

PUD Announces 2014 My Fair Lady Court

Columbia River People's Utility District has announced the members of the 2014 My Fair Lady Court. This year's My Fair Lady Princesses are: Donna Worley, representing Scappoose, Charleen Pruett, representing Clatskanie, Rachel Kelley, representing Rainier, Barbra Bynoe, representing St. Helens, and Katharine Denckla, representing Vernonia.

Donna Worley, Scappoose

Donna was born and raised in Salem, Oregon, and moved to Columbia County in 1981. Donna was a very busy wife and mother, raising three children, working as a Tupperware Consultant, and taking classes to complete her college degree. After 44 years of school Donna is proud to say she is a Washington State University graduate. Donna stays busy with nine grandchildren, volunteering to teach Sunday School for the Catholic Church, and volunteering at the Scappoose Food Bank. Donna was also a volunteer Ombudsman for Columbia

County. Her hobbies also include quilting and reading.

Charleen Pruett, Clatskanie

Charleen was born and raised in Salt Lake City. After completing her nursing degree, Charleen had the opportunity to live in Texas and South Korea as an Army nurse, settling in Columbia County in 1991. As a busy mother of three, Charleen balanced raising her family with caring for the health needs of those in her community. Charleen has a long history of volunteering; currently she volunteers for her church, the Public Health Foundation, Medical Reserve Corp of Columbia County and Kiwanis Club of Clatskanie. When she is not volunteering Charleen's interests include photography, crocheting, gardening, reading and buying and selling on E-bay.

Rachel Kelley, Rainier

Rachel was born and raised in Morrisville, Vermont, moving to Columbia County in 2005. Rachel and her husband of 34 years have raised 6 children together and have provided a loving home for 100 or more foster children. The dedication and caring Rachel has given to her foster children earned her and her husband Foster Parents of the Year in 1995. In addition to spending time with her family, including 5 grand children and one great grandchild on the way, Rachel enjoys gardening, camping, ATV riding, and

needle crafts. Some of her most treasured memories are family gatherings, watching the children and grandchildren grow and of course - marrying her husband.

Barbra Bynoe, St. Helens

Barbra was born in Portland, Oregon and raised in Seattle, Washington moving to Columbia County in 2007. Barbra is married and has two sons and two grandsons. Although Barbra has held several jobs she finds the most joy and fulfillment in volunteering. Barbra has taught Sunday School for the last 30 years and currently volunteers at Top Notch Senior Thrift Store. When she is not volunteering Barbra enjoys puzzles, traveling and being with her family. Her most treasured memories include the birth of her sons and when her grandson says "I love you."

Katharine Denckla, Vernonia

Katharine was born in Seattle, Washington, and moved to Columbia County in 1979. Katharine is very busy volunteering with Columbia 911 Communication District, spending time with her 7 children, 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. After losing



her husband of 43 years Katharine is fortunate to have met a lovely, funny and caring man to be part of her life. When not busy volunteering and spending time with family Katharine likes to read, camp, travel, bike and garden. Although, Katharine is ready to trade gardening in on a new hobby!

About the My Fair Lady Pageant

The My Fair Lady Pageant is held during the Columbia County Fair each year to recognize senior women for their outstanding service in our community. The PUD, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Columbia River Fire and Rescue and Northwest Apparel are co-sponsors of this year's pageant.

Things to Ponder: Character Flaws

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willing for anyone to perish. He demonstrates His wonderful grace and mercy toward all people. He requires that we admit our sins and seek His forgiveness. "But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away." I John 1:9 (CEV).

Life is a test we all must take. Sometimes the lessons we face are tough and we don't pass the first or second time. Some problems prove to be much more difficult to overcome, but God will not abandon us in our journey to become like Christ.

Paul reminds us in Philippians 1:6, "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." Never give up in your struggle to overcome your failures. The Good Shepherd is always with us and the Holy Spirit is ever present to help when we listen to His voice. Keep in mind that everyone who claims to be a Christian faces this challenge. Take heart and be encouraged that a crown of righteousness awaits those who put their faith in Jesus Christ and sincerely strive every day to be more like the Master.

2014 SUMMER READING PROGRAM!



Stop by the Vernonia Public Library to fill out a registration form

June 24th 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Is It Alive? Living and Nonliving Things. You may be surprised to learn what things are and aren't alive. Dirt and seeds are on the agenda....be ready to have some fun!

June 25th 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Bill Nye The Science Guy DVD

July 15th 10:00 a.m.

Award winning storyteller Christopher Leebrick will share his multicultural repertoire including world folk tales, original stories, narrative poetry, whoppers and jump tales.

* There will be programming for youth K-6th and for youth age 1-PreK**.

All programs are free. 701 Weed Avenue, Vernonia

** Parent/guardian/adult caregiver is required to stay with child during program.

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