

## Additional Beverages to be Included in Oregon's Bottle Bill Beginning January 1, 2018

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission wants to remind consumers and retailers that additional beverages are being included in Oregon's Bottle Bill and will have a refund value of 10 cents per container beginning January 1, 2018. This change came as the result of Oregon statute, ORS 459A.702.

Most beverages in bottles or cans that are sold in sealed glass, metal,

and plastic in sizes from 4 ounces up to 1.5 liters will be included. Some of the common beverages that will have a 10 cent refund value are:

- Coffee/Tea
- Kombucha
- Energy and Sports Drinks
- Hard Cider
- Juice
- Protein Drinks

Soda, beer, and water in sizes 3 liters or less will continue to have a refund value of 10 cents.

### Beverages NOT included are:

- Wine/Distilled Spirits
- Milk (Dairy and plant-based)
- Infant Formula
- Meal-Replacement Drinks

"We want to make sure we're communicating with everyone to make the transition as easy as possible," says OLCC Executive Director Steve Marks. "We're thankful to the legislature in allowing the manufacturers and retailers until January 2019 to get the proper labeling on the shelves."

## County Cancels Contract with Columbia Humane Society *continued from front page*

the contract, presenting a liability risk for the county.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office takes control of stray and dangerous dogs and holds them for a minimum of five days in fulfillment of state law. County officials began discussions with the Humane Society in spring of 2017 after the agency sought to double the amount of funding it received from the county for caring for dogs in the man-

dated five-day period. The county has determined that it can manage these responsibilities for less funding without compromising service. The Sheriff's Office will provide space and care for animals seized until the legal requirement to do so runs out. Once state law is fulfilled, and if no owner is available or the owner refuses to take the animal back, then it will first be offered to the Humane Society, then other shelters. It

is not the intent of the county to automatically order the euthanization of any animal after the five-day period.

The Columbia Humane Society will continue to be given the same space in the county-owned building they currently use free of charge thanks to a 99-year agreement. While CHS was responsible for maintenance and other building costs, those costs will once again be shared, as they were prior to the contract which was signed in 2013.

Sheriff Jeff Dickerson noted that the change in the process will also allow the county to begin a new training program at the county jail. Select inmates will be given the opportunity to serve the community and learn valuable skills by taking care of animals in its care to insure that their needs are met.

The county will not have set office hours to recover stray pets; citi-

zens are directed to contact the Animal Control Officer or the Sheriff's Office to make arrangements. Photos of found dogs will be on the County's Facebook page or posted at their office.

The staff and volunteers at CHS say they are committed to continuing to serve county residents and their pets to the best of their ability. Current ongoing programs are: Low-cost Vaccination Clinics, Socialization Therapy, Senior Dog Adoptions, Foster and Hospice Care, and Kennel Enrichment for all dogs and cats. Beginning Monday, December 4, 2017, the Warm A Dog (WAD) program was started. This is a joint venture between the CHS and Community Action Team (CAT) to provide safe shelter for homeless person's pets while they are seeking shelter from the cold in the community warming center.

## What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

### Adopt a Book

December 4 - December 22 Give a gift to the community and purchase a book for the Library collection. Featuring titles for our children's and parenting collection. Sponsored by the Friends of the Vernonia Library.

### Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia Story & Craft

Saturday, December 9, 11 am  
The Library will be hosting a reading of "Mooseltoe" followed by crafts: holiday handprint moose and mustache trees. Part of the Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia event line-up.

### Family Movie Night

Tuesday, December 19, 6 pm  
Featuring *Trolls Holiday!* (PG, 72 min.) Relax and enjoy a free movie and popcorn at the library.

### Christmas Cards with Hands on Art

Wednesday, December 20, 1-2 pm  
For children and families. Members of Vernonia Hands on Art will bring all the materials to make special Christmas Cards.

### Family Movie Matinee

Thursday, December 28, 2-3:30 pm  
Featuring *Rise of the Guardians* (PG, 97 min.) Relax and enjoy a free movie and popcorn at the library.

### Ongoing Programs

#### Kids Book Group

Friday, December 8, 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
Selection for December: *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins. For kids and families. Reading level and grade level interest of titles will vary, ranging from grades 3 - 6. If interested in the book group and would like to be on the contact list,

call or visit the library (503) 429-1818 or email [shannonr@vernonia-or.gov](mailto:shannonr@vernonia-or.gov)

#### Knitting Group

Saturday, December 16, 10 am - Noon  
For knitters with all levels of experience. You're welcome to bring your own materials or project. If you need materials or have questions, contact Caitlin at [boylandknitworks@gmail.com](mailto:boylandknitworks@gmail.com).

#### Writer's Group

Thursday, December 21, 6 - 7:30 pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. For writers with all levels of experience.

#### Book Discussion Group

Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm. No Meeting in December. Next meeting January 29 with book selection TBA.

#### Storytimes

**Baby and Toddler Time**  
Mondays, 10:30 - 11:15 am  
Songs, rhymes, books, toys, and bubbles! For ages 0 - 3. Older siblings welcome.

#### Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 am  
Stories and a craft/activity for children up through age 6.

#### Library Closures

Monday, December 25  
and Tuesday, December 26

#### Library Hours & Contact

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10-5  
Tuesday, Thursday: 1-7  
Saturday: 10-4  
Closed Sundays

Phone: (503) 429-1818  
E-mail: [library@vernonia-or.gov](mailto:library@vernonia-or.gov)



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To schedule an appointment call (503) 815-2292

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