

Community

Senior News

By Karen Miller



The Hot August Nights slogan has nothing on us ... We advertise

Hot August Lunches, and every other month for that matter!

Welcome to our new cook, Elana Brasure, who will be replacing Jamie, who is off to pursue new adventures! We will miss both Jamie and her faithful volunteer assistant, Nellie Gregg, who also will finish her "tenure" here at the end of July.

The sweet volunteers from the Grove Assisted Living in Forest Grove again are bringing their "sundaes" on Wednesdays once a month at lunchtime. No charge, it's a labor of love, so join us in July for a "cool" time.

Take Note: We have a foot care nurse who comes to the center once a month. Come pamper yourself for a modest fee of only \$15, part of which is

donated to the Center. Call us for an appointment for the next foot care day on July 30.

July 21: Free rides to the Columbia County Fair for seniors, sponsored by Columbia River PUD. Come sign up to attend the selection of the Senior Queen. We can boast of two past queens; Etta Russell and Ruth Bell. Ruth Bell rode in a St. Helen's parade this past week - Good Job! Our senior selection this year is Sharon Gibson, see you July 21.

REMEMBER:

- Pastries and bread Wednesday and Saturday a.m.
- Bingo, Mondays at lunch.
- Music with the Golden Oldies on Wednesdays.
- Games on Thursdays.
- Willoughby Hearing every second Friday at 11:00 a.m.
- Sign language class on Mondays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Free blood pressure checks the first and third Tuesdays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

If you know of a senior who would like a visit from the Senior Advocate or has any senior needs and concerns, call our office.

Gibson named to My Fair Lady court

Sharon Gibson, who has been a daughter, wife, mother and grandmother, has a new title. She is now Princess Sharon, as Vernonia's representative in the My Fair Lady Pageant at the 2004 Columbia County Fair. Princess Sharon, a native Vernonian, volunteers three or four days a week at the Vernonia Senior Center. She also enjoys gardening, crocheting, crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. She and Bud Gibson have been married for 51 years and have four children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The annual pageant recognizes senior women for their outstanding service to our communities. To be eligible, nominees must be 55 years or older and nominated by their local senior center, but do not have to be members. There were so many nominations for the 2004 My Fair Lady court that organizers opted to add a sixth "at large" princess this season, a first for the pageant.

The pageant will be held July 21 as a part of the Columbia County Fair's senior day activities. The reigning queen will be chosen by a panel of judges, based on a combination of their community service and their responses to questions posed during the pageant.

Following are representatives from other communities.

Princess Esther Scott of Clatskanie was born and raised in South Dakota and has lived in Clatskanie since 1987. She and her husband have four children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She is a member of the Clatskanie Arts Commission, Gideons International, and volunteers for her church. She enjoys entertaining, reading, traveling and music.

Princess Irene Reynolds of Rainier was born and raised in Kansas and moved to Rainier in 1980. She is widowed and has two daughters, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She is active in the Rainier Senior Center and the United Methodist Church of Rainier, she enjoys crocheting, cooking, gardening, crafts and quilting.

Princess Betty Butzer has

lived in Scappoose since 1997. She was born in Hoquiam, Wash., and raised in Woodburn. She has four children, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She is active in the Scappoose Senior Center and volunteers at Meadow Park Nursing Home. She enjoys gardening and cooking.

Princess Winnie Milne of St. Helens was born and raised in Henrytown, Minn. She has lived in Columbia County since 1978 and has two daughters, one son, 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Widowed, she stays active in the St. Helens Senior Center and enjoys sewing and crocheting.

Princess Polly Rice, representative at large and a native Oregonian, has lived in Columbia County for 33 years. Widowed, she has one son and two grandchildren. She is active in the Warren Grange, Portland Rose Society, Scappoose and St. Helens senior centers and



Vernonia's My Fair Lady Princess, Sharon Gibson.

enjoys flower gardening, sewing and oil painting.

Columbia River PUD organizes the pageant each year in conjunction with RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and the Columbia River Fire and Rescue District.

CRPUD also arranges for free round-trip transportation to the fair for seniors from the five area senior centers.

Burkett to hold local book signing

Christopher Burkett will be signing his new book, *Resplendent Light*, July 16 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Grey Dawn Gallery, 879 Bridge St., Vernonia.

Resplendent Light is a collection of 68 square photographs that Burkett has taken with his Hasselblad camera. Of these, 26 are new images taken over the years, but not previously printed. An essay by James Enyeart accompanies the images. The format of the book is

a companion to Burkett's previous book, *Intimations of Paradise*. The trade edition retail price will be \$65.

Hand-bound book/print sets are available for pre-publication ordering now at Grey Dawn Gallery. The print size will be 11" square, then double matted. There will be three images available to choose from. The pre-publication price of \$500 will increase to \$750 when it is ready for shipping.

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