

Bridge Street Bits

By Karen Miller

THE SENIOR BOARD WILL HAVE SOME EXCITING NEWS coming in August in this column, so be sure to get your copy of the Voice, published on the first and third Thursday of each month, to keep up and stay informed on the latest Vernonia news around town.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR NEW SUMMER HOURS at Bargains on Bridge Street, now open until 5:00 pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for your shopping convenience. Check out our specials as well.

DID YOU SEE US in this year's July 4th parade? Thanks for everyone's patronage, as YOUR SUPPORT goes to helping keep our senior programs running, including our Home Delivered Meals.

SPEAKING OF HOME DELIVERED MEALS, we are always looking for volunteer drivers - note background check required.

NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROPOSED SENIOR CENTER BUILDING/FOOD BANK are nearing completion.

LOCAL VETERANS AND SENIORS needing help call: Veterans Services (503) 366 397 6580 and Community Action Team (503) 397 3511

NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 9, 10:00 am at the Cabin in Vernonia. All are welcome.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS. Until next time... See ya' around town...

SENIOR SIGN OFF: Money may not make a person happy, but it keeps their creditors in a better state of mind.

Vernonia Senior Center

939 Bridge Street • (503) 429-3912

Head Start Recruiting Now

Local Head Start programs are now recruiting 3 and 4 year olds for the 2019-20 school year. Staff suggests that parents apply now to have their family included.

Heads Start offers a comprehensive preschool experience free of charge to qualifying families. A developmentally appropriate classroom curriculum taught by certified teachers offers all children the opportunity to be kindergarten ready.

The program offers parents opportunities to learn and grow along with their children; receive guidance to complete medical, dental, and nutritional assessments; get on the job training in the early childhood field, and learn about local opportunities for the whole family.

Children receive USDA ap-

proved lunch plus breakfast and/or afternoon snack on each day of class. (Head Start and USDA are both equal opportunity providers.)

For more information you may phone local centers: Vernonia/Mist area (503) 429-9243, St. Helens/Scappoose area (503) 397-4114, Clatskanie/Rainier area (503) 728-2940, Knappa/Astoria/Warrenton area (503) 861-9681.

Head Start is a Community Action agency.



Senior Dogs at Columbia Humane Society Fetch Grant *continued from page 12*

years, the national nonprofit Grey Muzzle Organization has provided almost \$2 million in grants to support its vision of "a world where no old dog dies alone and afraid."

"Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we're delighted to help deserving organizations like Columbia Humane Society make a difference in the lives of dogs and people in their communities," Grey Muzzle's Executive Director Lisa Lunghofer said. "Many senior dogs in Columbia County are enjoying their golden years in loving homes thanks to the wonderful work of the Columbia Humane Society"

Columbia Humane Society is a privately run 501(C)(3) rescue organization. They take responsibility for

nearly 300 pets a year and find new and loving homes for them. They work with local authorities as well as organizations from around the world to help train and re-home displaced pets. Their mission is to assist the community in the training and rehoming of adoptable animals. For more information about who they are please visit their website at <https://columbiahumane.com/>.

The national nonprofit The Grey Muzzle Organization improves the lives of at-risk senior dogs by providing funding and resources to animal shelters, rescue organizations, sanctuaries, and other nonprofit groups nationwide. For details please visit www.greymuzzle.org.

Legislative Wins for Oregon's Children *continued from page 13*

pass, particularly related to protecting children who are at risk or survivors of child abuse and neglect, leaving opportunities for future legislative action and progress, such as:

- Requiring safe gun storage in households with children
- The fourth Children's Agency priority to Expand Transition Services for youth aging out of the foster care system
- Funding for the Oregon Children Abuse Prevalence Study
- Increased funding for Child Abuse Intervention Centers
- Funding to help ensure every foster child has a CASA
- Healthy relationship trainings for foster youth
- Increased investment in services for domestic violence survivors and their

children

- Eliminating non-medical exemptions for vaccines
- Reducing carbon emissions to address climate change

The future for many children in Oregon will be brighter because of the hard work of the Legislature in the 2019 session, but there is much more to be done.

Children First for Oregon empowers communities to advocate for kids so all children in Oregon can thrive. We inform and convene communities through our four program areas: child abuse prevention, foster youth advocacy, legislative solutions, and research and data. Make a gift today to help us build an Oregon where all children thrive.

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Church Directory

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sunday Schedule:
Sacrament Meeting: 10:00 am
Sunday School & Primary: 11:20 am
Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women: 12:10 pm
Roger Cook, Branch President
1350 E. Knott Street
503-429-7151

Grace Family Fellowship

Sunday School: 9:00 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Thursday Prayer: 6:00 pm

Greg "Mac" McCallum, Pastor
957 State Avenue
503-429-6790

Nehalem Valley Bible Church

Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am
Tues. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 am
Wednesday Service: 7:00 pm
Sat. Men's Prayer Meeting: 6:30 am
Gary Taylor, Pastor
500 North Street
503-429-5378

Open Door Gathering Place

Service: Sunday 6:00 pm

Grant Williams, Pastor

375 North Street
503-702-3553
Bible Study:
Sunday 9:00 am at Mariolino's

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sunday Mass: 12:00 pm
Fr. Josh Clifton, Administrator
960 Missouri Avenue
503-429-8841

Vernonia Christian Church

Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service in Youth & Family Center: 10:00 am

www.VernoniaChristianChurch.org

Sam Hough, Pastor
410 North Street
503-429-6522

Vernonia Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath (Saturday) Services
Sabbath School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am
www.VernoniaSDAC.org
Larry Gibson, Pastor
2nd Avenue and Nehalem Street
503-429-8301