

Upcoming Events

Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Saturday, April 21, 9:00 am - Noon, 377 Bridge St.

Sustainable Forest Practices with Peter Hayes of Hyla Woods - Thursday, April 26, 6:00 pm at Vernonia Springs, 54658 Nehalem Hwy. S, Vernonia.

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.

"God's Country and the Woman" - Saturday, April 28, 7:00 pm at the Vernonia Grange. 1936 dramatic-comic theatrical film with logging footage from Cowlitz County. Presented by the Vernonia Pioneer Museum.

Vernonia Community Garden Fair & Plant Sale - Saturday, May 12, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Schools Commons.

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 March 2018

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	43	34	.21
2	46	29	T
3	49	27	0
4	46	34	.05
5	50	27	0
6	53	26	0
7	54	37	.09
8	50	36	.5
9	49	29	.01
10	60	36	.01
11	66	28	0
12	68	28	0
13	48	38	.38
14	53	29	0
15	51	37	.22
16	49	36	.02
17	50	32	0
18	49	33	.04
19	55	30	0
20	58	29	0
21	53	41	.50
22	48	33	.49
23	43	31	.37
24	38	32	.15
25	51	36	.02
26	47	36	.07
27	51	42	.17
28	52	38	T
29	58	35	0
30	54	36	0
31	62	35	0
Ave/Tot	51.7	33.2	3.30

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

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

The McLeod Family cannot express enough how much it means to receive the outpouring of love, cards, and flowers in honor of Bryan. We hold a special place in our hearts for the Vernonia Fire Department and Volunteers and the Metro West personnel. You are to be commended for the level of compassion and care given to Bryan over the years. Job well done and know that you are appreciated.

The Family of
Bryan "Cracker" McLeod

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter to the voters of Columbia County to share my personal thoughts and feelings about Henry Heimuller who is running for Columbia County Commissioner Position #2.

I have served with Henry on the Columbia County RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) where I have found him to be sincere, completely honest, and always willing to support and improve, if necessary, existing programs. Henry has brought forth new ideas to the RSVP that have allowed them to continue as they worked to support, not only the seniors in Columbia County but, all our citizens, regardless of their age. I have been most impressed with his propensity to always be on time and be there when he said he would. This has always meant a lot to

me to know that he is a man of his word and would do as he promised.

I am a member of the Northwest Antique Airplane Club. A few years back we were having our annual Fly-In and I asked Henry if he would be willing to help us with our fundraising breakfast. Henry was there early Saturday morning with apron on and helping in the kitchen to serve, cook and generally keep the lines rolling until all the work was done. Henry not only helped us with our fundraising breakfast, he was a willing ambassador for our Airplane Club. Thank You Henry.

I am hoping you will vote for Henry in this very important election. Please allow him to continue in his role of serving, helping, and being that ambassador for Columbia County as we move forward to create jobs and make Columbia County a great place to live and raise our families.

Ken Corliss
Scappoose

To the Editor,

We are writing today to voice our support of Henry Heimuller in the upcoming Columbia County Commissioner election.

Much of the political conversations as of late have surrounded the Port of St. Helens industrial facility near Clatskanie, and the use of rail to transport materials to that facility. We have heard from those that support the efforts to bring industry to our community, and we have heard from those who travel from Portland to voice their opposition to these potential projects. Often, the opposition expresses emotion, citing safety as their main concern, but not a lot of fact.

Henry supports new industry based on what he understands about our community and our needs, not emotions. Henry realizes that industry creates a tax base that allows our county and cities to provide much needed services that cannot be maintained by residential property taxes alone. This includes fire, law enforcement, public health, parks, schools, and more. These are services every community needs to survive.

While Henry understands the importance of industry to a thriving community, he also is critically aware of the safety aspect of inviting additional industry into our County. He has experience working in public health and safety, he spent nearly 30 years working as a paramedic and has spent time on the Rail Safety Commission. Henry spent many years working with the Columbia Emergency Planning Association (CEPA) which coordinated emergency responders, business and industry representatives and social service agencies to communicate and coordinate during an emergency disaster. Henry has the facts regarding the impact of increased industry on our community, both good and bad, and will use that information to weigh carefully each potential industry. We feel confident in Henry as a leader, a business supporter, and a safety advocate.

Roger Jolma
Rebecca Fisher Jolma
Clatskanie

To the Editor,

I see a lot of letters, beating jobs and the environment to death, being written to the editors about the Columbia County Commissioner's race. There is just no way everyone will agree on those two issues, but there are many more matters of importance which a County Commissioner must give consideration. Meeting the needs of our veterans is one of them.

Supporting our veterans is an issue of significant personal concern to me and many of us here in Columbia County. Henry Heimuller has been, and is, a staunch supporter and advocate for our local veterans in their daily struggle for food, shelter, counseling, and jobs. He quickly and effectively lends his hand to assist the Elks Veterans Bunker, and works closely with Community Action Team and the Veterans Service Office to help our vets get the services they have earned and deserve. He opens his heart to help these veterans with his normal quiet humility and sense of community, rarely drawing attention to himself or his actions.

To me, this is what is an essential element in making our county a better place to live and raise our children.

To my knowledge, Ms. Lichatowich hasn't demonstrated much, if any, interest in assisting these men and women who served to help preserve our rights and freedoms.

These are among the many reasons I will be voting for Henry Heimuller, and ask you, veteran or not, to do so also.

Don Kielblock
Warren

To the Editor,

We have a chance for positive change at the county level in the May election. Paulette Lichatowich, a civic-minded volunteer from Columbia City, is running for County Commissioner.

Paulette is a breath of fresh air. She is very familiar with the needs of the whole county, including Vernonia. She knows the ins and outs of county government from her service on the County Planning Commission, and she values our Columbia River and its rich resources.

She does her homework. I have frequently been amazed at the knowledge she displays and the facts she turns up in her competent research on the inner workings of the County and of the Port of St. Helens, where she serves on the Board.

She holds to principles of transparency in government and the importance of keeping big money out of politics. She will not be one who accepts campaign donations from fossil fuel-related corporations, or railroads, or high-flying politicians seeking to influence her decisions.

I urge you to learn more about Paulette at her Facebook page and at public events in the County. I think you'll agree that Paulette is the person we need now on the Board of Commissioners.

Darrel Whipple
Rainier

**The Vernonia Library
will be closed
Monday, April 30 -
Saturday, May 5
for new carpet installation**

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

Auction Notice

Storage Too

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

CC8 - 5x10 - F. Cecil

**Auction will be held
Friday
May 4, 2018**

**Please call prior
to confirm the auction**

Cash or certified check only

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

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