

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,
The Vernonia Senior Center would like to extend its thanks to the community for the support of our center and the generous donations we received during December from several local individuals and families. We're excited to be opening the new building for noon meals for seniors after almost ten years, and we are gradually adding new activities during our open times on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Please visit our Vernonia Senior Center Facebook page for information, and if you're 60 or over, do consider becoming a member so you can receive our monthly newsletter with menus, calendars, and other items of interest.

Vernonia Senior Center Board

Bonamici Helps Deliver \$87.7 Million to Oregon Families to Assist with Home Energy Costs

Funds will help families with heating, utilities, and energy repair costs

Oregon Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) announced the delivery of \$87.7 million to Oregon through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) through the American Rescue Plan and the state's annual funding allocation. LIHEAP provides grants to state agencies to help low-income families manage costs associated with home energy bills, energy crises, and minor energy-related home repairs.

"Making sure Oregonians can stay safe in their homes must be

a priority during the ongoing pandemic," said Congresswoman Bonamici. "Since 2020, I have been calling for increased LIHEAP funding so no one has to decide between paying their energy bills or buying food and medication. This injection of federal funds will more than double Oregon's typical annual funding and allow more households to receive support with their heating and utility bills."

"One of the hardest parts of our jobs at CAT is when we hear from someone who needs help but there are no more funds available. That is too often the case with heating assistance," said Dan Brown, Executive Director of Community Action Team,

Inc. in Clatsop, Columbia, and Tillamook counties. "We appreciate Congresswoman Bonamici's advocacy for additional LIHEAP funding. With these new resources, we will be able to help many more seniors and families stay warm this winter."

More than 90% of households receiving LIHEAP include at least one person with a disability, a child under 18, a veteran, or a senior citizen. As Oregonians continue to experience the effects of the COVID pandemic and omicron surge, this critical assistance will help families, seniors, and other vulnerable Oregonians afford the costs of staying warm this winter.

Local families who need assistance can contact CAT in St. Helens at 503-397-3511 or go to their website at <https://CAT-Team.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@vernonias-voice.com or mail to: Letters, PO Box 55, Vernonia, OR 97064.

Vernonia Weather
December 2021

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	58	39	T
2	48	30	0
3	44	32	0
4	48	28	.20
5	42	28	.30
6	44	37	.18
7	50	41	.15
8	43	31	.10
9	39	32	.30
10	43	33	.98
11	47	32	.52
12	40	33	.45
13	39	31	.15
14	39	30	.03
15	38	34	.21
16	45	30	T
17	42	30	T
18	46	33	1.25
19	39	33	.37
20	43	38	.13
21	44	38	.20
22	46	38	.56
23	41	33	.65
24	39	32	.20
25	35	27	.30
26	31	20	.50
27	28	21	.10
28	34	28	.05
29	31	27	.13
30	35	29	.38
31	36	22	T
Ave/Tot	41.2	31.3	8.39

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

A BLOOD DRIVE has been scheduled in Vernonia at Grace Family Fellowship, 957 State Avenue, Thursday, January 27 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm. You can schedule an appointment by going to www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Upper Nehalem Watershed Council
Quarterly Board Meeting
Thursday, January 27
5:30-7:30 pm

Hybrid meeting to be held at the Vernonia Grange. Masks are required for in-person, email claiuto@gmail.com or call 307-321-6867 for Zoom registration.



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Columbia Humane Society





Purr-fect Pals

Meet James. This seven month old boy is full of adventure and has lots of love to give. When he first arrived at the shelter he was pretty scared and timid. As time has gone on he has just gotten full of more love. James does not seem to mind other cats, however we would either like to place him with his brother Jim or with a female cat that is older and already established in the home. He has had limited exposure to young kids and dogs, so a quiet, calm home is probably going to be best. If you are interested in meeting him we ask that you please email adoptions@columbiahumane.org in order to obtain an application for adoption. His adoption fee is \$125 which includes his current vaccinations, neuter, microchip, and treatment for fleas and worms.



Featured Dog

Hazel, through no fault of her own, is back up for adoption. Coming back into the shelter at 9 years old, this little lady has been completely vetted and was found to be in great health. As with any older dog, she does have a little arthritis but that can be easily managed. Hazel is looking for a home that she can retire in, a home with a fenced-in backyard, a dog bed and maybe even a couch with an extra lap to lay her head in. We do know that she doesn't do well with cats and if she is to go with another dog it will need to be an older male that just wants a pal not really a playmate. If you think you might have what Hazel needs please email adoption@columbiahumane.org in order to obtain an application. She is current on vaccinations, has been treated for fleas and worms, is microchipped, and spayed.

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