

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

The Angora Hiking Club turns 100 years old this year. It has survived the Spanish Flu of 1918, the Depression of 1929, World War II, and the pandemic of 2020. How has it managed to survive all these years? It has offered a respite from work, stress, and depression, inviting folks to come out and enjoy nature.

It all began on July 4, 1920 when 18 members of the Knights of Pythias hiked to the top of Saddle Mountain. At the summit, they read the Declaration of Independence and sang the Star Spangled Banner and other patriotic songs. They renamed themselves the Angoras

meaning mountain goats, and the hiking club was born.

Their adventures were not limited to hiking. Events included skiing, swimming, and horseback riding. They wrote their own songs and on occasion rode the train to the starting point of their walks. Qualifications for membership included the requirement to climb Saddle Mountain and stated that no member was to be admitted "promiscuously" (no explanation provided!). Members had to complete six club hikes each year. Their first meetings were held in local restaurants, then in the Old Fort Building reconstructed in Shively Park for the celebration of Astoria's centennial in 1911, and later in Shively Hall.

The Angoras were an ambitious lot. Their list of projects included:

- Improvement of the country road to Saddle Mountain
- Clearing the Tillamook Head Trail of brush each spring
- Lobbying the State Highway Commission to make Saddle Mountain a state park
- Purchasing forty acres on Tillamook Head
- Building a cabin in 1956 on the Tillamook Head acreage. Loggers from Olney used their equipment to haul logs, Crown Zellerbach donated cedar from which shakes were hand-made for the roof,

and a large smokestack and floorboards were hauled from the recently demolished Ft. Stevens Officers Club. All construction was done by the members.

Donations to the community included:

- \$600 worth of books to the Astor Library
- Bronze topographic map of the area now displayed at the Astoria Column - 1966
- The Flagpole at the Maritime Memorial Park
- Cabinets and paneling at Shively Hall

Today, the Angoras no longer travel by train or horseback to the start of our hikes. At a marathon meeting in January, we plan all of our hikes for the year, usually four per month. The hike on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month is an easy one, e.g. the Astoria Riverwalk or Seaside Prom. The longer hikes are on Wednesdays and Saturdays and are rated easy, moderate, and difficult. Our schedule is online at our website, Angorahikingclub.org. Dues are \$10 per year and you can't find a better bargain anywhere! We invite you to come join us on a hike once the stay-at-home order is rescinded.

We hope to see you on the trail!

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All are welcome to join in observing
JUNETEENTH
which celebrates the end of slavery
Stand for racial justice and equality on
Friday, June 19th
from 6 - 8 pm
at Spencer Park
Please wear masks

Vernonia Weather May 2020

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	62	49	.12
2	56	39	.46
3	56	37	.25
4	66	37	.15
5	72	41	.08
6	60	34	T
7	73	34	T
8	80	35	0
9	86	39	0
10	85	45	.01
11	64	49	.15
12	60	48	0
13	60	43	.44
14	56	43	.20
15	65	49	.04
16	69	45	.23
17	63	47	.05
18	64	47	.09
19	61	48	T
20	59	45	.05
21	55	38	.12
22	58	41	T
23	59	43	0
24	73	44	T
25	65	53	T
26	69	42	0
27	82	42	0
28	90	45	0
29	78	50	T
30	56	48	.30
31	59	38	0
Ave/Tot	66.5	43.2	2.74

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

NOTICE OF POSITIONS OPEN CITY OF VERNONIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Election will be held on the 3rd day of November 2020, at which time the legal voters of the City of Vernonia will be entitled to vote for candidates to certain city offices.

OFFICES OPEN FOR ELECTION:

- VERNONIA MAYOR TWO YEAR TERM
- VERNONIA COUNCIL MEMBER FOUR YEAR TERM
- VERNONIA COUNCIL MEMBER FOUR YEAR TERM

Election packets will be available May 27, 2020 at the office of the City Recorder, 1001 Bridge St., Vernonia, OR 97064. Nominating petitions can be filed no sooner than June 1, 2020, and filed no later than Friday, August 21, 2020, by 4:00 p.m. with the City Recorder. For more information call Stephanie Borst, City Recorder at 503-429-5291 ext. 105.

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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 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Email: scott@vernoniasvoice.com or mail to: Letters, PO Box 55, Vernonia, OR 97064.



Columbia Humane Society



Purr-fect Pals



Baskin is a recent addition to the shelter. This two-year-old little girl is very sweet and loving. She is very active and loves to talk to you. She seems to tolerate the other cats in the shelter, however we don't know how she would do in a home with other cats. We do know that she isn't a huge fan of dogs. Baskin just finished raising her litter of 8 kittens, has been spayed, and would appreciate a forever home she can call her own..

If you are interested in meeting Baskin we ask that you please request an application by sending an email to animalwelfare@columbiahumane.org. Once you have an approved application on file we will then schedule a time for you to come in and meet the cat or kitten of your choice. Due to being unable to physical

distance properly in the cattery we are only allowing potential adopters by appointment at this time. If you have any questions please call or email. Baskin's adoption fee is \$125 which includes all her vaccines, spay, microchip, and flea and worm treatments.

Featured Dog



Albus (of the Dumbledore family) is a happy, bright addition to the CHS clan. With such a magical background, he is sure to bring many smiles and much laughter to the family that he chooses. This guy is a relatively recent addition from a shelter in Texas, where he lived for a time in a foster home. At just over a year old he is very excited in the shelter and really likes all the attention he gets. He enjoys playing with his toys and playing with all his dog friends in playgroup, but we don't think he will do well in a home with other dogs as he tends to guard. We are not sure what his experience is with cats. He is about 45 lbs and needs a fenced yard. Albus does seem to have a hearing issue, has been conditioned to hand signals, and may not do well in a home with kids. We are looking for someone with experience with dogs with hearing loss.

We do best-fit for each family, so prior to just showing up at the shelter please email animalwelfare@columbiahumane.org and we will send you an application. Once the application is approved we will then schedule a time for you to come and meet the pet that you are interested in.