

Vernonia Site of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Columbia County to sponsor free event on Earth Day

Columbia County is providing residents a safe and responsible way to discard waste that can't be placed in garbage bins or disposed of through regular recycling. On Saturday, April 22, the county is sponsoring a free household hazardous waste collection event in Vernonia from 8 am to noon. County residents are invited to bring items to 322 Bridge St. (between Grant and Washington Avenues).

Many items used around the home, including cleaning, gardening, and au-



tomotive products, are considered household hazardous waste. Toxins in these products can present potential safety and health hazards when discarded into the environment. They can also pollute soil, air and water, and harm fish and wildlife.

Below is a list of items that can be brought to the event. Items must be in containers of less than five gallons and should be secured safely during transport to the event. Trained household hazardous waste technicians will unload materials from vehicles.

- ammunition
- fireworks and flares
- gas / diesel / fuels
- lawn and garden chemicals
- herbicides and pesticides

- spa chemicals
- light ballasts - please remove from light fixture
- fluorescent tubes
- art and hobby chemicals
- solvents and thinners
- items containing mercury
- propane cylinders
- compressed gas cylinders
- batteries - car, rechargeable, button - no alkaline batteries
- cleaners and detergents
- poisons
- used motor oil and antifreeze
- medical sharps in approved containers (may be purchased at most local pharmacies, Walmart, or the Columbia County Transfer State scale house in St. Helens)

No garbage, trash or any item containing asbestos will be taken.

Residents can bring paint to the Vernonia Hardware and Supply at 1026 Bridge St. during their regular business hours; call (503) 429-5651 for hours.

Expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs can be brought to Vernonia City Hall from 8 am – 5 pm weekdays and deposited in the MedReturn collection box located in the main lobby.

Columbia County sponsors household hazardous waste events in various locations throughout the area. The next event takes place in Rainier on Saturday, May 22.

For more information, email Kathy Boutin-Pasterz at kathleen.boutinpasterz@co.columbia.or.us or call her at (503) 397-7259.

Wauna 50th Annual Meeting Well Attended

Wauna Credit Union celebrated its 50th annual meeting on March 4, 2017 at the Clatskanie Cultural Center with over 100 members in attendance. Members enjoyed delicious appetizers and received special water glasses, tote bags and gold dollars to commemorate this milestone event.

During the business portion of the meeting, CEO and President Robert Blumberg and Board Chair George Dunkel reported the state of Wauna Credit Union. Total Assets in 2016 grew to over \$214.6 million and membership increased by 7.52% to 23,168. The full annual report is available online at <https://waunafcu.org/about/index.shtml> or at any branch.

Board elections were held online this year, and Chairman Dunkel announced the results of the elections at the annual meeting. Two incumbents, William "Bill" DeJager and Lester Kahr were up for re-election and were

both re-elected to three-year terms. New board member Erik Holsey was also elected to a three-year term. Board officers were selected at a separate meeting held the following week. George Dunkel remains as the Chair, with Bill DeJager 1st Vice Chair, Lester Kahr 2nd Vice Chair, Jennifer Teeter Financial Officer, and Christine Johnson Secretary. Other board members include Neil Christensen, Robert "Bob" Perry, and Debra Huffman.

"We have an excellent board of directors and staff at Wauna Credit Union," Blumberg stated. "I am looking forward to working with them in 2017 to fulfill our mission of providing opportunities for our members to build their financial well-being."

The Public Health Foundation Announces Changes at Vernonia Health Center *continued from front page*

and continue the service if we have permission."

Ford also announced in the letter that Kimberly Lovato, PA-C, who has been the primary care provider at the Health Center, is no longer working there and that her position is being filled by either providers who practice in other Public Health clinics or by staff from Pacific University.

Ford noted that PHFCC has served over 1,400 patients at the Vernonia Health Center during 10,000 visits, while partnering with Pacific University, Care Oregon, and Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care. According to Ford 77% of those visits have been Medicaid or Medicare.

"The Public Health Foundation

has invested over \$360,000 to support the Vernonia community during a time when no other health care was available in town," said Ford.

The letter to the community notes that Public Health will continue to operate Spencer Health and Wellness, the school-based health center at the Vernonia Schools.

"We're still Public Health, serving the entire county, even though we won't be providing primary care in Vernonia," said Ford. "We are committed to work within our scope and our jurisdiction to help the Vernonia Health Center succeed. It is still our mission to help people be healthy and have access to care."

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