

# This Holiday Season Don't Forget to Shop Local

Every year at this time, holiday shoppers are reminded to support their local merchants and do at least some of their holiday shopping at local stores. This is your annual reminder!

When you shop local, you support your friends and neighbors and keep more money in the local economy.

This year "Catch the Holiday Spirit" is a program that encourages shoppers to spend their money at Columbia County businesses and earn a chance to win \$50 gift cards by collecting stamps at participating businesses for each \$10 they spend, or for each transaction at financial institutions. In Vernonia, participating businesses are: Creatures Pet Shop, Mariolino's Pizza and Grill, Vernonia Florist, Vernonia Hardware & Liquor Store, and Wauna Credit Union.

In Vernonia, there are lots of businesses where you can shop to purchase gifts, decorations, and stocking stuffers for the holidays. Please consider spending your holiday dollars locally and supporting local merchants.

**Made In Vernonia** – Kathy Larsen has reopened this favorite shopping spot at a new location on Madison Avenue. She still features locally made items including pottery, wood carvings, signs, books by local author D. Wallace Peach, and much more.



**Creatures Pet Shop** – Don't forget your furry friends this holiday season. Creatures stocks all kinds of gifts for them, from new beds and food bowls, to collars and leashes. Creatures also stocks gifts for your human friends as well, including a large selection of toys and games for children and tack for that horse lover on your list. Noble Outfitters boots have also been especially popular this year.



**Out on a Limb** – This beautiful gift shop is filled with holiday cheer, especially if you like to decorate or are looking for a gift for your host or hostess at a holiday party. You're sure to find something here for anyone on your list.



**Vernonia Florist** – Ben and Lisa Edgar's new location is packed with gift ideas from wreaths to bath products to fun hats and scarves. One great gift idea would be a one-of-a-kind portrait of your pet by Ben. Stop by the shop to see an example of his work, along with all the other new gift ideas.



**Keturah Coffee** – Locally roasted coffee makes a great gift or stocking stuffer. Sam and Kari Hough have their products in several stores around town including Out On a Limb, Made in Vernonia, and R&S Market.



## SOS DONATION (Support our Seniors)

Vernonia Senior Citizens  
939 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064  
Office Telephone 503-429-3912  
501 (c) (3) TID: #23-7422295

Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed is my \$60 donation towards the Senior Meal Program (Sponsors one monthly meal pack containing 10 meal certificates)
- Enclosed is my donation towards two meal packs (\$120)
- Here is my donation for another amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$15/year annual senior citizen membership for those 60 years old and over
- You have my permission to list me as a Champion of the SOS program (amount will not be posted)
- My check will serve as my receipt OR
- I would like a tax deductible receipt mailed to me at the above address

**THANK YOU FOR BECOMING AN SOS CHAMPION!**



**The Rusty Nail** – Decorated like a winter wonderland, The Rusty Nail is an enjoyable stop for any holiday shopper. Look for decorations, gifts, signs, and more.

