

Upcoming Events

Columbia Century Challenge Bike Ride - Saturday, June 16. Two course options starting in Scappoose. Visit www.cyclecolumbiacounty.com

Upper Nehalem Watershed Council Board Meeting - Thursday, June 28, 5:30 pm at the UNWC office, 1201 Texas Ave.

Great American Bash - Wednesday, July 4, 5:00 Parade, 5:30 Concert at Hawkins Park featuring Jesse Cain and Hill Road Band, Fireworks at Spencer Park at dusk.

2018 Vernonia Friendship Jamboree & Logging Show - Friday, August 3 - Sunday, August 5

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

Ridge Riders Prize Ride

The Vernonia Ridge Riders will host a Prize Ride on Saturday, June 23, starting at Anderson Park. Sign ups start at 8:00 am for the approximate three hour trail ride, with the riders heading out between 9:00 - 11:00 am. Riders can buy tickets for \$5 each or five for \$20; there will be prizes for the lucky winners.

The concession stand will be open all day and camping and corrals are available.

Contact Deloris Bellingham at (503) 327-5641 for more information.

NW Natural Issues \$11.6 Million in Bill Credits to Oregon Customers

Customers can't see the efficiencies of natural gas pipelines and underground storage, but they will see the result of that efficiency as a bill credit in June.

Once again, NW Natural (NYSE:NWN) is issuing bill credits to its Oregon customers – this time \$11.6 million. Similar to credits issued in 2017, the average residential customer will see a credit of roughly \$12 in their

June bill. Commercial customers will also see a cost-savings. The average small commercial customer can expect to see a June bill credit of about \$52.

“Natural gas is an efficient and affordable energy source, especially for handling the peak demands of Pacific Northwest winters,” said David H. Anderson, NW Natural president and CEO. “Our teams put in so much work behind-the-scenes to make sure we're efficient-

ly using our pipelines and gas storage. This year's bill credits are proof of that effort.”

For the past 14 years, NW Natural has returned more than \$123 million in bill credits to Oregon customers. The bill credits are based upon NW Natural's efficient pipeline capacity management and use of the company's underground natural gas storage facility at Mist, Oregon.

Jamboree Logging Show Returns

After a one year hiatus, the Vernonia Logging Show will once again return to the annual Friendship Jamboree line-up this year.

The Jamboree will be held Friday through Sunday, August 3-5, with the Logging Show closing the festivities on Sunday afternoon.

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

West Oregon Electric Co-op, last week, again, raised rates. Had enough? Well members, lets do something.

WOEC Districts 1, 4, and 6 are seeking new directors. Volunteer. Become a Director. We need you. How to do this? Call (503) 429-3021 and ask what District you are in and how to be put on the ballot. You must live in the district you apply for. However, the entire membership of WOEC can vote for you. You have 2 weeks from now to do this and be on the ballot. Once elected, you will be trained in the process of being a director; and your ideas, concepts, and perceptions will count.

Two years ago Nick Galaday became Director for District 5, largely due to stepping up and speaking to the factual is-

ssues at hand. He has been vigorous in bringing forth new and creative ideas and reducing rates. Yet, he is only one voice out of 7. We need more innovators to work with him. Mr. Perry, the General Manager, is charged with professionally carrying out the ideas and goals of the Board of Directors. He cannot just change direction because it is someone's good idea. To change direction and manifest constructive changes in administration and reduced rates, Mr. Galaday needs like-minded, new directors to work with. This is your chance to make a difference and be part of real change. Become a director.

Jack Phillips
Vernonia

HOW TO SEND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Columbia Humane Society Featured Pet



We can hardly believe that this guys is still at the shelter due to no fault of his own. He recently went on a little vacation from the shelter and the reports back were amazing. We were told that he is a stunning house guest, as he is potty trained, he loves to snuggle on the couch, and just hangs out when no one is home. He apparently loves to hike and really loves to swim. He also did great at the dog park with all the other dogs. We don't know how he is going to do with cats but think his natural instincts might take over and he might chase. He is pretty independent and generally won't pay you any attention for at least 30 minutes when in a

social setting. He needs time to run and sniff and make sure he is up to date on what has happened in the area, then he will seek out people, pets, and love. Goober is about 4 years old and weighs about 50 lbs. He walks great on a leash. We are happy to say that Goober's enrichment package has been sponsored, so not only do you get an awesome dog, you get a collar, harness, feeder bowl, kong, nylabones, and a treat pouch - all stuff this kid has used here at the shelter during his time here. If you think you would like to give Goober a try please don't hesitate to contact us.

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The Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, June 19, 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.

Meet your County Commissioners!

TUESDAY,
JUNE 12, 5:30-7:30 PM

Comment on the County's Budget at 5:30 pm, Vernonia City Hall

Join us for an informal get-together from 6-7:30 pm at the Blue House Café, 919 Bridge St.



Make comments on or ask questions about the County's 2018-19 budget, then spend time with Commissioners Alex Tardif, Margaret Magruder, and Henry Heimuller. (Appetizers served.)

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