

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

As we approach the end of the year, I hope you will consider donating to worthy causes. This can include local people who could use a helping hand. Some senior citizens who live in our community need financial help accessing nutritionally good food. In this effort, the Vernonia Senior Citizens have extended some help to these people.

The former senior center had to be demolished due to the flood. While awaiting a new building, the senior board came up with a stop gap plan. Each month, low income seniors who need some help with meals, and cannot afford to buy them, are offered ten meal certificates per month to be used to buy

a free senior meal at Black Iron Grill, Mariolino's or Subway. These specific meals are nutritionally sound and balanced for seniors. This also gives seniors a chance to socialize while they consume their meal. It's a good plan but it does cost the Vernonia Senior Citizen organization \$6 per meal. As you can imagine, this is a costly project. There is also a home-delivered service offered to registered seniors through these three restaurants.

Many people think senior meals are fully reimbursed by the government. This is not true. Right now the organization is reimbursed \$1.40 per \$6 meal. In July 2018, the reimbursement is projected to decrease to \$1.25 per meal.

On this page is a coupon you can clip to send with your check to help support our seniors. If you'd rather, you can just mail a check to the Vernonia Senior Citizens, 939 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064. Please note "meals" on the memo line. If you want a receipt, please indicate that, too. Your check can act as your receipt, if you wish.

Fully 100% of this money helps the Vernonia Senior Citizen organization to provide meals to our seniors. Would you consider donating? It is fully tax-deductible, too. Please join as we support our seniors (SOS)! Also, and if you're 60 years old or more, you could join the senior members for only \$15 per year. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Sandy Welch
Senior Meal Certificate Coordinator

To the Editor,

A big thank you to the men and women of WOEC who worked to restore our power on Thanksgiving Day, and for taking time out during their holiday to go do a job only they can do.

The Richard Meyer Family

Vernonia's Voice is published on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Our next issue will be out December 21.

Upcoming Events

UNWC Board Meeting - Thursday, December 7, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Vernonia Grange

The Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia - Saturday, December 9, all day. Ugly Sweater Run, storytimes, chili cook-off, gingerbread house and cookie contests, lighted parade, and more

TOPS Group (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Fridays at the Mist-Birkenfeld Fire Dept. 8:30 am weigh in, 9:00 am meeting. Men and women invited to join. (503) 429-7505

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.

Auction Notice

Storage Too

58645 Nehalem Hwy. S.
Vernonia, Oregon 97064
503-429-7867

C1 - 5x10 - Gary Roberson
F10 - 5x10 - Whelan Easley
D8 - 10x10 - Marella Goecks
E18 - 5x10 - Kristine Avalos

**Auction will be held
Wednesday
January 10, 2018**

*Please call prior
to confirm the auction*

Cash or certified check only

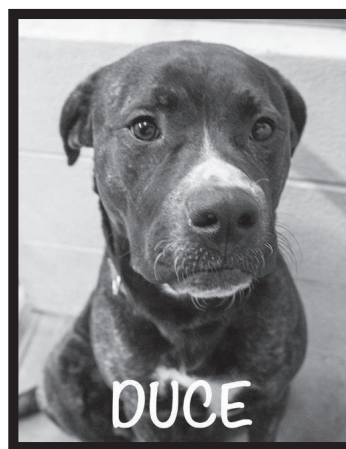


The Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Main Station, 12525 HWY 202, Mist, OR. Agenda items include, but are not limited to, usual order of business, citizen input, Fire Chief's report, financial reports, and any other business needing to be discussed.

Chanukah 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 16th
Noon until 8pm

Columbia Humane Society Featured Pet



Duce is a neutered male pit bull mix. He weighs about 60 lbs. and is brindle with some white. He is a playful, smart, and very sweet boy. He gets along with most dogs: same size would be best. Of course a meet and greet with any other dogs would be required. He may be too much for a kitty though. He tries to stay clean in his kennel, and he would probably do best with someone who doesn't leave him alone too much.

In the best interest of the pets in our care CHS does not have the kennels open to the public. CHS is committed to making sure that both our pets and our adopters are successful. If you are interested in adopting a shelter pet, please don't hesitate to call or email. We like to get to know our adopters before we have you meet our pets. We feel that if we can talk to our adopters, we will be able to better assist them in finding that perfect family member.

2084 Oregon Street, St. Helens, OR 97051 Phone: 503-397-4353
E-mail: info@columbiahumane.org Web: www.columbiahumane.org

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 yrs 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!

AA Meetings

Open Meetings
Mondays & Thursdays
6:30-7:30 pm
Vernonia Christian Church
410 North Street

Women's Meeting
Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm
Vernonia Christian Church
410 North Street