

Upcoming Events

FREE Summer Meals Program – Mon-Fri, 11 am - 12:30 pm through August 19, for kids 1-18 at the Vernonia Schools cafeteria. Adult meals available for \$4.50. Now available for Grab & Go.

WOEC Annual Meeting – Saturday, August 20, 11 am, registration 10 am, at the Vernonia Schools Commons

Bingo – Saturday, August 20, 6-9 pm at the American Legion Post 119, 627 Adams Ave. First number called at 6:30.

Vernonia Equality & Racial Justice (VERJ) Potluck – Wednesday, August 24, 6:00 pm

Church Directory

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Sunday Schedule:
Sacrament Meeting: 10:00 am
Sunday School & Primary: 11:20 am
Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women: 12:10 pm
Roger Cook, Branch President
1350 E. Knott Street 503-429-7151

Grace Family Fellowship
Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am
Children’s Sunday School: 10:00 am
Adult Sunday School: After Worship Service
Grief Support Group: 2nd & 4th Sunday, 11:30 am
Greg “Mac” McCallum, Pastor
957 State Avenue 503-429-6790

Nehalem Valley Bible Church
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 am
Mark Organ, Senior Pastor
Gary Taylor, Associate Pastor
<https://www.nvbiblechurch.org>
500 North Street 503-429-5378

St. Mary’s Catholic Church
Sunday Mass: 12:00 pm
Fr. Joshua Clifton, Administrator
<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysOfVernonia>
960 Missouri Avenue 503-429-8841

Vernonia Christian Church
Sunday Worship Service in Youth & Family Center: 9:30 and 11:00 am
www.Vernonia.Church
Sam Hough, Pastor
410 North Street 503-429-6522

Vernonia Seventh-day Adventist Church
Sabbath (Saturday) Services
Sabbath School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am
Pastor Antonee Leo Aguilar
Email: antonee.aguilar@oc.npuc.org
<https://VernoniaOR.AdventistChurch.org/>
1294 Nehalem Street 269-697-3156

at the Hawkins Park Gazebo. All are welcome.

Community-wide Garage Sale – Saturday, August 27, 9 am - 5 pm. Maps will be available on Facebook and in the foyer of City Hall.

Hiroshima Peace Tree Dedication – Saturday, August 27, 11 am at Ora Bolmeier Park

St. Mary’s 50th Quilt & Craft Fair – September 15-17, 10 am - 4 pm

A BLOOD DRIVE has been scheduled in Vernonia for **Thursday, September 1** 12:00 to 5:15 pm at Grace Family Fellowship. Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Vernonia Weather July 2022

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	72	52	0
2	66	53	0
3	68	43	0
4	76	46	0
5	69	51	.13
6	74	58	.16
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8	76	48	.04
9	75	48	0
10	76	47	0
11	92	48	0
12	84	50	0
13	75	44	0
14	82	45	0
15	80	49	T
16	72	45	0
17	68	47	0
18	75	46	0
19	86	47	0
20	88	48	0
21	78	55	0
22	73	55	0
23	74	49	0
24	88	47	0
25	96	49	0
26	98	52	0
27	94	54	0
28	94	55	0
29	95	55	0
30	97	52	0
31	96	53	0
Ave/Tot	80.9	49.8	.33

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

SAVE THE DATE: September 1, 2022
Meet the Families Night
Location: Vernonia Schools campus
Tentative happenings:
BBQ and Social: 4:30 - 5:30
K-12 Classroom visits: 5:30 -6:30
Check Vernonia Schools website for updates: www.vernoniak12.org

VERJ Potluck at Hawkins Park

Have you heard of Vernonia Equality and Racial Justice (VERJ)? The group was founded by local Vernonians in 2020 with the hope of bringing the citizens of our town together to stand for equality and justice for all, no matter their race, ethnicity, religion, gender or political affiliation. This volunteer-based organization focuses on bias education and social justice work and envisions a welcoming community that values a cooperative approach to safety, dignity, and freedom from discrimination.

