

## UNWC Steering Committee Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council, Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Fishhawk Lake Clubhouse, 9997 Beach drive Birkenfeld OR, 97016.

There will be two special presentations, beginning around 7:45, following the regular business meeting.

"Establishing Conservation Areas in State Forest – North Coast Landscapes"

Bob Rees - North Coast Forest Campaign Manager will be presenting on behalf of the North Coast State Forest Coalition on the conservation communities effort to help establish permanent conservation areas on the state forest landscape. Under Governor Kitzhaber's vision for state forests, designating visible and durable conservation areas on public lands can be an efficient way to protect sensitive species and provide a myriad of other values that all Oregonians embrace. The coalition is working with the Board of Forestry and the De-

partment of Forestry to establish these areas but citizen involvement is necessary to meet the social and economic needs of our fragile coastal economies. The coalition's work falls directly in line with the work of north coast watershed councils, in securing high value habitat for the protection of quality fish and wildlife habitat as well as a source of clean drinking water for future generations to utilize. Governor Kitzhaber's address to the Board of Forestry can be found here: [http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/media\\_room/speeches/s2011/testimony\\_boardofforestry\\_110311.shtml](http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/media_room/speeches/s2011/testimony_boardofforestry_110311.shtml)

"Fishhawk Limiting Factors"  
General overview and open discussion of issues impacting the health of the lake and the surrounding watershed.

For more information call 503-429-0869, email [Maggie@nehalem.org](mailto:Maggie@nehalem.org), or check the calendar at our website <http://unwc.nehalem.org> (click calendar event).

## 2012 My Fair Lady Court *continued from page 7*

before she settled in Columbia County in 1999. She is married and has 2 sons and 2 daughters, 2 stepsons, 1 stepdaughter, 3 grandchildren and 5 step grandchildren. Her most treasured memory was the birth of her first grandchild. She worked 19 years as an Office Manager for Auto Trader Magazine. The past 3 years Carol has volunteered her time at the Scappoose Senior Center, New Life Fellowship, and Grant Watts Elementary school. Her hobby is gardening.

### Marily Sue Tift

Marily was born in Longview, Washington and raised in Rainier, Oregon. She is married

and has 3 daughters, and 3 sons; she also has 15 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. Marily worked for the State of Oregon as a File Clerk and a Computer Operator/Technician for 31 years; she also was a caregiver to the elderly and disabled (physically and mentally handicapped) for 17 years. She has been volunteering at the Rainier Senior Center for 2 years. Her hobbies are gardening, knitting, crocheting, and music.

### Bes Savage

Bes Savage was born and raised in South West Los Angeles, California. She moved to Columbia County in 1967. Bes has 2 daughters and 1 son, 6 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. She says she has so many wonderful memories she cannot select just one. The most treasured memories are in the house in Clatskanie where she raised her family. Besides being a mother and a wife, she worked for over 50 years as an Assistant Manager, and a Computer Programmer/Operator. Bes has volunteered her time since 1968 for

different organizations: Saddle Club (family club), Clatskanie P.T.A., Clatskanie Senior Center, 4-H Club, and the Garden Club. Her hobbies are farm animals, motorcycle riding, auto-camper, 4-H, horse racing, sewing, wallpapering and remodeling.

