

Special showing for Ring of Fire on 40th anniversary of premier

By Robb Wilson

As most of you know, one of my most favorite subjects is the movie "Ring of Fire," which was filmed partially in Vernonia in 1960. Throughout the past few years in this column, I have given accounts of the movie and details of the filming. If you missed those, I suppose you will get a second chance. Also, in Ethel Blackburn's "Bit of History" series, she gives a good presentation about it.

Let me get back to the subject at hand. In May of 1961, the movie was out of the can, off the floor and ready to hit the theatres!

Beside the excitement created by the presence of the actors and film crew here in 1960, some of the actors and the producers, Virginia and Andrew Stone, all came back for the premier. As they entered town, there was a big banner over the roadway saying "Welcome back to Vernonia!" They also passed through the flaming

"Ring of Fire", the same one that was used in the filming of the movie's title page.

After a greeting and proclamation from Mayor George Johnson, a big entourage of townspeople put the Stones and actors David Janssen and Joyce Taylor into convertibles and drove them through town like they were royalty! The parade took them to the First Christian Church, where the ladies fixed and served a big dinner. Then, off they went to the Joy Theatre, where the

"World Premiere" showing was held. The theatre sold out all 583 seats, as everyone wanted to view the movie that made the then-dying town of Vernonia "famous"!

It's been 40 years since that Hollywood-type event. Many of you were not present then and have never seen the movie. Well, here's your chance; I have a good copy of the film and will be showing it to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the World Premier of "Ring of Fire".

So, I invite everyone to

come down to the Vernonia Community Church on State Avenue on Friday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. for a special showing on their large screen television. Be sure to enter from the gym door on A Street near the rear of the building for this, once again, GALA presentation. Bring a pillow for the kids to throw on the floor. Popcorn and pop will be at 1960 prices!

All of those who were in the film as extras are invited to bring along memorabilia for a show and tell.

This will be a fun evening for one and all! See ya there!

WOEC golf tourney to aid energy users

The West Oregon Electric & Oregon Heat Golf Tournament will be Saturday, July 14, with 100 players and a shot gun start at 9:00 a.m., at the Vernonia Golf Club, 15961 Timber

Road, Vernonia.

Entry fee, including green fees, barbecue, tee prizes and awards, is \$50.00 per person (4 man scramble format), and must be received by July 3. Power carts are available for

\$24.00 the day of the tournament, but call 503-429-6811 for reservations.

Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to Oregon Heat to help those who live in our service area and are in need of assistance to keep their homes warm.

Sponsorships are available as follows:

Gold Hole, \$300 - Includes guaranteed entry for two players plus Sponsor board and Tee box sign.

Silver Hole, \$200 - Includes guaranteed entry for one player plus Sponsor board and Tee box sign.

Bronze Hole, \$100 - Includes Sponsor board and Tee box sign

Door prize donors, varied - Includes Sponsor board.

As an alternative, sponsorships can also include the purchase of any of the following:

Registration gift, prices vary - Sponsors name on items such as hats, golf balls, golf towels, apparel or any other logo items.

Putting tournament, \$50.00 - Includes Sponsor sign at green.

For more information, call Carla Strand or Jana Borst at 503-429-3021.

Rodeo court tryouts on schedule

The 2002 Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Court is now taking applications for the 2002 court from interested equestrians ages 16 to 21.

The Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Court represents Columbia County throughout the northwest, appearing in parades, rodeos, luncheons and other promotional activities. All applicants must be unmarried,

Providence and PCC team up for health education

Nursing students at Portland Community College are getting an opportunity for early exposure to computer-based clinical documentation, as a result of a unique partnership with Providence Health System. Each term, PCC nursing students gain practical experience through on-site work at various hospitals.

At Providence Portland Medical Center, students learn to use the hospital's computer-based documentation to chart the patient care they deliver. To help students better prepare for this migration from paper to computer, Providence Health System's Regional Information Services department has provided a secure connection from the hospital computer system to the nursing computer lab at PCC.

Students receive significant value from the pioneering relationship according to Marge Kock, PCC nursing instructor. "Having the computers at school allows flexibility in scheduling orientation with students. We can take as much time as needed, and even revisit some areas. The support from Providence has been wonderful," Kock said.

PCC faculty log on to the Providence system through the Internet and must provide several levels of authentication before being granted access to the practice charting system. At no time can faculty or students access or chart information on real patients in the instructional lab setting.

with no children, must be willing to abide by the Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Court rules, be available to participate in court activities throughout the season and be responsible for their own horse and transportation.

Application deadline is July 16, 2001. Horsemanship pattern, speech requirements and pageant schedule will be mailed upon receipt of application.

Tryouts for the 2002 court will be held during the Columbia County Fair and Rodeo, Friday, July 20 through Sunday, July 22, 2001. Tryouts will include horsemanship, speech, impromptu questions, personal interview and presentation run at both rodeo performances. The 2002 court will begin their reign in January 2002 with formal coronation.

For more information or an application packet, call Jean McPherson at 503-366-1945.

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(2) Draining, or causing or permitting to be drained, sewage or the drainage from a cesspool, septic tank, recreational or camping vehicle waste holding tank or other contaminated source, upon the land of another without permission, or upon any public way; or

(3) Permitting any rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or other refuse to be thrown from a vehicle which the person is operating; excepted from this is the operator of a vehicle transporting passengers for hire subject to state or federal transportation law or a person operating a school bus.

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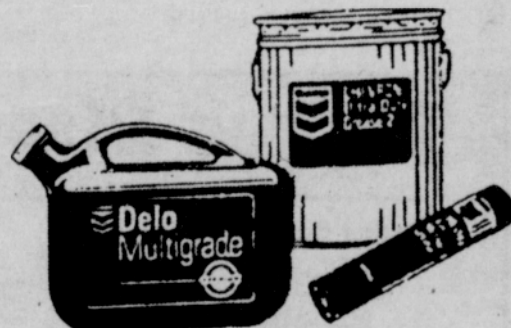
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