

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

Twenty-two years ago I came through this little town in the woods and it felt like home. Fifteen years ago that became a reality and I have always felt it was the best decision I could have made. From day one smiles and greetings from strangers that would soon become fast friends. I had come here to "retire" and build a second career. And when adversity hit the community we all stepped up, shoulder to shoulder, working hard

alongside others regardless of politics or denomination to rebuild after the flood.

Three years ago when my niece moved to live with me, she too was welcomed and supported. Her experiences here will give her a strong foundation for the rest of her life.

So when this summer we got the call that she was to receive the gift of life in a new and perfect heart, from a family we did not know, I was not surprised by what happened next.

I was not surprised when someone/s stepped forward and said, "I'll make sure Bridgette gets walked every day."

I was not surprised when someone/s said, "I'll stay at your home so your pets are not alone."

I was not surprised when someone/s said, "I'll mow your lawn and take care of your gardens."

I was not surprised when someone/s organized a fundraiser to cover expenses throughout my niece's recovery.

I am humbled, I am grateful, I am at a loss at how to let you all know how very glad I am that I made that choice fifteen years ago to be surrounded by this extended family in this little town in the woods.

Ubuntu~
Heather and Kendra
Vernonia

To the Editor,

Although I cannot choose the Adventist Rural Health Clinic in Vernonia for my primary care due to my current Medicare plan, I did avail myself of their urgent care on Monday afternoon when a recurring problem popped up suddenly. From the pleasant woman at the front desk, to the medical assistant who took my vitals, to PA Richard Hamblin who attended me, everyone was friendly, welcoming and efficient. I was in and out within a couple of hours with hardly any waiting; most of the time used was my necessary enrollment paperwork. It was a huge relief to not have to drive over the hill late in the day, and it was a good opportunity to check out their services. Thanks to you all, Vernonia Health Center and Adventist Rural Health!

Tobie Finzel
Vernonia

Vernonia Weather September 2018

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	71	37	0
2	78	38	0
3	75	35	0
4	80	35	0
5	89	38	0
6	85	41	0
7	81	45	T
8	70	45	T
9	74	48	.23
10	64	47	.10
11	66	48	.10
12	67	47	.31
13	64	47	.02
14	66	47	.01
15	62	52	.42
16	67	42	.03
17	66	38	T
18	68	40	T
19	69	40	0
20	70	42	0
21	72	42	.01
22	66	39	.01
23	65	36	0
24	68	34	0
25	76	33	0
26	80	33	0
27	82	36	0
28	84	39	0
29	61	49	.02
30	66	54	T

Ave/Tot 71.7 41.6 1.26

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

Auction Notice

Storage Too

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

C1 - 5 x 10 - Gary Roberson

**Auction will be held
Noon, Tuesday
November 6, 2018**

Please call prior to auction

Cash or certified check only

High School Essay Contest

High School seniors in Vernonia are invited to compete in an essay contest based on the question: "Why is it Important to Learn About the History of the Japanese Internment during World War II?" Prizes will be awarded to First, Second, and Third place winners. Interested seniors should contact their Principal for more information on how to enter the contest, the deadline, and other details. There will be an opportunity to learn about the Japanese Internment at an exhibit at Vernonia High School Library during the week of October 22-26. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

The essay contest is sponsored by the Columbia County Coalition for Human Dignity (CCCHD). For more information on CCCHD, go to www.ccchd.info.

Upcoming Events

Mycology 101 in Columbia County - Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 pm at the OSU Extension Service. Free class providing local history, intro to mushroom taxonomy, identifying, collecting, uses, cooking, stories, and low-tech cultivating with Jordan Weiss. Call (503) 397-3462 to register.

Graveyard Dash 3k/6k Run/Walk - Saturday, October 27, 9:00 - 12:00. Start and finish at the Memorial Cemetery. This is a COSTUME party! Cash prizes for best costumes! Music, Awards, and Snacks! Register at runsignup.com. Students - use coupon code "Student" for a \$10 reduction in price. Younger folk? - 10 and under register for free!

2018 OMS Fall Mushroom Show - Sunday, October 28, 12:00-5:00 pm at the World Forestry Center. View beautifully displayed specimens from around the region and talk to mushroom experts. Vendors, books for sale, mushroom cooking samples, speakers and more! \$5 Adults, \$3 Seniors/Students, Free kids under 12.

Halloween Costume Sidewalk Parade - Wednesday, October 31, 4:30 pm starts at City Hall

32nd Annual Fall Carnival - Wednesday, October 31 at Vernonia Christian Church, 410 North St., 6:30-7:00 pm for Special Needs children & their families, 7:00-8:30 for Everyone!

Community Track Walk - Saturday, November 3, 9:00 -10:00 am at the new Vernonia Schools Track

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

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.

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

Columbia Humane Society

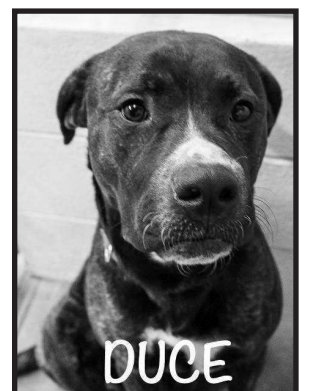
Purr-fect Pals



Cherry is a very sweet and loving 16 week old kitten. She was hand raised in a foster home so we know she does great with kids, dogs, and other cats. If you are looking to add a little spice to your home then this is your girl. Her adoption fee is \$145.00 that includes her spay, her vaccinations, treatment for fleas and worms, 30 days pet insurance, and a microchip. If you are interested in meeting this girl please call or email.

Featured Dog

Duce is a neutered male pit bull mix. He is brindle with some white and weighs about 80 lbs. He is playful, smart, and a very sweet boy. We feel that he will do best in a home where he gets to be the only kid so he can have all the attention. He tries to stay clean in his kennel, and he would probably do best with someone who doesn't leave him alone too much. His leash manners are impeccable and is a favorite among our dog walkers. He knows a variety of commands including sit and down. His enrichment package has been sponsored so he also comes home with a great amount of stuff. If you think you can give this kid a great home please call or email.



Please note that it is very important to CHS that our animals are placed in the best homes possible. Also the health and welfare of the animals at CHS is very important. To that end CHS does not have an open kennel policy. If you are interested in meeting one of our animals we ask that you please either call 503-397-4353 or email animalwelfare@columbiahumane.org to schedule an appointment to come in and meet one of our pets.