

## Missoula Children's Theater Present "Treasure Island" at Clatskanie Performing Art Center

A fresh look at a favorite story comes to Clatskanie as Missoula Children's Theatre and more than 50 local students K-12 present Treasure Island. Performances set for Friday, January 14, at 7:30 PM and Saturday, January 15, 2011, at 3:00 PM at the Donavon Wooley Performing Arts Center Clatskanie Mid-High School, 471 SW BelAir Drive, Clatskanie, OR.

Almost 40 years old, Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), the nation's largest touring children's theatre held open auditions on Monday, January 10, 2011 and cast 50-60 local students in grades K through 12 to perform in the musical adaptation of Treasure Island. The production is written and conceived by Jim Caron - Music and lyrics by Jim Caron and Michael McGill.

An original musical adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's epic novel, Treasure Island features two professional Missoula Children's Theatre actors and a cast of over 50 local youth. Follow young Jim Hawkins as he sails the dangerous sea! Jim lives with his mother and six sisters in a seaside village. Longing for adventure, he comes under the spell of the legendary Long John Silver. Jim and his ruffian friends say farewell to their parents and serve as cabin boys for

Silver and his band of hilarious pirates.

Tickets are \$5 for all ages for this exceptional youth interactive program offered under the sponsorship of the Clatskanie Arts Commission (CAC) in their ongoing effort to make family fare available and affordable in the Greater Lower Columbia Region that encompasses their serving area. Tickets for the show are now available at Hump's Restaurant in Clatskanie (who offer a complimentary dessert to ticket holders who dine at their establishment just prior to the show or at the door with the CAC box-office in the foyer of the auditorium a half hour before show time.

For more information about this and other CAC offerings throughout the year, patrons are invited to call the commission at (503) 728-3403 or visit them on the web at [www.clatskaniearts.org](http://www.clatskaniearts.org)

This performance is partially funded through a grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust administered through the Columbia County Cultural Coalition and receives additional grant support from PGE-Portland General Electric - Beaver and Port Westward Plants with workshops courtesy of the Kiwanis Club of Clatskanie.

## Oregon's Scenic Bikeway Program Rolls Into Second Year Efforts of Local Proponents Key to Gaining State Scenic Status

The Oregon Scenic Bikeways Committee is asking local proponents to launch the process of nominating their favorite bicycle rides for state scenic bikeway consideration in 2011—a process that includes planning how to manage and market the routes.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will accept nominations starting Jan. 1 through Mar. 1, 2011 for routes with outstanding scenic, historic and natural places throughout Oregon. The Oregon Scenic Bikeways handbook details the role of local proponents and contains the application form online at [www.oregonscenicbikeways.org](http://www.oregonscenicbikeways.org).

"Bikeway proponents serve as grassroots liaisons for organizing support of the nominations, both from public road managers and local groups willing to help maintain the routes," said OP RD's state bicycle coordinator, Alexandra Phillips. "We're alerting proponents that the nomination period is nearing to allow them plenty of time to complete the process."

The applications will be considered by the Oregon Scenic Bikeway Committee, an advisory

group that will recommend scenic bikeway designations to the OP RD director. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission must give final approvals.

The bikeway committee recommended its first eight routes for state scenic bikeway recognition last September. Those routes include nearly 800 miles of the 1,500 miles proposed. Local proponents and OP RD are now working on management plans for the bikeways, with launch dates expected in about nine months.

"The committee will again be looking for proposed routes that offer the best rides in the state," said Phillips. "These are routes that showcase beautiful scenic views, interesting architecture and picturesque agricultural landscapes."

The scenic bikeway program is a partnership between Cycle Oregon, Travel Oregon, the Oregon Department of Transportation and OP RD. The Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway, which was developed as a 2005 pilot project by the partnership, serves as a prototype.

## State Pageant Finalists From Vernonia

Cassandra Ann McFalls (age 10), daughter of Aimee and Jay McFalls, Victoria Alisha McFalls (age 12), also the daughter of Aimee and Jay McFalls and Sara Marie Jenkins (age 13), daughter of Sue Jenkins, have been chosen as State Finalists representing Vernonia, in the National American Miss Oregon pageant to be held May 27 through May 29, 2011 at the beautiful Portland Doubletree at Lloyd Center. The pageant is held for girl's ages 4 through 17. Cassandra, Victoria and Sara are cousins.

