

## Lawyer in the Law Library: Employment Law

A workshop entitled EMPLOYMENT LAW will be held on Wednesday, December 12 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Columbia County Law Library, which is located at 270 S. First St. in St. Helens. The workshop will be the 25<sup>th</sup> in the series of Lawyer in the Law Library workshops that are sponsored by the law library.

The speaker for the workshop will be Krista Le Roux, an Oregon attorney that specializes in employment issues. She will address a variety of employment issues, including wage theft and independent contractor issues.

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](mailto:davis12000@aol.com).

## County's Attorney Earns Award

Columbia County Counsel Sarah Hanson was honored as the recipient of the 2018 Laurence R. Kressel Memorial Award at the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) annual conference in Eugene in mid-November.

The award is given by the Oregon County Counsels Association (OCCA) to a county council or assistant counsel who "exemplifies the thoughtful, courageous, humorous and oft times irreverent approach to the practice of county law mastered by Larry Kressel.

Kressel was one of the first attorneys to serve in Multnomah County, who would get involved in many areas, taught at Portland State's Graduate School, and was appointed to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals. According to Wayne Belmont, Counsel for Lincoln County, "Larry knew how to bring fun and humor into his work and to share it with everyone, but was always highly professional."

Hansen is the 23<sup>rd</sup> person to receive the award. She was chosen because of her involvement with the organization. She has served on several committees and as the president, all the while being an active part of the association, helping other county counsels, writing amicus briefs, and volunteering her time.

Hansen provides civil legal services, representation, and advice to the Columbia County government. She joined Columbia County in 2000, and was named County Counsel in 2007.

## Upcoming Events

Ugly Sweater Run - Saturday, December 8, 9:00 am at Anderson Park. 5K Run/Walk. Register at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).

Christmas in Vernonia - Saturday, December 8, see info on pages 9-11. Pancake breakfast with Santa, Dickens Carolers, story times, lighted parade, photos with Santa, and more.

Vernonia Ballet Presents The Nutcracker Remix - Friday, December 14, 7:00 pm at the Vernonia Schools Commons. Admission by donation.

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

## 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

**Auction will be held  
Noon, Tuesday  
January 8, 2019**

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

## Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

**City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm:**  
Monday, December 17, 2018  
Monday, January 7, 2019

**City Closures are scheduled for:**  
Noon, Monday, December 24, 2018  
*Christmas Eve*  
Tuesday, December 25, 2018  
*Christmas Day*  
Noon, Monday, December 31, 2018  
*New Year's Eve*  
Tuesday, January 1, 2019  
*New Year's Day*

*Dates and times subject to change*



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

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit for the Vernonia School District  
File No. CUP 18-01

*When: January 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm*

*Where: Council Chambers, City of Vernonia, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR*

*Why: To consider a request by the Vernonia School District to expand the existing facility with an addition of 5,754 square feet and to construct a metal shop.*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vernonia Planning Commission, will conduct a public hearing regarding File No. CUP 18-01, on a request for the construction of a two-story, four-classroom addition measuring 5,754 square foot and a 2,080 square foot metal shop.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the Vernonia Planning Commission on Thursday, January 3, 2019, in the Council Chambers of Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR at or after 7:00 pm, at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed Conditional Use Permit will be heard.

A staff report will be available to the public at City Hall one week before the hearing and may be copied for a nominal fee. Failure to raise an issue in a hearing, in person or by letter or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the State Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue. Public testimony is welcome, and written statements will also be received before the hearing.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing to Stephanie Borst at 503-429-5291 ext. 105, TTY 1- 800-735-2900 or at City Hall, 1001 Bride Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.

**The City of Vernonia is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.**

## 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

## Columbia Humane Society

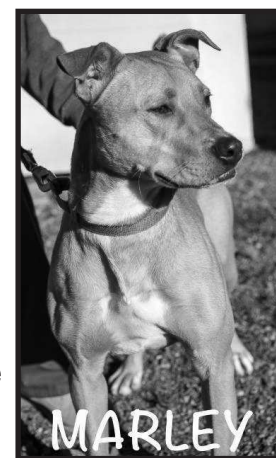


**AVA**  
Ava was an owner surrender to the shelter, after a nice family found her dumped in a box with her kittens at the end of their driveway. This friendly girl would very much like to be the only cat in the household. She is very verbal in the cattery and likes to talk to us all day long about anything and everything she can think of. She is probably about 2 years old, is very healthy, and some family is going to love her and her wonderful personality. If you are interested in meeting Ava, please don't hesitate to call or email.

## Purr-fect Pals

## Featured Dog

Marley has been waiting a long time for her forever family. This girl is patient and loving, she loves to play ball, walks well on a leash, and has a great obedience foundation. Marley is not going to do well in a home where she will be exposed to a ton of dogs. She can be dog reactive out of fear, but we feel that with some counter conditioning she will eventually be able to overcome those fears. Ideally we would like to find a home for Marley that is not in the city, as she would do better with a large fenced area where her prospects of having to deal with other dogs could be lessened. We think she will do well in a home without cats. If you think that you can give Marley a great home please don't hesitate to call or email.



*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.*