



Midway Veterinary Clinic's smiling staff, left to right; Stacy Ferguson, Shawna Naeve, Chrissy Sederburg, Sooz Laughlin, with Missy on the table.

## Clinic's new location allows complete veterinary services

Midway Veterinary Clinic has moved to their new office at 700 Weed Avenue, Vernonia. Same great people, same great service, new place for your dogs and cats to sniff.

Dr. Lewis Fowler has owned the clinic since 2000. The original business was a mobile van that parked at Anderson Park once a week. When Dr. Fowler took over he moved the business into space on Bridge Street. Then, as now, the clinic was open on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

When you take your pet in, you'll still see Chrissy Sederburg, Office Manager/Receptionist, who has been with the clinic 14 years, since the old days in the mobile van. Chrissy always has a smile for you and your pet. The other team members, familiar to regular clients, are Drs. Gold and Boen, Technician Sooz Laughlin, Room Technician Stacy Ferguson, and volunteer Shawna Naeve. When it's Dr. Fowler's rotation in the clinic, you'll also see Missy, his Australian Shepherd.

Future plans include adding another Veterinarian and then being open on Mondays, in addition to Wednesdays and Sat-

urdays. The clinic name will be changed in January to Vernonia Veterinary Clinic, because said Dr. Fowler, "I want this clinic to be associated with Vernonia." So when you see the new name or call and Chrissy answers Vernonia Veterinary Clinic, it's still the same great people and the same great service.

Midway Veterinary Clinic offers full veterinary services at the new location; surgery, dental care, all the routine care needs of your pet, additionally, X-rays are now available in Vernonia.

You can reach Midway Veterinary Clinic (soon to be Vernonia Veterinary Clinic) at 503-429-1612 on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or 503-397-6470 to make appointments on other days. Clinic hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can also walk in without an appointment, "We realize we're only here two days a week. We don't want to turn anybody away," said Chrissy.

Service through the holidays will be switched from December 25 and January 1 to the following Mondays, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3.

## Frontier Communications tips for safety in winter

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A corded phone keeps you safe in the event of an emergency, ensuring reliable access and address notification to 9-1-1 and other emergency services. Residents are encouraged to follow these additional tips to stay safe during inclement weather.

Additional Winter Safety Tips:

- Plug your phones in – corded phones that do not require a battery supply will work.
- Keep flashlights, a battery-

powered radio and fresh batteries handy.

- Keep a supply of non-perishable food and bottled water on hand.

- Listen to a battery-powered radio for weather and power restoration updates.

- Turn off major appliances (electric water heaters, refrigerators and freezers) and sensitive electronic equipment (TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computers, stereos) to prevent overloading and possible damage when power is restored. Leave one light switch "on" so you'll know when power has been restored.

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Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 12.2 percent in October, a decrease from the previous month (12.8%) and the year before (13.4%). The rate was above the statewide rate (10.5%) and the national rate (9.6%). Total employment climbed by 147 to 21,936 and the number of unemployed people decreased by 51 to 2,684. Total employment this October was 579 more than one year before and there were 230 fewer people unemployed this year.

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