

Princess Bernice will represent Vernonia Seniors

Bernice Frey will represent the Vernonia Senior Center this year as a princess in the My Fair Lady Pageant. Frey is an experienced volunteer at the Senior Center and a dedicated quilter.

Frey was born in Riverside, California, and moved to Vernonia in 1976. She is widowed, has five children, 12 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. In addition, she has opened her arms and her home to 75 foster children over the years, three of whom became permanent members of her family. Beginning in 1970, she worked exclusively with handicapped foster children.

"My heart went out to children without families," Frey said. She describes herself as a giver, not a taker, and expressed the feeling that she had gained great personal re-

wards from the time and effort she gave to her foster kids. She found the hardest part of helping kids was to let them struggle to accomplish for themselves, instead of doing everything for them. She tried to instill the belief that "the world owes you a living, but you must work hard to collect it" into her child raising.

Her current, continuing, volunteer efforts are in quilting and giving time to the Vernonia Senior Center and other seniors. Frey gets great satisfaction from completing quilts. She is working on completing 33 quilts so each of her great-grandchildren will have a quilt upon graduation. Since 1987, Frey has been secretary at the senior center and has served on the Columbia County Council of Seniors. She began her service on the Council of Se-

niors in order to find out how the funding for seniors worked, but she has continued her involvement in order to try and help assure needed services are available for seniors.

Frey likes a challenge, too. When told something can't be done, she wants to prove that it can be done. She describes her current challenge as helping the Senior Center continue to provide as many services as possible. When asked what she did to be chosen as princess to the My Fair Lady court, Frey stated, typically, that she did not feel she'd done enough volunteer work to earn it, but she had been chosen, so she would try to deserve the honor.

Wave to Princess Bernice when you see her in Vernonia's 4th of July Parade.



Bernice Frey with a small part of her doll collection



**NPRA
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FRIDAY &
SATURDAY
7:00 P.M.**



ARIC RILEY

Entertainment!!

**Junior
Rodeo
THURS.
8PM**

**DAILY - Petting Zoo
Gates Open 8:00 a.m.
Fair & Concessions
Open 10 a.m.
12:00 p.m. Carnival Opens**

My Fair Lady Pageant

**FUN FOR EVERYONE
IN THE FAMILY!
ALL AGES!
EVERY DAY!**

**Surprises from Michael Curry!!
Fireballs Square Dancers!
Northwest Inupiaq Dancers!**

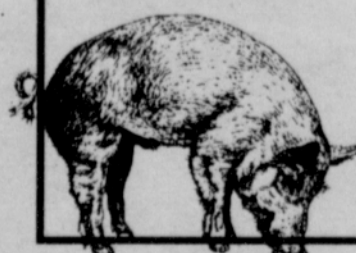
**Food & Clothing Contests
Animal Judging
Food Preservation
Old Time Threshing Machine Demos**

COUNTERPOINT



**Showmanship
Fashion Show
Flower Show
Art &
Photography
Small Animal
Round Robin**

**4-H
Livestock
Auction**



**Saturday
3:30 p.m.**

**Gates Close
11:00 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday
12:00 a.m. Friday & Saturday
6:00 p.m. Sunday**