

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my deep appreciation for the support I received during the recent primary election. Particular thanks go to my endorsers, Mayor Rick Hobart, Mayor Bob Brajcich, and Mayor Rick Scholl, and to Presiding Circuit Court Judge Grove, District Attorney Jeff Auxier, City Council members Joel Haugen of Scappoose and Doug Morten of St. Helens, Terry Moss, retired St. Helens Chief of Police, and many others, including local attorneys Mark Gordon, Diana Shera Taylor, and Mark Lang. My heart

is filled with gratitude.

I also thank each and every voter, for your engagement with this vitally important judicial race. I look forward to continuing the conversation with you heading into the general election this November. You will each need to determine which candidate is most qualified and experienced, and who will best serve as your Circuit Judge.

Again, thank you for your attention and support.

Jenefer Grant
Columbia County Circuit Judge

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 first and third Monday of each month. Email: scott@vernoniasvoice.com or mail to: Letters, PO Box 55, Vernonia, OR 97064.

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Office Telephone 503-429-3912
501 (c) (3) TID: #23-7422295

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- Enclosed is my \$60 donation toward the Senior Meal Delivery program
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- \$15/year annual senior citizen membership for those 60 years old and over
- You have my permission to list me as a Champion of the SOS program (amount will not be posted)
- My check will serve as my receipt OR
- I would like a tax deductible receipt mailed to me at the above address

THANK YOU FOR BECOMING AN SOS CHAMPION!

Oregon Broadens COVID Reopening *continued from front page*

This is essential to contain the virus and prevent widespread "community" infection.

In addition, they need to demonstrate that Phase I reopening has not led to spikes in cases:

- There cannot be a 5% or greater increase in new cases in the county over the previous 7 days.
- There cannot be a significant increase in the percentage of positive cases out of total tests taken in the county over the previous 7 days.

Exceptions may be made if the increase in the number of cases or percentage of positive test results is due to an outbreak in a group living or working facility that has been traced and is deemed to be under control.

In addition, Governor Brown announced on May 31 that she asked for and received the resignation of Oregon Employment Department Director Kay Erickson. David Gerstenfeld, Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Division Director, will serve as interim Director of the Department.

"In the middle of this pandemic, the continued delays from the Oregon Employment Department in delivering unemployment insurance benefits to thousands of out-of-work Oregonians are unacceptable," said Governor Brown. "This is an unprecedented crisis, and the problems at the department demand an urgent response."

In other COVID-19 Reopening news:

City of Vernonia is Reopening – Overnight camping is now allowed in Vernonia, as is fishing from docks at Vernonia Lake. City Hall will reopen for face-to-face business when Columbia County enters Phase II.

Jamboree Canceled – The Jamboree Committee has decided to cancel this year's event. The Committee is working to create some fundraising opportunities to help raise resources for next year.

Washington County Reopens June 1 Washington County was able to reopen under Phase I guidelines on June 1.

DMV Offices Reopen DMV offices began face-to-face transactions around the state starting June 3. Initially, these will be by appointment only.

State Makes Oregon Health Plan Easier to Access As a result of the influx of Oregonians who now need and qualify for the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) due to COVID-19, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has taken steps to make it easier for individuals to sign up. OHA's webpage for new OHP members (<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Pages/Apply.aspx>) now includes a quick start guide (in eight languages so far), as well as advice on how new members can find their local Coordinated Care Organization (CCO), find a primary care provider, and make their first appointment.

The Transfer Station
is scheduled to be
open on the
2nd and 4th Saturday
January - October
June 13 & 27
Currently not accepting
oversized items
(mattresses, couches, etc.)
and limiting the number
of vehicles in the yard
at one time.

Dates are subject to change



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

Or find a meeting at: <https://www.oregonaadistrict18.org/>



Columbia Humane Society



Purr-fect Pals



Stefan came to the shelter when he was abandoned in the bushes in a carrier. We think that he is about 10 years old. We had some concerns with him so placed him in our Senior Cat program. It was discovered through this program that he is in the early stages of kidney failure, and he also has some arthritis. His kidney failure requires a special diet and his arthritis requires a daily supplement. This guy is so much fun though. He loves to get pets and lie in your lap. He isn't a great fan of dogs, however he doesn't really mind other cats. This guy needs to be in a home where he can get all the love and attention that he can handle.

If you think that you might be able to give Stefan the home he needs please don't hesitate to call 503-397-4353 or email animalwelfare@columbiahumane.org. Please do not just show up at the shelter as he is currently being housed at a foster home.

Featured Dog



This young lady is looking to find a loving home to call her own. She was a transfer from Columbia County Animal Control after she came to the shelter as a stray. We don't know about her history, but the vets think she is about 4 years old. Mabel plays a mean game of fetch and is really friendly with any new person she meets. She is very treat motivated and we are working on her dog/dog skills at this time. She is for sure going to need a home where she can have a yard to run in and a couch to call her own. We think she would do best with kids that are over 12 years old. We have no idea how she is going to do with cats.

If you are interested in meeting Mabel please feel free to email animalwelfare@columbiahumane.org to obtain an application for adoption. Once we have an approved application on file we will then schedule a time for you to come in and meet her.