

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the Vernonia community and family and friends that prayed and supported me and my family through the really tough month of April. All your support and prayers have made things a little easier. Love you all.

Tina Brewington and Family

meaningful and rewarding, all while helping a child, please call to schedule an orientation. It only takes about half an hour to learn what we do, and how you can change the life of a child.

Susan Leipzig,
CASA Recruiter
(503) 410-5097

To the Editor,

There are over 200 children in foster care in Columbia County. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are needed now more than ever to stand up for these children and make sure their needs are met, and their voices are heard.

If you have thought about volunteering and want to do something

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 Weather April 2017

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

Banks Library Announces Groundbreaking for Community Room

The Friends of the Banks Library are excited to announce the ceremonial groundbreaking for the Jane Moore Community Room on Saturday, May 20 at 1:00 pm at the Library, 42461 NW Market Street. The event is a celebration of the beginning of construction. Major donors will be recognized and light refreshments will be served.

The new community room is to be constructed on the north end of the library building and will be equipped with video presentation and conferencing equipment. This addition is designed to be a flexible-use space that can be used for events and meetings during and after library open hours. The room will otherwise be available for patron use during library open hours with additional seating, Wi-Fi, and tables.

The Friends have mounted a successful fundraising campaign which has brought in funding from a variety of sources, including generous donations from local individuals and businesses, totaling nearly \$185,000 to date. Additional funding comes from Washington County Gain Share funds, and grants from the Ford Family Foundation, Collins Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, Ann and Bill Swindells Charitable Trust, Samuel S. Johnson Foundation, Rose E. Tucker Foundation, and others.

Upcoming Events

Early Childhood Screening Fair - Friday, May 19 at the Sunset Park Community Church, 174 Sunset Blvd, St. Helens. Call NW Early Learning Hub for an appointment. (503) 614-1443 or (503) 366-4100

Pancake Breakfast - Saturday, May 20, 8:00 am - Noon at the Vernonia Fire Station.

Pet Fair - Saturday, May 20, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm at Creatures Pet Shop, 998 Bridge St, Vernonia. Benefit for the creation of the Ivy Street Dog Park.

EMS Barbecue - Monday, May 22, 6:00 pm at the Vernonia Fire Station, 555 E. Bridge St. All are welcome.

Homesteading in Vernonia - Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Vernonia Library. The program will describe the variety of plants, animals, waterfowl, game birds, and fish that can be grown and/or harvested within Columbia County. Presented by Chip Bubl, OSU Extension agent. Free and open to the public.

Junior Salmon Auction - Thursday, May 25, 6:30 pm in the Vernonia Schools Commons. Contact Diana Peach at (503) 429-7919.

20th annual Memorial Day Service - Monday, May 29, 11:00 am at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery, 2080 Bridge Street.

Jamboree Car Show "Run What Ya Brung" Returns

The "Run What Ya Brung & Rat Rod Revival" returns to the Vernonia Jamboree on the first full weekend of August. Last held in 2008, this is an open event and will include anything of anyone's interest.

"We're looking for stories!" says show organizer Mike Snow. "Forty-five rides cruised in on short notice for the first show and it was a sight to check out. The *Vernonia's Voice* couldn't have said it any better when they called it, 'A small but mighty show.' We'll have rides from six-figure builds to drags and rat rods. It will be fun for everyone!"

The show will include a model car contest for all ages at no cost, a great DJ playing "Hot Rod Songs" all day long, and other events are in the works.



Once again the show will feature original hand-made trophies for "Grand Rat," "Dare To Be Different," "Best Ten of Ten," and many more.

Snow wished to thank sponsors, R&S Market, The Black Iron Grill, Tommy's Window Tinting/Graphics, Pihl's Logging Co., Inc., Vernonia Dental, and to Vernonia residents Frank and Patricia Schrier for

their generous donation to help the show succeed. He also thanked Vernonia City Administrator Josette Mitchell and the Jamboree Committee for their guidance in making the show possible this year.

The show will benefit the new Spencer Park to help improve the City's newest park and help make it more enjoyable for years to come.

Help is in Vernonia at the One-Stop Resource Center

Every 2nd Thursday, 8:30 - 11:00 am

1005 Cougar Street, Vernonia Health Center Conference Room

Stop in to see what community partners can offer you and your family!

For more info contact Teresa Kluthe
Self Sufficiency at (971) 757-0573

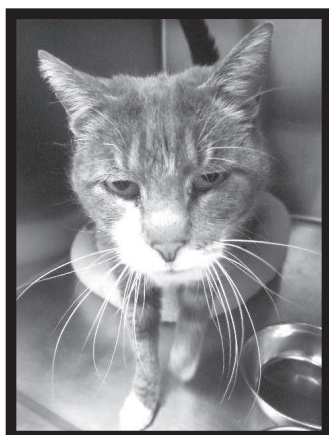
Resources available:

- Program information administered by DHS SSP services (SNAP, CHILDCARE, CASH)
- Program information administered by DHS Aging and People with Disabilities. (SNAP, MEDICAL, CAREGIVING OPTIONS)
- Resource information from ResCare for resume & coverletter building and additional classes
- Resources available through WorkSource for Job referrals, how to file a claim and more
- Program assistance through Community Action Team for Housing and Utility Assistance
- OHP (Medicaid) and Federal Marketplace application assistance
- Advocate from SAFE on healthy relationships, boundaries and safe spaces
- Columbia County Veterans Services Officer

Provided to you by the following Community Partners:



Columbia Humane Society Featured Pet



Hi. my name is Sultan and I'm a born mouser! I love everyone and everything! I was an indoor/outdoor cat in my last home and the #1 mouser in the house. I have lived with other cats, dogs and kids. My family gave me up because they were moving and I was not able to go with. I know I'm an older guy but give me a chance and I will capture your heart!

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