

Community Calendar

Car Wash – May 22, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in the Holce Logging parking lot behind the Bridge Street Mini-Mart. Cost is by donation. Benefits VHS students German language class trip to Germany in spring 2022.

Junk in the Trunk – Save the date – Saturday, July 17, 9:00 am in the Greenman Grandstands parking lot

Vernonia Community Garage Sale – Save the date – Saturday, August 28, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Vernonia Weather April 2021			
DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	63	31	0
2	59	33	0
3	64	34	0
4	53	25	0
5	58	25	0
6	63	40	0
7	50	37	.34
8	51	27	.02
9	55	28	.20
10	48	26	0
11	55	25	0
12	63	26	0
13	64	26	0
14	68	24	0
15	74	29	0
16	78	33	0
17	81	33	0
18	79	32	0
19	73	33	0
20	72	32	0
21	72	38	0
22	60	34	0
23	58	36	.18
24	51	42	.17
25	56	40	.12
26	56	38	.15
27	63	36	0
28	71	37	0
29	75	40	.05
30	60	46	.03
Ave/Tot	63.1	32.9	1.26
Weather data is collected at the U.S. Weather station at the Vernonia Water Plant			

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

I am writing in support of Mist Elementary continuing to run as a K-5 for the 2021-2022 school year. At present, there is not enough enrollment and the Vernonia School District is planning on operating Mist as a K-2. This would close the doors of Mist Elementary to incoming 3rd - 5th graders next year. Several Mist Elementary parents (past and present) and Mist community members attended the School Board meeting on May 13, speaking out against this drastic change. We were told by administration that if we show

them the numbers and build up enrollment, they will continue to assign two teachers to the school and offer the Mist educational opportunity to K-5 for the upcoming school year.

Yes, Mist lost one fabulous teacher last year and one more will be leaving at the end of this year. There is a lot of uncertainty with the school, and signing up a child to attend without knowing all the variables is tough. But some places have their own spirit and inspire the people who walk in the door. I believe Mist does that for kids and teachers and if given a chance, it

will continue to do so.

If you live in the Vernonia School District, have a K-5 student(s), and are intrigued by Mist, please look into it and ask questions! They need more students (particularly grades 3-5) to run as a K-5 next year. Mist Elementary kids have transportation from the Vernonia area and the school day is slightly shorter to time with the Vernonia schools bus schedule. To sign-up your child for Mist Elementary, call Vernonia Schools (503) 429-1333.

Shannon Romtvedt
Vernonia

Summer Meals Program Returns

Free Summer Meals will once again be available through the Vernonia School District. This service will begin on Monday, June 21, and will run throughout the summer, ending on Friday, August 20.

These free meals are provided through U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program.

Summer meals are available free for kids ages 1-18, and there is no income requirement or paperwork needed in order to participate. This includes children residing in Vernonia, and those who are just visiting. Adult meals are NOT available for purchase this summer, as there will be no on-site dining.

Due to COVID-19 restric-

tions meals will NOT be served on-site again this summer. All meals will need to be picked up at the Vernonia Schools building between 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday most weeks.

For any questions regarding summer meal service in Vernonia Schools, please call Superintendent Aaron Miller at (503) 429-5891.

Save the Date for Junk in the Trunk

The Vernonia chapter of P.E.O., an international women's organization dedicated to education, is planning to resume its annual Junk in the Trunk Sale on Saturday, July 17, from 9:00 am to mid-afternoon, at Spencer Park near the Greenman Grandstands. All proceeds from the sale go to support the local chapter's philanthropic activities.

The chapter recently elected officers for the 2021-2022 fiscal year:

Sharon Parrow, President; Coni Hodgson, Vice President; Patty Buchanan, Recording Secretary; Katie Poetter, Corresponding Secretary; Tobie Finzel, Treasurer; and Kellie Murray, Chaplain. The chapter held a private memorial service for its beloved longtime member and past President, Ilene Grady, and will have a display celebrating her life at the July 17 sale, one of Ilene's favorite chapter activities.

Cedar Side Inn



11:00 am - 11:00 pm every day

Specialty Pizzas

Taco Tuesday

from opening until 9 pm
3 hardshell or 1 softshell \$4.25

Check our Facebook page for daily specials

756 Bridge Street, Vernonia 503-429-5841

Upper Nehalem Watershed Council Board Meeting

Thursday, May 27
5:30-7:30 pm

Meeting by Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZlpdOivrDwsG9XjEW-r5CeKguMhxYLeLengjdG>



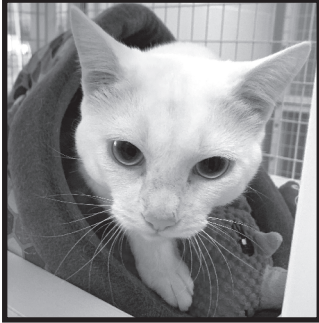
For more info call (503) 396-2046
or email maggie@nehalem.org

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.



Purr-fect Pals



Asher is a very sweet and lovely boy who is about a year old. He is going to need a home where he is either with a female cat or no other cat at all. He has had no exposure to dogs so we don't recommend a home with dogs but we were told that he was in a home with kids. Asher can be very nervous with any change in his life and he is going to require a home that is understanding of him and willing to give him his own space and his own time to adjust to his surroundings. Asher does appear to have hearing issues, so being an indoor cat only will be very important for him. He sure does like to talk and he loves to play with his toys. If you are interested in meeting Asher we ask that you please email adoption@columbi humane.org in order to obtain an application.

Featured Dog



Hey Hey Hey! Buddy is the name and being a spitfire is my game. I'm a very sweet one year old 50 lb lab mix that is looking for that sweet soft spot to land. My life previous to CHS didn't provide a place to run, a yard of my own, or lots of patience and love. When I first came to CHS I was pretty unsure, hadn't met many strangers, and I was just plain scared. Sometimes when I meet new people I can be a little standoffish and will even growl. I'm pretty good at communicating how I feel and don't respond well to negative reinforcement training. I'm unsure when I meet new dogs. I do know how to sit and the trainers at the shelter are building on that – I am responding pretty well so far. My ideal family would probably work from home, so that I don't have to be alone very much at least in the beginning. I am looking for a fenced yard where I can sniff and run around. I don't want to live with a kitty, they spent a lot of time teasing me and now I want to chase them. I would like a family that is looking for a true Buddy, I just want to be a pal – someone who will understand, be patient, and protect me.

If you are interested in meeting Buddy we ask that you please email adoption@columbi humane.org in order to obtain an application. Once you have an approved application on file, we will then schedule a time for you to come out and meet with Buddy. Please note that we will require vet and landlord references. Buddy's adoption fee is \$250 which includes his neuter, treatment for fleas and worms, and microchip.

Columbia Humane Society



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