

# In Memory of...

## Samuel "Clair" Devine



Samuel "Clair" Devine, 86, a longtime resident of the Vernonia community, died Monday morning, May 23, 2016 at the Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro.

Graveside Services were held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 2:00 pm at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery, 2080

Bridge Street in Vernonia, with Pastor John Cahill, officiating. Concluding Rites and Interment followed at the cemetery.

Family and friends were invited to attend a reception immediately following the cemetery service at the Cabin in Vernonia.

Samuel "Clair" Devine was born November 19, 1929 in Clatskanie, Oregon, the son of the late Samuel C. Devine and Ellen (Danielson) Devine. He was raised and received his education in the Clatskanie community.

He was united in marriage to Nancy L. Akers on August 14, 1965 in Longview, Washington. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this past August. Following their marriage they made their home in the Vernonia community, where they have resided since.

Clair had worked as a logger,

having owned and operated D & D Logging Company with his father, for seventeen years. He then owned and operated a Standard Service Station in Clatskanie for several years. Clair then went to work for the Columbia County Road Department as a grader operator for twenty-five years, from 1969 to 1990, when he retired.

He was a member of the Columbia County Mounted Posse. Clair was a 4-H leader for kid's forestry clubs and a basketball coach at Mist School during the 1950s.

Among his special interests he enjoyed attending rodeos, riding his horse, "Lucky" in his younger years, and collecting model cars. Clair also liked watching tractor programs and attending auto shows.

Clair was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Ellen Devine; his son, Richard Devine and his daughter,

Carla Devine.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Devine of the family home in Vernonia, Oregon; his two daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl Devine Carder and her husband Bill Carder of Wilsonville, Oregon; and Sandra and Jerry Clanfield of Dallas, Oregon; and his son Rodney Devine of Vernonia, Oregon.

Also surviving are ten grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

The family suggests that remembrances may be contributions to the Camp 18 Logging Museum, 43262 Highway 26, Seaside, Oregon 97138, in his memory.

To sign the online guest book or to send a condolence to the family go to [www.fuitenrosehoyt.com](http://www.fuitenrosehoyt.com).

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia is entrusted with the arrangements.

## Bridge Street Bits

By Karen Miller

JUNE is here already. I won't remind you only seven months 'til Christmas. I HATE those reminders. But I will say I hope all our Voice readers have a safe and fun summertime with friends and family. And this reminder: Don't drink, text, and drive.

CONGRATULATIONS to Claudia Oblack, this year's Vernonia representative to the My Fair Lady Court. The crowning of the queen is this July at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

DEBT IN RETIREMENT? Here's some info I am passing on that might be of interest to some:

The years leading up to retirement used to be the time when people paid off obligations like mortgages, auto loans or credit card debts.

These days, however, an increasing number of Americans who are retired or approaching retirement are saddled with debt. According to a recent report from the National Council on Aging, household debt for those 60 and up has more than doubled—that's bad news, but don't despair. There are ways to pay down your bills and have a more secure retirement:

**DOUBLE YOUR PAYMENTS:** Many people stay locked in a cycle of debt because they only make minimum payments. Experts say that's a bad move if you want to be debt

free during your golden years. Attack high-rate credit cards first, preferably by at least doubling the minimum payment.

**CUT OUT THE EXTRAS:** Separate needs from wants and figure out if there are leaks in your budget, like paying for a free trial offer you forgot to discontinue? Take a serious look at where your money is going,

**SELL STUFF:** Now here's one that I have been seriously doing: Many retirees have accumulated way more stuff than they need. To raise cash for debt elimination hold a garage sale, sell items on Craigslist, or eBay, or take items to a local consignment shop. Sell a spare car and save on gas, insurance and maintenance.

So, happy days ahead lifting your debt burdens. I am sure there are tips out there from you seniors to help the younger generation as well... pass them on when you can; those that listen will "profit" in their days ahead.

**FOOT CARE:** Call the Vernonia Health Center receptionist to make your appointment at (503) 429-0622.

**SENIOR NEEDS AND CONCERNS:** Call Heather Johnson, Community Action Team at (503) 366-6542.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:** Russ Clark, Community Action Team, at the Learning Center Office, the first Tuesday of each month, from 1:00 to 7:00 pm.

**BARGAINS ON BRIDGE STREET:** Check out Senior Center Bargains on Bridge Street. Closed Sundays.

**SENIOR SIGN OFF:** Speaking of making money in our older age: A lawyer and senior sat together on an airplane flight. The lawyer suggested a game: "I ask you a question, if you can't come up with the answer you give me a dollar. Then you ask me a question, if I can't answer, I'll give you \$20." The senior relented to play. Lawyer: "How far apart are the earth and moon?" The senior, remaining quiet, handed him a dollar. Senior to lawyer: "What walks upstairs backward and comes downstairs forward?" The know-it-all lawyer was stumped, searching every corner of his brain, then handed over the \$20. Later in the flight he woke up the sleeping senior. "I can't stand it, what's the answer!?" The senior got out his wallet, gave the lawyer a dollar, and went back to sleep. Now, THAT was a money making move! See, opportunities are out there!

See ya' around town.

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