

Rendezvous regales Mt. Vernon again

Fun includes parade, socials and potluck

By Angel Carpenter
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MT. VERNON — Roy and Evelyn Cates celebrated the Cinnabar Mountain Rendezvous as grand marshals for Saturday's parade in Mt. Vernon.

This year's parade theme was "Let's Bring the Timber In."

As one of the original Rendezvous members, Roy Cates said the event is similar to how it was in the mid-80s.

"We tried to make the Rendezvous a fun time for the whole family," he said.

Cates said he and fellow city council member Clayton Dobbins joined then Mayor Larry Lemons to organize the first event.

"Larry Lemons was the founding father of the whole get together," Cates said. "He was raised right here around Cinnabar Mountain. We were the main push in the Rendezvous, with several others involved."

He said he likes the people of Mt. Vernon.

"It's a close-knit community," he said. "It's a good place to live. It's a quiet little town, and we like it."

This year's three-day event included a potluck on Friday, a parade and contests on Saturday and a kids day and horse shoe tournament on Sunday.

Karen Hinton, a member of the current Rendezvous



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Tatyn Harper, 7, pedals a loader in Saturday's Cinnabar Mountain Rendezvous Parade with his dad Terry and brother Bransyn, 3, who is riding a pony. Tatyn received a first-place ribbon for kids floats, and Bransyn won a first-place ribbon and buckle for youngest rider.

group, said they didn't have as many participants this year, but the turnout was still good.

"Everything went well," she said. "It was a lot of fun, and the kids got a lot of candy."

Cinnabar Mountain Rendezvous results: Parade

Equipment, blue ribbon and sweepstakes, LL Excavating, brushcutter Working trucks, blue ribbons, Neil Schaffer and Brad Cates, Thunderbolt Pony, belt buckle for youngest rider, Bransyn Harper
Bike float, blue ribbon, Tatyn Harper
Float, blue ribbon, Malheur National Forest with Smokey the Bear
Classic Car, blue ribbon, orange Mustang driven by Karen Chadwick sponsored by Silver Spur

Contests and races

Horse Shoes, first, Bryce Bartlett and Toby Thomas; second, Troy Wells and Jeromy Majors
Men's Choker Setting, Terry Harper



Children collect candy during Saturday's Cinnabar Mountain Rendezvous parade.

Women's Choker Setting, Mandy Weaver
Men's Ax Throw, Terry Harper
Women's Ax Throw, Ersela Dehiya
Men's Bore and Buck, James Moss
Women's Horse Shoe Throw, Simmie

Waddel
Women's Frying Pan Toss, Sheri Clarke
Men's All Around, Terry Harper
Women's All Around, Ersela Dehiya
Kids Day
Watermelon Eating, Jeremy Stansbury



Paige Wolfe-Cloud and Ellen Wolfe-Cloud trade candy they collected at Saturday's Cinnabar Mountain Rendezvous parade at the Mt. Vernon City Park.



Roy and Evelyn Cates ride in the parade as grand marshals of the Cinnabar Mountain Rendezvous.

Wheelbarrow, Dan Hall and Taylor Thomas
Three-leg, Dan Hall and Taylor Thomas
Crab walk, Austin Cates
Hop over skip back, Mariah Kerr
Sack, Austin Cates
Bear crawl, Mariah Kerr
Dash, Austin Cates

Small kids dash, Vera Hunt
Raffle
Spotting scope donated by Cinnabar Mtn Rendezvous, Sue Horn
Propane fire pit donated by Ace Hardware, Drew Harmer
Smoker donated by True Value Hardware, Greg MacArthur

Al fine: Music teacher Mary Ann Vidourek closes 25-year career

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JOHN DAY — Grant Union Junior-Senior High School choir members serenaded their director Mary Ann Vidourek, "Mrs. V," on Tuesday, May 24, during the final district band and choir concert.

It was a grand finale for Vidourek as she plans to retire at the close of the school year, after 25 years of teaching.

Vidourek taught for nine years at Seneca School, John Day Junior High and Mt. Vernon School; 11 years at Grant Union High School and Mt. Vernon Middle School; and five years at Humbolt Elementary and Grant Union Junior-Senior High School.

She had planned to be a sixth-grade teacher, majoring in elementary education with a minor in music education at Ohio State. She fell into music education when she moved to Grant County.

Starting out as a substitute teacher in the District, she was asked to fill in as conductor of the Christmas concert when music teacher Al Olson fell ill. Vidourek said he told the principal of John Day Junior High she was "the only person who could pull it off."

Later, when Dr. Ed Carwithen retired as the high school band and choir teacher, Vidourek, who had by then earned a master's in music education, took on that role as well.

Currently, Vidourek directs the Grant Union junior and senior bands, the Grant Union 7-12 combined choir, the Humbolt 3-6 choir and the Humbolt sixth-grade band.

Her students have performed at various state competitions and jubilees; Disneyland in Anaheim, California; Honolulu, Hawaii; the Western International Band Clinic in Seattle; and in Europe through the Oregon Ambassadors of Music program.

Vidourek said she and her husband plan to move to Redmond to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

She also plans to continue some of her current music pursuits, staying on as a staff member for the Western International Band Clinic as a facilitator for the honor band, housing chair for the Oregon All-State competition and music staff for the Oregon Ambassadors of Music program.



Music director Mary Ann Vidourek leads the Humbolt Elementary School sixth-grade band in class Wednesday, May 25. She also conducts the elementary choir students in grades 3-6, and the Grant Union Junior-Senior High School bands and combined choir.

When asked what she's enjoyed most about teaching music, she recalled her choir students singing "Photograph" by Ed Sheeran during the district concert.

The students rehearsed the song on their own time — without their teacher's knowledge — with eighth-grader Samantha Floyd accompanying on piano.

"To know that you can give them the tools to become musicians, and they can take those tools and make music"

is what she enjoys most, she said. "When they learn music, that is something they have for the rest of their lives. It's a lifelong skill."

Vidourek herself learned music at a young age. She was in eighth grade when she became the organist at her church, and she also learned piano, accordion and guitar at that time.

"My mother is 88 years old, and gives 25 piano lessons a week," Vidourek said. "It helps keep your brain

healthy and active."

She said when her Grant Union choir had a fundraiser, offering singing Valentine's, they visited an assisted living center where an elderly man, who was ill, requested a song he found consoling.

"It's about being human," she said. "If people would share more music, there

would be less conflict in life. It teaches students to work together for a goal."

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