

Astoria Regatta Association 2011 Court

Five North Coast High School students have been chosen to represent the North Coast for the 2011 Astoria Regatta Association, including former Vernonia resident Bethany Workman. The Court will join 2010 Queen Rachel Tadei of Knappa High School. Throughout the season, the court will be attending parades, giving speeches, and making appearances. Escort and chaperone for the court will be Don and Teresa Accuardi. The theme of this year's Regatta is "Happy 200th Birthday Astoria!" The festival will take place August 11-14, 2011.



The court will be making appearances on July 2 at the Miss Oregon Pageant Parade, on July 4 at Clatskanie Heritage Days and on August 6 at the Vernonia Jamboree.

Ms. Workman, the daughter of

Mathew and Tessy Workman, is a junior attending Warrenton High School. She is on the Warrenton honor roll and has participated in track, where she has lettered. Bethany is a People to People Ambassador. She has helped local police departments with activities that include National Night Out, various parades, and collecting donations for Special Olympics. She has worked on the food drive for the local food bank. She was an altar server for St. Mary's Catholic Church. In the past, she has worked at Black Bear Coffee in Vernonia, Oregon, and is now working as a courtesy clerk for the Fred Meyer in Warrenton and as a sales associate for Zumiez in Seaside.

Empty Bowls Raises Funds for Food Bank

Empty Bowls, the annual fundraiser for the Columbia Pacific Food Bank was held on March 11, in St. Helens.

Organized by the Columbia County Commission on Children and Families, guests enjoy a communal dinner of soup and breads donated by local restaurants and bakeries. Soup is served in beautiful, handmade ceramic bowls; each guest selects their own bowl for the dinner which they then take with them. The bowls are designed and created by local high school pottery class students. A \$10 donation is requested.

Live entertainment is provided. There is also an ongoing silent auction during the evening and dessert is available for purchase from local 4-H youths.

Empty Bowls is truly a community event; everything provided is donated and the event is a major fundraiser for the Food Bank to assist those within our communities in need.



Schaumburg House Under Construction

After a long delay, the home being built by volunteers for Vernonia resident Dean Schaumburg is back under construction.

Schaumburg, who was injured in a logging accident four years ago, is currently using an electric wheelchair for mobility purposes. Local volunteers began building a specially designed home on a donated piece of property, using donated materials and labor, that would be completely wheelchair accessible.



The project had been temporarily on hold for almost two years.

Volunteers showed up on Saturday, March 19 to work on the electrical system with local electricians Jim and Gayle Lee. The group included local high school students, Tyler Kent and Jacob Loveland, who had an opportunity to observe work on a job site as well as receive credit towards graduation for community service hours.

Look for a more detailed article about this project in a future issue of Vernonia's Voice.

For information about this project or to make a donation, contact Casey Mitchell at 503-369-3133.

Oregon Sheriffs Visit State Capitol

Oregon Sheriffs met at the State Capitol on February 16 to meet with legislators on issues important to sheriffs statewide. Columbia County Sheriff Jeff Dickerson and Undersheriff Andy Moyer met with State Senator Betsy Johnson, Representative Brad Witt and Representative Andy Olsen. The group also met with Senate President Peter Courtney and held a dialogue on public safety legislative issues. Part of the day was also dedicated to displaying equipment used by Sheriff's in their varied duties. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office brought their command vehicle that was converted from an ambulance donated by Scappoose Fire



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