

Upcoming Events

Bingo – Saturday, December 3 & 17, 6-9 pm at the American Legion Post 119, 627 Adams Ave. First number called at 6:30.

Christmas in the Country Vernonia Holiday Bazaar – Saturday, December 3, 10 am - 5 pm, at the Vernonia Schools. Handmade crafts, vintage and reclaimed items.

Vernonia Ballet Presents The Nutcracker – Friday, December 9, 7 pm, at the Vernonia Schools Commons. Free with donations accepted.

The Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia – Saturday, December 10, 10 am. Stories, crafts, contests, bazaars, characters, food vendors, lighted parade, tree lighting, and more.

Church Directory

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Sunday Schedule: 10:00 to 11:00 am
Sacrament Meeting (worship service and communion, all ages welcome)
11:10 to 12:00 noon: Sunday School for adults and youth
Dan Jordan, Branch President
503-704-1723
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
Wednesday Youth Group 13-18: 6:00 pm
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

YOGA IN VERNONIA?



5 TIMES A WEEK!
Hawkins Park Cabin
Mondays-8:30 am / 5:30 pm
Wednesdays-5:30 pm
Fridays-8:30 am
Camp Cedar Ridge
Sundays-4:00 pm
YogaMindEnergyBody.com

AA Meetings

Open Meetings
Mondays & Thursdays
6:30-7:30 pm

Vernonia Christian Church
410 North Street

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



Gorge Networks Announces Reduced Price and Free Upgrade to Current Customers

Gorge Networks has just announced that they have lowered the price of 1 Gig speed to \$59.95 a month for current customers and automatically provided a free upgrade to 1 Gig service for customers who were already paying \$59.95 a month for 300 Mbps service speed. Customers should expect to see these changes on their next bill.

Additionally, ACP (Affordable Connectivity Program) qualified households are now able to get 300 Mbps fiber service for only \$30 through Gorge Networks.

Gorge Networks is extending the new \$59.95 a month price for 1 Gig fiber service to new customers through the end of the year.

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Gorge Networks fiber internet services provide the same upload and download speeds, knowledgeable and responsive customer service, 24/7 technical support, fastest, most reliable fiber network in Vernonia, WiFi router and maintenance plan included in the 1 Gig monthly rate, no data caps on any plan, and a no price increase promise: We guarantee your regular monthly rate for your home internet service plan (excludes taxes/regulatory fees) for as long as you are a customer.

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District continues to offer the COVID-19 vaccine for interested individuals at the Main Fire Station located at 12525 Highway 202, Mist, Oregon 97016. They are offering appointment times most Tuesdays - Thursdays.

They currently have:

- Moderna Bivalent Boosters for individuals 18 and older
- Pfizer Bivalent Boosters for individuals 12 and older

You are eligible to receive a bivalent

booster if your last COVID-19 vaccine was at least two months ago, and you have not had a COVID-19 infection in the last 90 days. The bivalent booster is an updated vaccine that is designed to provide immune protection against the original SARS-CoV-2 variants, along with the more recent Omicron, BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants.

Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD is also happy to vaccinate anyone 6 months or older for their primary vaccine series, but due to a lower demand for these age groups, they do not keep those vaccines in stock and ask for a 1-2 week lead time when scheduling those appointments so they may order some for you!

Please call Mon-Thur at 503-755-2710 to schedule or online at <https://columbiacountyphvaccination213.as.me/MBRFPD>.

VERNONIA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 PM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 13, at the fire station, 555 E. Bridge St.



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.

From the Editor

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of long-time resident and Voice supporter Sunny Huntman.

Because she was a friend to felines, Sunny had for many years

anonymously sponsored our Purr-fect Pals section in the Voice, which each issue supports the work of the Columbia Humane Society by featuring both a dog and cat looking for a home. Sunny

loved cats and we will continue this work in her memory.

Vernonia's Voice wishes to extend our sincere condolences to the family, friends, and other loved ones of Sunny Huntman.



Columbia Humane Society



Purr-fect Pals



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 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.

Featured Dog



Dixie came to the shelter as an owner surrender because she was barking too much. From what we have seen at the shelter if her needs are not being met or she is scared of something she will just let you know. She is your typical little hound, she doesn't stop moving and loves to play with other dogs. She has a very sweet playstyle and will do well in a home with a male companion that is playful, and willing to show her the ropes. Dixie is a little shy when she meets new people but give her about 10-15 minutes and she will be your best friend. Her small size makes her a great dog for a family. She is only 32 lbs, about 9 months old. She already walks great on a leash. She likes to play a little fetch, but is also happy just running around sniffing like hounds do. We don't know what

she is going to be like with cats, but if she is true to her breed she will more than likely want to chase. She isn't going to be a couch potato, she will need daily exercise both mental and physical. She has already found her way through 4 homes so let's make this Dixie's last stop where she can find her forever home. If you are interested in meeting Dixie we ask that you please email adoption@columbiahumane.org in order to obtain an adoption application. Once you have an application on file we will then schedule a time for you to come and meet her. Please note that Dixie is not going to be a good dog for an apartment. Her adoption fee is \$250 which includes her current vaccinations, treatment for fleas and worms, microchip, and spay.