

## Upcoming Events

Columbia County Fair & Rodeo – Wednesday, July 17 - Sunday, July 21, see website for schedule details: <https://www.columbiacountyfairgrounds.com/events>

Columbia County Beekeepers Group – Monthly meeting on Thursday, July 18, 6:00 pm at the OSU Columbia County Extension office in St. Helens

Summer Reading Sign-ups now through July 20 at the Vernonia Public Library for ages 0-14

Paint With Friends For Friends – Friday, July 26, 6:00 -8:00 pm at Black Iron Grill. Contact Christie Davis (503) 816-7596

Echoing Evergreens Summer Day Camp – Monday, July 29 - Thursday, August 1. Registration packet available at R&S Market.

Vernonia Friendship Jamboree & Logging Show – Friday, August 2 - Sunday, August 4

West Oregon Electric Co-op Annual Meeting – Saturday, August 17, 11:00 am at the Vernonia Schools Commons

Community Wide Garage Sale – Saturday, August 24

Summer Meals Program – now through August 30, Mon-Fri, 11:30-1:00, FREE lunch for kids 1-18 at Grace Family Fellowship, 957 State Avenue

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) 429-7503

## 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  
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## Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

You will soon be receiving your invitation to West Oregon Electric's annual meeting. This year they are celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. You will also be asked to vote for two Board Member positions in District 2 and District 5. Every vote will count and is, as with any vote, extremely important. A 75 year history is something to be proud of. Rural America needed the Co-op system to get electrified. It worked then, not discounting the need. The question to be asked is, is this the type of management to run this Co-op for the next 75 years? Do we stay the status quo? Do we continue to absorb the inevitable increases in our rates? Do we stay the most expen-

sive utility in the State of Oregon?

Or do we vote in some new Board of Directors with some fresh ideas, talent, and abilities needed to do the job of considering the welfare of the paying member-owners! You will receive your ballots at the end of July. Read the biographies of the candidates. Decide who has the history and knowledge to help make the necessary changes needed.

Remember, the Co-op is not accountable to any state or federal organization, only to the Board of Directors you vote into office! If we don't

do something different, things that are unsustainable will stay the same. Is this what you want? Remember, member-owners are the only entity with the power to initiate change. I can't tell you how to vote, but I can introduce you to two people who can, from the knowledge of the candidates, initiate change. A vote for JENNIFER JOHNSTON District 5, and DAVE CRAWFORD District 2 is a vote for change! You decide.

Thank you.

Mary Stocker  
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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. Email: [scott@vernoniasvoice.com](mailto:scott@vernoniasvoice.com) or mail to: Letters, PO Box 55, Vernonia, OR 97064.

## Vernonia Weather June 2019

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	76	49	0
2	76	42	0
3	70	34	0
4	77	37	0
5	63	39	0
6	63	42	.09
7	59	45	.15
8	64	38	.01
9	78	40	0
10	83	45	0
11	93	50	0
12	96	50	0
13	78	55	0
14	69	52	0
15	76	49	0
16	75	49	0
17	77	54	0
18	63	50	0
19	65	47	.02
20	62	47	.02
21	67	48	T
22	68	51	T
23	64	39	0
24	67	41	0
25	67	41	0
26	71	46	.03
27	65	48	.42
28	68	46	T
29	77	44	0
30	81	45	0
Ave/Tot	71.9	45.4	0.74

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

OSU EXTENSION SERVICE - Columbia County - PRESENTS

## Summer 2019

## FOOD

## PRESERVATION CLASSES



Pre-registration is required for all courses. Educational, Fun, Hands-on workshops in St. Helens are designed for adults over 18. Space is limited- sign up today! Requests for scholarships or accommodations for physical disabilities may be made by contacting our office or through the online registration system. To Register Online: <http://bit.ly/ColumbiaFoodPreservation>. For information, contact Sonia Reagan at: (503) 397-3462 or [Sonia.Reagan@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Sonia.Reagan@oregonstate.edu)

DATE	COURSE TOPIC	TIME	LOCATION	COST
8/6/2019	<b>The Secret to Perfect Pickles</b>	5:30pm-8:00pm	Columbia Soil & Water	\$20
<i>Have you ever wanted to learn how to make and can the perfect pickles? Experienced &amp; beginner pickle makers will learn tips and tricks from Master Food Preserver &amp; Local Food Entrepreneur, Betsy Walton.</i>				
8/13/2019	<b>Making Herb-Infused Jelly</b>	5:30pm-8:00pm	Columbia Soil & Water	\$20
<i>Learn how to extract fruit juice from fresh-picked produce &amp; practice making that juice into delicious jellies to enjoy year round. We'll combine fruit juice &amp; herbs to create unique flavors perfect for gifting.</i>				
8/20/2019	<b>Drying Fruits, Vegetables &amp; Meats</b>	5:30pm-8:00pm	OSU Extension Service	\$20
<i>Drying foods is an easy way to make your food last longer, whether prepping for the "big one" or just planning your outdoor adventures! Learn to produce perfectly dehydrated foods, with Don Wiley.</i>				
8/27/2019	<b>The Science &amp; Art of Canning Salsa</b>	5:30pm-8:00pm	Columbia Soil & Water	\$20
<i>Explore the science behind safely preserving tomatoes &amp; salsas using boiling-water canning. Includes a hands-on lab to hone your culinary arts in the kitchen as we practice making delicious salsas.</i>				
9/21/2019	<b>Hunt to Home: Game Processing</b>	9:00am-1:00pm	Columbia Soil & Water	\$40
<i>Are you a novice or seasoned hunter looking to improve your butchering and processing skills? Class includes hands-on butchery instruction, freezer wrapping, and a pressure canning demonstration.</i>				



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## Columbia Humane Society



### Purr-fect Pals



Meet Ampola! This 15 week old kitten is just ready and waiting for her new forever home. This little girl is very talkative and likes to voice her opinion about everything including the fact that she doesn't always get wet food. She can be shy when she is first meeting new people but given a little time to settle in she is just fine. Her adoption fee includes current vaccines, worm and flea treatment, spay, and microchip.

### Featured Dog

Meet Darla! She is about a year old, and has the energy to prove it. This spunky little girl is sure to bring a smile to your face no matter what the day brings you. Imagine coming home every night to this little girl - happy, goofy, and ready for loves. She likes playing with other dogs, but we have no idea of her history with cats. We think that, due to her energy, she is probably going to do best in a home with kids that are at least 10 years old. She loves to play and chase her toys and loves to have all the appropriate things to chew on.

If you are interested in meeting Darla please email [animalwelfare@columbiahumane.org](mailto:animalwelfare@columbiahumane.org) and we would love to answer any questions you have, send out an application for adoption, and then schedule a time for you to come in and meet this lovely little lady.



Darla