

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

Just a reminder to the community about what I am collecting/recycling to help pay/raise money for physical education equipment at the Vernonia Schools

What we are collecting:

Box Top Labels
Old cell phones & ink cartridges
Flav-R-Pac & Santiam Labels (upc part)
Colgate (toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, packaging)

We are no longer collecting:

Cereal Bags
Capri Sun pouches
Campbell Soup Labels (the program has shut down)
Writing Instruments (Paper Mate, Sharpie, & Expo)
Elmer glue sticks

If you have questions or are not quite sure about what is the correct upc label or product, please don't hesitate to email (gspaulding@Vernonia.k12.or.us) or come talk to me. These items can be handed to me personally, mailed to the school, or dropped off at the school and someone in the office will put in my mailbox.

Thanks for your time/support.

Mr. George Spaulding
Physical Education Instructor
Vernonia Schools

To the Editor,

My son Johnny is a special needs child in our community who needs a friend and a companion. I have started an account for Johnny at US Bank; this account is called A DOG FOR JOHNNY. Johnny weighs 150 pounds and knows no fear and would like a dog to sleep in his room and help keep him safe when he is out walking. Please help make a companion dog for Johnny a reality. Thank you.

Gail Law
Vernonia

To the Editor,

Ladies and gentlemen, friends and neighbors. My most profound apologies to you all. I must shoulder the blame for not getting the facts and information to you so you'd understand fully the situation regarding W.O.E.C.

Everything will stay status-quo. We will continue to be on the losing end by having our rates heightened on regular intervals to cover the lifestyle established by your elected board and management.

But, let's review what's just happened:

1. Robert VanNatta is retiring as Board President and placing his chosen one, Brett Costley in his stead. VanNatta is not retiring from

the Board so his influence will continue unfettered.

2. The fact that the ballots for the Board election were received too late and for some not at all is going unchallenged. So as few as 340 voters are deciding what 4,000+ members will be getting.

I do understand the reason for apathy. It's all gone on for so long that so many feel there is nothing that can be done. Why try to make a difference, they have the lawyers, the governmental agencies, the pull, we can't win, so why waste our time and effort? I understand, I really do. Having my ears boxed for trying to point out certain facts is no fun, so, yes, I understand. But will I shut up when I see flagrant misuse of our money? NO, and they can continue finding new ones and repeating old reasons for the way things are all they want. It doesn't change the facts we're being taken to the cleaners.

Sally Harrison
Vernonia

The Vernonia Transfer Station is scheduled to be open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday January - October 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

**September 8 & 22
October 13 & 27**

Dates and times are subject to change due to weather

Auction Notice

Storage Too

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

CC25 - 10 x 20 - Courtney Dempsey
E23 - 10 x 10 - Courtney Dempsey
C1 - 5 x 10 - Gary Roberson
F25 - 10 x 10 - Shawn Stevens
RV4 - 12 x 36 - Darlene Isner

**Auction will be held
Noon, Tuesday
October 9, 2018**

*Please call prior to auction
Cash or certified check only*

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.

Hunter Safety 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 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 for info.

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

Upcoming Events

Upper Nehalem Watershed Council Board Meeting - Thursday, September 13, 5:30 at the UNWC office, 1201 Texas Ave.

Salmon Festival - Saturday, October 6 at Hawkins Park

Grace Fall Extravaganza - Saturday, October 13, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm at Grace Family Fellowship, 967 State Ave. Rummage sale, artisan sales, Youth Group BBQ

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

Lawyer in the Law Library: Rights of Parents and Guardians

A workshop entitled Rights of Parents and Guardians Involved with State Agencies will be held on Wednesday, September 12 from 6-8 pm in the Columbia County Law Library, which is located at 270 S. First St. in St. Helens. The workshop marks the 22nd in the monthly Lawyer in the Law Library workshops that are hosted by the law library.

Our speakers for the workshop on Rights of Parents and Guardians Involved with State Agencies will be local attorneys Paul Aubry and Tom Borton.

The workshop is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. No registration is required. Your attendance and questions will be welcome.

For more information, please contact Columbia County Law Librarian Pam Davis at (503) 396-5344 or davis12000@aol.com.



The Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Board of Directors will meet for their regular board meeting Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Main Station, 12525 Highway 202, Mist, OR.

Columbia Humane Society



Purr-fect Pals

Binx, Binx the wonder cat! This kid will be sure to make your heart smile. Binx came to us when he couldn't find a place to go and had, what we thought at the time, was an upper respiratory infection. Come to find out after several different antibiotics and some pretty expensive testing, he has basically what is called a chronic cold. The vets feel there is a chance that as he gets older he will grow out of it. He has been tested and they don't think he is infectious to other cats, he just has times that his eyes water and he sneezes a lot. Binx is also part of our great Cat Pawsative training program, so we are teaching him to do all kinds of neat tricks like jump through a hoop and give a high five when asked.

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 or call so that we can talk to you about your needs and wants in a new family member prior to just arriving at the kennels.

Featured Dog

Tori came to the shelter when her owner got sick and was no longer able to care for her. We don't have the full details but we're guessing that she is about 10 years old. It took her a little while to get settled in, but once we got her with a foster family we were able to learn a lot about this little lady. Tori loves to be with her people, loves to be with other dogs, and loves to chase her ball. She does have loss of vision and some loss of hearing due to old age. We recently had her blood work and urine analysis done and she is in great health. We also had a dental done. Tori does have a bit of bladder incontinence at night while sleeping so is on medications to help with that. Her new family must be aware that the meds are going to cost about \$30 a month. PLEASE NOTE THAT TORI IS NOT AT THE SHELTER so please either call or email if you are interested in meeting Tori.