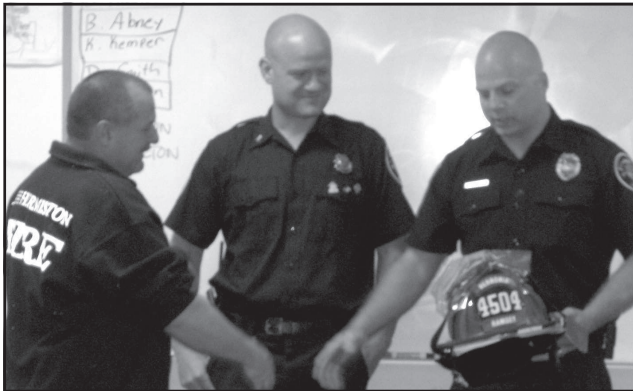
### Lilja "Tobie" Finzel

Lilja "Tobie" was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. She moved to Columbia County in 1999. She is married with no children. She has many treasured memories from her happy childhood, exciting college years, happy marriage, interesting and challenging career. Tobie started her professional career in bank operations in 1969 as a computer programmer. Tobie's volunteer work includes service on the Portland YWCA board; she was People-to-People delegate to China in 1986 and the former Soviet Union in 1990. Other organizations she volunteers for are: Vernonia School Budget committee, Vernonia Hands-on-Art, Columbia County Cultural Coalition, Vernonia Museum Association, and Vernonia Cares Food Bank. Her hobbies are travel, reading, writing, spelling bees, volunteer work in arts and heritage.

## Ramsey Honored by Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters



Former Vernonia resident Tom Ramsey was honored by the Vernonia Volunteer Fire Association for ten years of service. Pictured below with Ramsey is Vernonia Firefighter Dan Hanson (center) and Deputy Chief Dean Smith (right).



On May 14th, at the meeting of the Vernonia Volunteer Fire Association, Tom Ramsey was presented with a personalized fire helmet in recognition and thanks for his 10 years of service with the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District. Ramsey most recently served as Lieutenant and was active in a number of capacities for

the District. Due to a job change, he has relocated to Hermiston and has submitted his official resignation in Vernonia. Ramsey is now a member of the Fire Department in Hermiston and is busy getting acquainted with his new 'fire family' there. We thank him for his many years of dedication and service to our community and wish him the best in his new adventure.

## Readers Lend Their Voices... *continued from page 4*

who are taking your money from one pocket and putting it in another really care about you? NO they care about your money! You are nothing but a number to them, a \$ sign!

If small business leaves Vernonia, the town looks deserted, no one wants to live here, the utilities and property taxes are divided between fewer people and those who stay struggle more! Do you not see that? Sure Sentry is more expensive, they don't get the discounts by buying in huge bulk that Winco and Walmart do, they also have more cost of overhead here in the highest utility area in who knows where. My electric bill in April was \$900! I can't even imagine how much Randy and Sharon pay! Sure gas at Minimart is more expensive. How much does it cost to drive to another gas station? More than .20 cents/gallon. It costs you a gallon of gas just to get there to save...

And, did that gas station give money to your kids all night grad party? NO, but Matt did and look how many people are working at these stores and feeding their families. Do we only show compassion when we lose someone or should we be more considerate to our community and want to keep it together by doing a little shopping here in town daily instead of handing our hard earned money over to those who really don't know us, don't care about us and only see us as a dollar bill.

Thank you to all who support Vernonia Florist and all other local business. We care about your families, we do our best to contribute to all fundraising events, and we do our best to help when we can. Please consider the same and shop local before it's too late.

Lisa Edgar  
Vernonia

## Vernonia Ridgeriders Schedule of Events

JULY 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY  
Fourth of July Parade -  
Staging at Anderson Park Arena  
Time TBA

JULY 14<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY  
Vernonia Ridgerider Poker Ride  
8AM Signup  
1<sup>st</sup> rider out at 9AM  
Last rider out at 11:00 AM  
BBQ chicken lunch available, camping  
and corrals. Great ride and prizes for  
best poker hands

AUG 4<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY  
Jamboree Parade  
Staging at Anderson Park Arena  
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

AUG 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
Vernonia Ridgeriders Jamboree Playday  
9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Signup at 9:00 AM  
Gaming starts at 11:00 AM

SEPT 15<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY  
Vernonia Ridgerider Playday  
10:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Signup at 10:00 AM  
Events start at 11:00AM

For more information contact Deloris Bellingham @ 503-895-0553 or go to the [vernoniaridgeriders.com](http://vernoniaridgeriders.com) website



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