

# Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

Our job training center, My Next Step, has found a new storefront in Saint Helens at 1271 Columbia Blvd. Our open house on December 15, 2016 from 4 to 7 pm welcomes the community. We are a nonprofit company that helps adults who have been unemployed learn job skills that will help them find sustainable work. Parents without jobs

have no goals and their children have no future. Welfare is not the answer. Visit us and meet the newly successful.

Roxanna Jennings  
Board Chair

To the Editor,

The recent negotiated reversal Carrier Heat & AC Indiana did regarding their plan to move production of heat pumps to Mexico saving 1,100 \$60K+ jobs over Thanksgiving has encouraged working Americans everywhere.

The brokered \$7 million tax break to Carrier translates to \$650.00/employee/yr. Considering the 3.3% Indiana income tax plus federal tax and FICA, each employee will be contributing over \$23K yearly over 7 years reaching \$253 million, wages remaining constant.

This says nothing of saving the cost of unemployment, food stamps, and foreclosed properties had the closure gone through.

Wayne Mayo  
Scappoose

## Vernonia Weather November 2016

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	56	42	0
2	62	41	.02
3	65	36	.01
4	64	52	.07
5	57	46	.50
6	58	47	.05
7	61	39	.01
8	68	47	.02
9	61	46	T
10	69	47	T
11	63	53	.14
12	57	43	.05
13	54	50	.51
14	55	50	.49
15	54	39	.60
16	49	40	.14
17	47	33	.02
18	49	33	.18
19	53	40	.13
20	52	40	.34
21	54	45	.01
22	52	40	.65
23	46	38	.83
24	46	41	2.71
25	47	41	.03
26	52	36	.43
27	45	37	.71
28	48	39	.36
29	48	39	.29
30	47	34	.35
Ave/Tot	54.6	41.8	9.65

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

### 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 or mail to: Letters, PO Box 55, Vernonia, OR 97064.

## Vernonia Cares Holiday Closure

Vernonia Cares Food Bank will be closed for a holiday break December 16-January 2. It will reopen Tuesday, January 3. Sandy Welch, director, would also like to remind clients that if the Vernonia Schools are closed due to poor weather, the food bank will also be closed. "We want to keep both our clients and volunteers safe," Welch

says.

During the December 16-January 2 holiday break at the food bank, bread products will be available at Grace Family Fellowship Church, 957 State Avenue, on Sundays. Best times are Sunday, 9:00 to 10:30 am and just after noon, following their service. Please use the gym access on A Street.

## Christmas Bazaar Held at Faith Bible West

Faith Bible West (formerly Banks Christian Academy) will be having a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Get your last minute shopping gifts from local handcrafting vendors and many others! Have gifts at home that still need to be wrapped? Visit their gift wrapping station and have it taken care of by their great volunteers. Located at 22785 NW Fisher Road, Buxton.

## Upcoming Events

Vernonia Ballet Presents Peter and the Wolf - Friday, December 16, 7:00 pm at the Vernonia Grange. No admission, donations accepted.

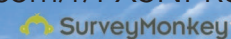
## Hanukkah Celebration



Fellowship of good cheer. Live music, solos and dance. Fine food potluck. Bible study. Children's games and crafts. Bountiful Exchange. Prayers. All are welcome to enjoy the golden glow at the Vernonia Grange Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Noon until 8pm

## Support the Library over the Holiday Season by providing feedback!

Please participate in a short survey, available at the library in paper form or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FXSNPRS>



Survey will be available through Thursday, January 5

Survey responses will help decide the future of library services in our community. Whether you currently use the library regularly, occasionally, or not at all, we would like to have your feedback.

Vernonia Public Library • 701 Weed Avenue • 503-429-1818  
Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 5 pm • Tues & Thur 1 pm - 7 pm • Sat 10 am - 4 pm

## SOS DONATION (Support our Seniors)

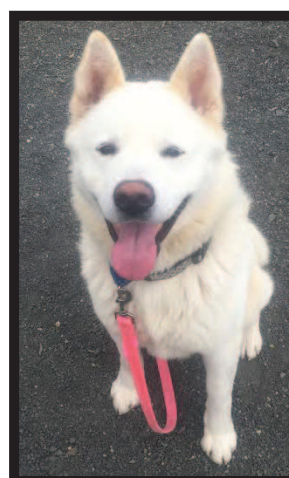
Vernonia Senior Citizens  
939 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064  
Office Telephone 503-429-3912  
501 (c) (3) TID: #23-7422295

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!

## Columbia Humane Society Featured Pet



We are currently housing Frank for our friends from the Washington Akita Rescue. We have learned a lot about him in the time he has been with us. He has a rough play style with other dogs. He is not aggressive, just really over active. He is a big dog and likes to play hard. He did well on his cat test. Once the test cat put him in his place he had no issues. He pulls on-leash when you first start walking with him, but he is very receptive to training and to treats. He can be a little shy when you first meet him, but give him a few minutes to warm up to you. He is goofy and very lovable. If you would like to meet Frank please come in: he is ready for his new friends.

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