Unfortunately COVID made it difficult to do the collective action originally hoped for, but in an effort to reinvigorate the effort, we have planned a potluck at Hawkins Park for Wednesday, August 24 at 6 pm. Besides giving the volunteers an opportunity to reconnect, we will also discuss possible actions to promote the vision of the group. We welcome anyone who would be interested in joining the efforts. For more information about VERJ, you may go to the Facebook page at VERJ.For.All or email verj.for.all@gmail.com.

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District is still offering the COVID-19 vaccine for free at our Main Fire Station located at 12525 Highway 202 Mist, OR 97016.

We are currently offering the primary series, along with 1st and 2nd boosters for:

- Moderna for 18 years+
- Pfizer for 12 years+
- Pediatric Pfizer for 5-11 years

Generally, we have clinic availability most Tuesdays-Thursdays during standard business hours, but can make occasional accommodations outside of those if needed.

Anyone 5 and older is eligible for a 1st Booster at least 5 months after their primary series was completed.

2nd boosters are available 4 or more months after your 1st booster for the following individuals:

- Anyone over 50 years old
- People ages 12 years and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised

To schedule:

- Call us at 503-755-2710 Monday-

Thursday

- Schedule online at: <https://columbia-countyphvaccination213.as.me/MBRF-PD>

Need a new card?

Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD is happy to mail new COVID-19 cards out to those in need. Please call 503-755-2710 to request this. We will need your name, date of birth, and mailing address. Please allow a few business days to process your request and get it in the mail. If you need it urgently, you may be able to pick it up within 24 hours of your request in person Monday-Thursday. Please note: We will not send blank cards to anyone.

COVID-19 Test Updates

Both Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD and Vernonia RFPD have free COVID-19 home antigen test kits available for distribution to our communities. If you are in need of a test, please contact your closest department directly ahead of time so we can coordinate contactless pick-up to help limit potential exposures for our staff and volunteers.

Mist-Birkenfeld: 503-755-2710
Vernonia: 503-429-8252

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



that we can be 100% sure we are not putting her at any risk. It will be important that she also only be kept in the home and never be allowed to free roam. If you are interested in meeting Mariah we ask that you please email adoption@columbiahumane.org in order to obtain an application. Once we have an approved application on file we will then schedule a meet and greet for you and Mariah. We ask that you please communicate via email as it is easier for us to keep track. Her adoption fee is \$125. She is spayed, felv/fiv negative, treated for fleas and worms, current on vaccinations, and microchipped.

Meet Miss Mariah. This sweet little thing has cerebellar hypoplasia, a developmental condition in which the cerebellum of the brain fails to develop properly, impacting fine motor skills, balance, and coordination. Cerebellar hypoplasia is not infectious to other cats, they are not in any pain, and will learn to adapt to their disability over time, but must be kept indoors as they are prone to losing their balance and could easily be injured or attacked if outdoors. If their symptoms are pronounced, they may require special modifications in their home environment but have a normal life expectancy provided they are given some extra tender loving care. Mariah loves to play. She is about a year old and appears to do well with other cats. If she is placed in a home with a dog it will need to be a slow introduction so

Featured Dog



her. We ask that if you have any questions please email, not call. We can answer emails on the fly or in the evenings much easier. Penny’s adoption fee is going to be \$250, which will include her current vaccinations, spay, microchip, and treatment for fleas and worms.

Some of the best dogs in the world are older dogs. You don’t have to deal with the puppy stage, someone has gone through all the work of teaching about potty training, and in general just how to be a great dog. On that note we would like to introduce you to Pretty Penny. We estimate this lady is about 8-10 years young. We know that there is the perfect family out there for her, and she deserves to share her golden years with just the right family. Penny is a pretty easy keeper, she is very food motivated, knows some basic commands and will play an amazing game of fetch. This girl has a lot of good years left in her. She has a solid obedience foundation. Not really sure what more you could ask for. If a constant companion is what you are looking for then your search is over. If you are interested in meeting Penny we ask that you please email adoption@columbiahumane.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 and meet