The winner of the pageant

will receive a \$1,000.00 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland in California. Pageants are held for girls in five age groups.

The National American Miss pageants are dedicated to celebrating America's greatness and encouraging its future leaders. Each year the pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes to recognize and assist in the development of young women nationwide. All activities are age-appropriate and family-orientated.

Cassandra will be

participating in the optional categories of actress, casual wear modeling and advertising. Victoria will be participating in advertising. Sara will be participating in actress, photogenic, modeling.

Families interested in learning more about this unique and outstanding youth program may visit [www.namiss.com](http://www.namiss.com).

Anyone interested in sponsoring the girls or placing an advertisement in the state wide program book or purchasing tickets to see the girls at the pageant can contact Sue Jenkins at 503-429-2110.

## Columbia Health to Provide Family Planning

The Columbia Health District has announced that Public Health will begin providing family planning and women's health services at the Clatskanie Family Medical Clinic, beginning this month.

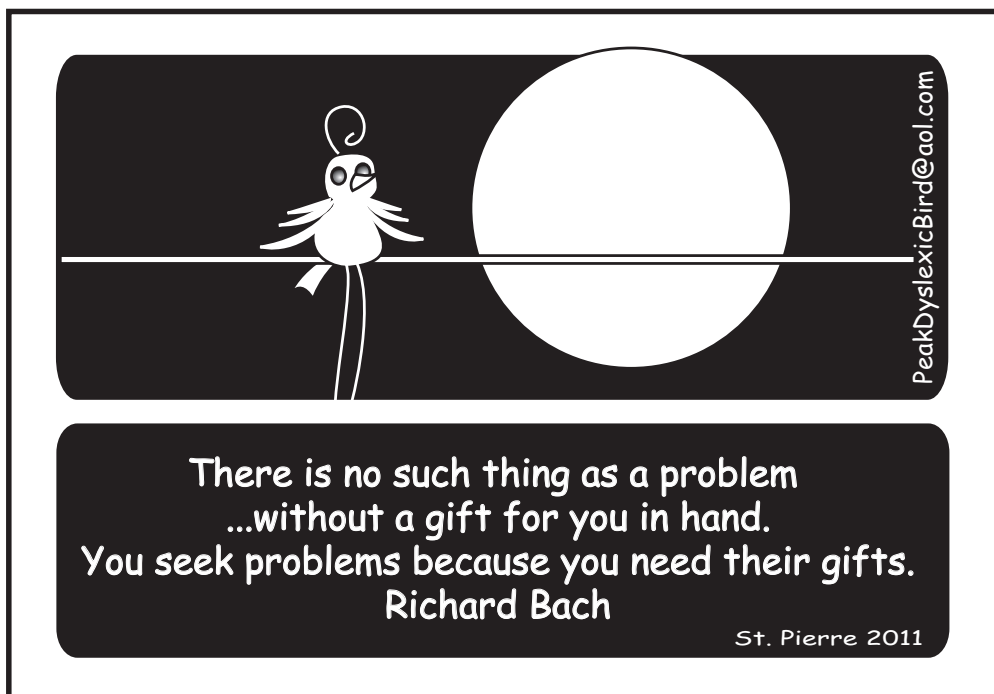
Public Health Administrator Karen Ladd made the announcement after reaching an agreement with William Dennis-Leigh, physician's assistant and Clatskanie Family Medical Clinic owner/manager. "Bill has graciously offered us the space at no charge, and assistance from office staff," said Ladd.

The costs for the services

will be covered by fees for services, which will be offered on a sliding scale, according to income. Public Health will also bill Oregon Health Plan or other insurance. A mid-level nurse-midwife will work up to five hours a month.

The clinic will run from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on every third Wednesday of the month. The first day will be Jan. 19.

Appointments can only be scheduled by calling the Public Health toll free number, 1-800-244-4870 or 503-397-4651. Questions can also be directed to these numbers.



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