

## Schaumburg House Gets Boost From Wauna

The Schaumburg House, the home that is being planned for injured logger Dean Schaumburg, his wife Kendra and son Sylas, is back in the news. Project manager Casey Mitchell reported just before the new year that Wauna Federal Credit Union has offered a construction loan on the remaining funds that were needed to begin construction. "I am really excited," said Mitchell. "We have what we need now. We're going to start building the house!"



Sylas and Kendra Schaumburg stack wood while readying the property that will be their new family home.

Mitchell emailed an update recently, that stated the project was about \$50,000 short of its goal. He noted that the excavation had been done, and they were looking forward to pouring the foundation soon, and were continuing to look for donations so they could move forward. The loan from Wauna will allow construction to begin immediately.

Dean Schaumburg was seriously injured in August of 2007, in a logging accident, and the family home was flooded during the storm of December 2007, days before Dean was scheduled to return home.

Schaumburg has been undergoing intensive therapy for over a year. Mike Pihl has donated a new lot to build a home for the family, and Mitchell, Jim Prpich and Bruce Holz, along with other volunteers, have taken on the task of designing and building the family a new home.

"We will still take donations, but with this loan from Wauna we are set to proceed," said Mitchell.

If you are interested in helping with the project, contact Casey Mitchell at 503-369-3133



Family and friends of Dean Schaumburg took out two trees this past fall in to prepare the site where a new home will be built for the family.



Toni Barton from the Vernonia Mini Mart presents Sandy Welch, Director of Vernonia Cares, with a \$1,000 check to help with supplies and expenses

## Senior Stars of Vernonia

Some of the people who make Vernonia such a special place are our Senior Citizens. We have a large group of citizens who have lived here for a long time and can offer an excellent perspective on the history and people of this community. They have lived full and interesting lives, and have much knowledge to share. Vernonia's Voice is honored to periodically profile some of our "Senior Stars."

### Faith Reynolds: A Life of Learning

Faith Reynolds was born May 17, 1912, in Standfield, Oregon, to Elmer Hiatt and Ethel (Galloway) Hiatt. She had two brothers, now deceased. She moved to Vernonia in 1927, attending Vernonia Grade School for most of her early education and continuing for three more years in Vernonia High School.

When her mother moved to Portland to work in Emmanuel Hospital, Faith moved with her mom and worked in the dining room of that hospital, earning 25 cents per hour. Between shifts, Faith attended Jefferson High School in Portland. She graduated from Tigard High School in 1933.

It was also in 1933 when she met and married Ralph (Boomer) Reynolds. It was a difficult economic time with the country still living under long-lasting effects of the Great Depression. Faith emphasizes that the Great Depression lasted nearly ten years, a fact of which many people are unaware. However, Ralph and Faith, as a newly married couple, extended welcoming arms to others as family members lived with them and sought employment opportunities.

Faith says she's always enjoyed being a homemaker, and values those who also understand how important making a comfortable home is. She said she learned to stretch funds and find creative ways to brighten their home, even teaching others sewing and handwork skills. Despite the difficult economy and a busy life, Faith went to night-school to further her education.

Faith and Ralph moved to Vernonia in 1934, and raised their two children here. Their daughter, Marjorie, and son, Roy, were born within the next eleven years. Both children are Vernonia High School graduates. Faith has three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren who are the apples of her eye! Ralph and Faith were married 56 years, until his death in 1988.

Faith has had many wonderful work and vacation experiences in her lifetime. She was one of the people who manned the fire station lookout at the end of Keasey Road, she has worked for the Red Cross, and in the Vernonia School's cafeteria in 1955. She took evening classes through Portland State University, eventually attending full-time to complete her teaching degree, which she received in 1960. She taught kindergarten and first grade in Vernonia from 1962 to 1978.

After her college graduation, Ralph and Faith traveled for six weeks by train, touring thirteen countries in Europe. That mode of transportation was especially enjoyable, since Ralph's occupation was that of being a locomotive engineer. He was allowed to ride in the cab of the locomotive several times during this vacation. In 1986, Faith had a twenty-one day tour through China. Another vacation was in 1991, when Faith visited her son in Australia, while he worked there for four years. Faith has also visited Alaska, Mexico and Canada. She stresses that she always traveled for more education. "It has been a dream come true to see so much of the world," she states. "I am thankful for the many opportunities I've experienced to see and learn how others work and live."

Many years ago, Faith and Ralph purchased a lot in Long Beach, Washington, and built a beach cabin there with the help of their children. She still owns that cabin and enjoys vacations there as often as she can. Faith was a quilter at the Senior Center from 1979 to 2008. These quilts were raffled off every year and acted as fund-raisers for the Center. She also was a member of the Vernonia Extension from 1933 to 2007, until it disbanded. Not everyone can say that they've lived in the same house for seventy years, but Faith can make that claim!

When asked what her current interests are, and what keeps her going, Faith clearly declares, "This is the joy of my life: I never ceased my deep interest in education. Therefore, in my old age, life is still exciting. I enjoy reading and listening, keeping up, and being aware of the marvelous world and opportunities around me. Many friends and neighbors stop to visit me, both old and young. They are the treasures of my world." Faith also said, "I am appreciative of our local library. We should be proud of it. I usually read four books a week, if time allows, and find this to be a wonderful way to further my interests and education."

Faith's great-grandparents settled in 1883 near Mist. Faith still helps maintain their family cemetery on Old Burn Road. She is compiling the history and genealogy of seven families as a result of her excellent memory, stories, and pictures. It would seem Faith's education is leading the way for new generations to expand their education!

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