like to encourage everyone to vote for the Vernonia Schools bond measure on the November ballot. This measure will allow the district to refinance most of our debt which is currently paid out of our general fund, freeing up those funds so that they can be used for the education of our children. It will also make our district eligible for \$2.7 million in matching funds from the state and allow the District to make much needed improvements and additions such as adding classrooms for art and metal fab/welding, installing playground equipment at both the Vernonia campus and at the Mist school, and construction of a football and track complex on the Vernonia schools campus.

While I am always hesitant to ask more from the taxpayers, I am asking for your support as all this can all be done at a very low price: most taxpayers would see an increase of only a few dollars a month. With the matching funds available now from the state, there is no better time to make this commitment to our children's education and the District's infrastructure. Please join me in ensuring that our schools and community remain vital.

Brett Costley
Vernonia School District Board Chair

To the Vernonia Community,
Welcome to another great year at Vernonia Schools. I would like to take

a minute of your time and let you know about the fundraisers we will be doing this school year. Your help and support for our school is greatly appreciated! There will be no collection bins. Please turn the materials into me personally, you can also give the materials to your child to give to me, or turn them into the school office and someone will make sure I get them. For your convenience you can also mail donations to the school. If it is not on the list below, then it is no longer being collected.

We are collecting the following for the 2016-2017 school year:

- Box Tops Labels
- Campbell Soup Labels (upc part) This is the last year! At the end of the school year on June 8th, 2017 this program will be terminated by Campbells.
- Cell Phones & Ink Cartridges
- Flav R Pac & Santiam Labels (upc part)
- Capri Sun Drink Pouches (don't throw them away after lunch)
- Writing Instruments (Paper Mate, Sharpie, & Expo) those dry erase pens that you use
- Colgate (toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, packaging)
- Scotch Tape (dispensers & cores) has to be the brand Scotch

All the money collected from fundraising/recycling this specific school year will be going towards elementary and high school physical education equipment.

If you have questions or are not quite sure about what is the correct upc label or product, please don't hesitate to call Vernonia Schools, email, or to stop by and talk to me in person.

I will send out periodic letters or articles to the local newspaper *Vernonia's Voice* throughout the year about fundraising efforts. Thanks to those who have helped in the past and a "thank you" to those who will help

this school year. Take care and thank you for your continued support.

Mr. George Spaulding
Vernonia School's
K-12 P.E. Teacher

To the Editor,

I'm sure a lot of you felt like I did when the new school was being built. I thought they should have been happy with four walls and a roof. Instead we have this real nice school with a huge debt that we now have to deal with.

I attended all twelve grades at Vernonia schools and so did our two children, and felt we all received a good education. I think this generation should also receive the best education we can give them.

The school needs to get that "monkey" off their back, so they can put all their focus on educating the kids, instead of worrying about how they're going to make that huge loan payment each year.

I hope they will also address the problem as to why so many people haven chosen to home school.

In the past there was a motto, "Vernonia, a School to be Proud of."

Upcoming Events

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.

Upper Nehalem Watershed Council Meeting - Thursday, September 22, 6:30 pm at 1201 Texas Ave.

Salmon Festival - Saturday, October 1, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm at Hawkins Park. Vendors, children's activities, and food.

Let's all work to make that true again. I hope you will join Don and I in voting "YES" on the upcoming bond. "Our Kids Deserve It."

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Vernonia

Vernonia Ridge Riders Jamboree Belt Buckle Winners

Winners of the 2016 Vernonia Ridge Riders (VRR) Jamboree Playday:

- 9 and under: Samantha Curtis
- 10-14: Elle Espilin
- 15-19: Hannah Bonebrake
- 20-39: Brittany Peasly
- 40 +: David Ade & Bonnie Sage (tie)

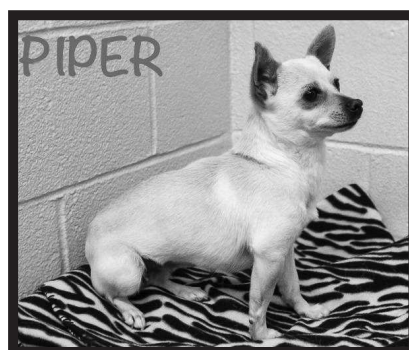
Thank you to our sponsors, Wauna Credit Union, R & S Market, Vernonia Hardware, Napa Auto Parts, who have all been with us for 12 years.

VRR member Monica Krumenaker sponsored the 9 and under belt buckle.

Register to VOTE

October 18, 2016 is the last day to register to vote in the November 8, 2016 General Election. You can register online: <http://www.co.columbia.or.us/departments/elections-department/voter-registration>, or in person at the Columbia County Elections Department 230 Strand St., St. Helens, OR 97051. (503) 397-7214 Office hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm (M-Th). Voter registration forms are also available at Vernonia City Hall, Vernonia Public Library and offices of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles.

Columbia Humane Society Featured Pet



Hi! My name is Piper and I am a tan and white Chi mix. I am a spayed female, weigh about 7 lbs. and am really cute. I came from California via ASPCA. I love to play outside and I really need a fenced yard. I get along great with other dogs. Please note I am currently not at the shelter, I am in a foster home. If you would like to meet me please call ahead to arrange for me to be at the shelter.

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

Phone: 503-397-4353
Email: animalwelfare@columbiahumane.org

Vernonia Weather August 2016

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	75	52	0
2	72	49	T
3	78	42	0
4	87	43	0
5	75	53	0
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10	65	54	0
11	86	49	0
12	94	49	0
13	90	46	0
14	85	47	0
15	85	47	0
16	85	48	0
17	82	47	0
18	97	47	0
19	99	47	0
20	98	47	0
21	74	41	0
22	71	39	0
23	82	42	0
24	91	42	0
25	93	44	0
26	95	45	0
27	76	55	0
28	82	47	0
29	83	45	0
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31	67	47	.15
Ave/Tot	81.2	47.3	.23

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



The Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Main Station, 12525 HWY 202, Mist, OR. Agenda items include but are not limited to usual order of business, citizen input, Fire Chief's report, financial reports and any other business needing to be discussed.

William DeJager
-Board President