

Many-class reunion brings out old friends, old stories

Right: Carolyn Shepherd, center, talks with Kay and Frank Vollmer.

Below left: The original Warrenton High School before the new campus was finished in 1950.

Below right: Susan Jensen Walker, class of 1980, and her husband, Brian Walker, class of 1975.



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Saturday's Warrenton High School reunion was 100 years in the making.

Dozens of people gathered in the WHS cafeteria to celebrate good times, connect with old friends and acknowledge the school's first century of graduating classes.

"To me, this was one of the best educational systems that I've been a part of," said Rod Hardin, whose first teaching job was at WHS from 1968 to 1974.

He left to become vice principal of a high school in the valley.

"They had great facilities," Hardin said, "but the attitudes of the staff: they didn't have high expectations of the kids."

He was sitting with longtime friend Glenn McMurray, a WHS teacher from 1973 to 1975.

"It was a really good experience," McMurray said of teaching in Warrenton. "Teachers here didn't check out at 3:30.

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Skimmer device found at credit union's ATM

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A skimming device was found on a drive-through automated teller machine at Wauna Federal Credit Union's Warrenton branch.

Warrenton Police issued a warning last weekend for anyone who may have used the ATM Saturday or Sunday.

Credit union officials told police they'd inspected the ATM about 10 a.m. Saturday and it had no device on it then. A motorcyclist who'd stopped to use the ATM at 1 p.m. Sunday spotted an irregularity and called police.

Video from the ATM shows a person wearing a very tightly pulled hoodie attaching the device about 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Chief Matt Workman said. The perpetrator kept their head and face away from the camera and only their hands are visible.

"You can't tell race, gender, nothing," Workman said.

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WARRENTON HIGH SCHOOL
100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



County fair promises 'carnival days and country nights' during four-day run

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This year's Clatsop County Fair will feature farm animals, a carnival, vendor booths, Jeep races, a petting zoo, musical groups and so much more.

The 2018 fair, "Carnival Lights and Country Nights," kicks off Tuesday with five full days of entertainment.

"We're trying to make a lot of changes and make it more appealing to everybody in the community," office manager John Lewis said. "It's notorious for being a 4-H fair because we have lots of animals."

New things this year: Jeep races, monster truck rides and an exhibit of restored antique tractors and equipment. A team of civil war re-enactors, recently relocated to the fair from

Fort Stevens State Park, will bring a blacksmith shop and provide some demonstrations.

This year's fair will be more spread out over the entire fairgrounds, too.

Old favorites like the petting zoo, bounce house, rock-climbing wall, mutton busting, magic shows and plenty of carnival food will return.

About 1,200 people attend weekdays and 1,800 people are expected Friday and Saturday.

"The fair, in itself, is one of our biggest moneymakers," Lewis said. "But we rent out the grounds almost every weekend."

There are weddings, Christmas parties, antiques and car shows. Hampton Affiliates just had its company

picnic there.

"It's a great thing for the community to have something to go and do and we're trying to have things year-round," Lewis said.

The full fair schedule can be found on the Clatsop County Fair website. Here are some highlights:

TUESDAY

- Opening ceremony, noon, center stage.
- Meghan Schoenbohm, children's music, 12:30 and 5:30 p.m., center stage.

WEDNESDAY

- Military Appreciation Day. All military members with ID will get \$3 off



Courtesy Clatsop County Fair

Mutton Bustin' is like bronco riding but involves fluffy sheep and children ages 4 to 7.

admission.

- Whole Hog Roast, 4 p.m., free.

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