

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

In Columbia County, Oregon, who is most important? Residents are. Why? They live here. They pay the lion's share of the taxes. Therefore, residents should have the strongest voice. To assure this we need to elect a commissioner who will best represent 'We The People.'

That person is Paulette Lichatowich. Here are her qualifications: for over a decade Paulette has been intensely involved with service to the County and its residents. She has served 13 years on the Planning Commission. That means being on the firing line of zoning and construction

which is a totally demanding task. Further, she worked for the Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics at OSU; was associate editor for The Western Journal of Agricultural Economics; and the S'Kallam Native Americans education system. She has volunteered with Community Meals, the Food Bank Board and P.E.O. scholarships for women. Hands-on-Economics while emphasizing technology, literacy and people: that is a productive combination of experience for being an effective Commissioner.

What is at stake? IT and new age businesses; roads; zoning (Port Westward); renewable energy vs. fos-

sil fuels, oil trains, coal barges; electric energy distribution; parks and recreation, and education. Not necessarily in that order but all equally important. Will she always "do the right thing?" That is up to you, the residents of Columbia County: like "How badly do you want something to happen in this place you call home?" Participate, let it be known what you want. She will listen. Vote with the ballot! If you don't, multinational corporations will.

Elect Paulette Lichatowich.

Jack and Nancy Phillips
Vernonia

P.E.O. Spring Tea

The Vernonia chapter of P.E.O. is pleased to announce it will hold its fourth annual Spring Tea at the Cabin in Vernonia on Saturday, April 28, starting at 1:00 pm. Tea sandwiches and desserts will be served along with entertainment and three raffle baskets. Tickets are available from any P.E.O. member and at R&S Market in the Video Department - \$10 for adults and \$7 for those under 18. All proceeds are dedicated to P.E.O. scholarships for graduating senior girls and women of all ages attending college. Wear your fanciest hat and come have a good time.

Banks Cafe to Host Guest Speaker on Health and Nutrition

The Banks Trailhead Café is having a guest speaker, John Patrick Archer D.C. The gathering will occur on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Topics will include: Nutrition, Sleep, Exercise, De-stressing on a daily basis, and more.

The overall message is how you can create a healthy lifestyle, one meal at a time. Health is a skill and an art that anyone can learn. This talk is to give people insights, goals, and tools to take home and utilize daily. The body has the innate ability to heal if given the chance.

For more information contact John Patrick Archer D.C., archerdwellness@gmail.com, (503) 544-3896.

Upcoming Events

Donkey Basketball & Taco Feed - Friday, March 16, 7:00 pm in the School gym. All proceeds benefit the Zack Rumbolz Memorial Scholarship.

Laika Animation Event - Wednesday, March 21, 6:00 pm at the Vernonia Public Library. Crystal Tabaldo of Laika Entertainment will discuss the process of stop-motion animation and bring a wire armature to show what the inside of the puppets look like.

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 31, 10:00 am sharp! Hawkins Park

Seed 2 Supper Free Gardening Class Series - Thursdays, 4/5 - 5/10, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Vernonia Christian Church. Must pre-register at S2Scolumbia@gmail.com or call Debi at (503) 543-3294.

Bees! - Tuesday, April 10, 6:00 pm at the Vernonia Grange. OSU Extension Service guest speaker Linda Vahl will speak on honey bees and Vernonia's Sye Laird will talk about mason bees and pollination. Free

P.E.O. Spring Tea - Saturday, April 28, 1:00 pm at the Cabin in Vernonia. Tickets are \$10/\$7 available at R&S Market or from any P.E.O. member.

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.

Vernonia Weather February 2018

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	44	38	.3
2	55	42	T
3	53	48	T
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6	53	36	T
7	57	37	0
8	51	34	.02
9	46	34	T
10	48	30	T
11	45	22	T
12	46	20	0
13	51	34	.19
14	41	31	.29
15	46	38	.15
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28	42	31	.40

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



The Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, March 20, 2018 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.

Upper Nehalem Watershed Council Meeting

5:30 pm on Thursday
March 29, 2018

at the UNWC office 1201 Texas Ave. Suite A. Entrance is around the back of the building

For more info call
(503) 429-0869
or email
maggie@nehalem.org



Online Licensing Available for Dog Owners in Columbia County

For the convenience of county dog owners, you may now license your dog(s) online. The Sheriff's Office web page for dog licensing is located at www.co.columbia.or.us/sheriff. The link to the Dog Licensing page is in large font among the links under the Sheriff's Greetings on the home page.

The online dog licensing form automatically calculates licensing fees. You will need your rabies information to be submitted along with the online form, and licensing is dependent on our ability to confirm that each dog to be licensed has been inoculated against rabies. There is a small fee charged by the card processor that is added to the total cost.



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

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