

## Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

Ladies and gentlemen, friends and neighbors. Hi, it's me again.

Some wonderful news! We have someone running for the W.O.E.C. Board of Directors with fantastic credentials! Smart, knowledgeable, honest, and willing to work for the members. May I repeat that? WILLING TO WORK FOR THE MEMBERS!! Her name is Sharlena Roberts and I encourage you to consider her for the Board.

The W.O.E.C. Annual Meeting is coming up on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August. Just a little information about what it cost you to have this party. In 2017 they budgeted \$20,000.00, wound up spending \$16,387. \$20,000 is budgeted again this year.

2017 costs included:

1. Venue. 962.50
2. Lunch. \$2,500.00
3. Entertainment. \$1,200.00
4. Gifts. \$3,918.92
5. Ballot mailing. \$6,236.90
6. Directors Nomination Meeting \$1,401.64
7. Misc. \$167.90

There are two glaring increases in costs in 2017. In 2016 the venue was \$275.00 at the Scout Cabin. In 2016 and before there had not been any entertainment.

Points to ponder as you write that check to pay your higher rates.

Sally Harrison  
Vernonia

## Hunter Safety Class Offered in Vernonia

This class is open to children and adults who would like to hunt big game in Oregon or any other state requiring a hunter safety class. Students can sign up at any ODFW POS location or online at: <https://myodfw.com/articles/take-hunter-education-course-or-field-day>.

The class schedule:

- September 16 1:00-6:00 pm
- September 17 6:30-9:00 pm
- September 18 6:30-9:00 pm
- September 19 6:30-9:00 pm
- September 22 1:00-6:00 pm (range day and test)

Location: Vernonia fire station all days

Class size: 24 students

Lead instructor: Joel Glass

email: [elkfish@msn.com](mailto:elkfish@msn.com) for info.

## Upcoming Events

Senior Picnic - Friday, August 17, 11:00 am, 12:00 lunch at Anderson Park. Bring a side dish. Hamburgers, hotdogs, beverages provided.

Bear Creek Run - Saturday, August 18, 9:00 am start at Anderson Park. Register at [www.RunSignUp.com](http://www.RunSignUp.com).

West Oregon Electric Co-op Annual Meeting - Saturday, August 18, 11:00 am at the Vernonia Schools Small Gym.

Vernonia Community Garage Sale - Saturday, August 25, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.

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

## Vernonia Weather July 2018

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2	66	40	0
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5	84	47	0
6	80	55	0
7	76	47	0
8	83	56	0
9	72	54	.03
10	74	45	0
11	84	45	0
12	93	46	0
13	88	45	0
14	89	49	0
15	96	49	0
16	94	47	0
17	86	47	0
18	79	54	0
19	68	40	0
20	76	40	0
21	77	39	0
22	91	41	0
23	92	45	0
24	92	44	0
25	93	45	0
26	92	44	0
27	87	55	0
28	89	50	0
29	98	50	0
30	88	57	0
31	83	56	0

Ave/Tot 83.8 47.5 0.03

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

### 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](mailto:scott@vernoniasvoice.com) or mail to: Letters, PO Box 55, Vernonia, OR 97064.

## 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

Vernonia's Voice is published twice each month on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Look for our next issue on September 6.

## 2018 Food Preservation Classes

OSU Extension Service of Columbia County is offering a series of hands-on workshops on how to preserve the harvest. Participants will practice SAFE food preservation techniques and recipes.

**Where:** Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting Space 35285 Millard Rd, St Helens, OR 97051

**Cost:** \$25 per class. Scholarships are available! Contact our office for more information.

**To Register:** Call Sonia at (503) 397-3462 or register online at [bit.ly/ColumbiaFood](http://bit.ly/ColumbiaFood)

Preservation. Pre-registration is required.

### Canning Garden Fresh Tomatoes & Salsa

Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 to 8:00 PM

Learn to safely can salsa and tomatoes from your garden to enjoy year-round!

### Preserving Fall Fruits

Thursday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 to 8:00 PM

Apples, pears, persimmon, quince, oh my!

Learn to preserve your favorite fall fruits.

### More fall classes coming!

Check our website for more classes and full class descriptions: [www.extension.oregonstate.edu/Columbia](http://www.extension.oregonstate.edu/Columbia).

## West Oregon Electric Co-op Annual Meeting Saturday, August 18

The purpose for the annual meeting is to elect directors to serve three year terms, to hear and consider reports from officers and directors, and to transact other business of the membership.

Registration 10:00 am

Business Meeting 11:00 am

Vernonia Schools Small Gym

Board of Directors Ballots can be submitted by 11:00 am

Lunch served following the meeting

## Columbia Humane Society



### Featured Dog

This special little lady deserves to be loved to the moon and back. She came to the shelter via one of our shelter partners and so far in 2 years she has had a pretty tough life. She gets along with other dogs, however we would not recommend that she be placed with female dogs or little dogs. We would recommend her match be at least 45-50 lbs as she is a substantial girl and doesn't really recognize her size. It is unknown at this time how she is going to do with cats or kids.

### Purr-fect Pals

Zena came to the shelter because her owner could no longer care for her, and were not able to give us much information about her. We do know that she is about 6 years old and is very loving and sweet. She loves food and is very food motivated. She is working on coming when called as well as learning to give a high five and touch her head to your hand when asked. Her initial reaction to other cats is to hiss, but once she realizes they aren't going away she seems to settle right in. Zena is part of our newly designed enrichment package, so with her \$145 adoption fee she comes complete with \$75.00 worth of gear that will help to make her transition to your home easier.



At CHS the health and welfare of the animals in our care is our number one priority. We are dedicated to helping our adoptive families find that one perfect fit that will complete their family. Please email [animalwelfare@columbiahumane.org](mailto:animalwelfare@columbiahumane.org) or call 503-397-4353 so that we can talk to you about your needs and wants in a new family member prior to just arriving at the kennels.