

Fall Beach Cleanup day, September 17

Saturday, September 17, marks the date for the 22nd annual Great Oregon Fall Beach Cleanup. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. along the entire Oregon coast, from the Washington to the California borders. Volunteers may check in at one of 42 meeting sites, pick up a litter bag, and head down to the beach to help improve the coast for wildlife and winter visitors. Coordinators suggest volunteers bring gloves, wear sturdy shoes, and be safe while having a good time! Groups of 20 or more are asked to register in advance by calling the appropriate Zone Captain. Visit the web site at <www.solv.org> or call SOLV at 800-333-SOLV for a list of Registration Sites and Zone Captains.

Volunteers can save time and avoid waiting in line at the beach by using "Express Check-In." The Volunteer Registration and Waiver form can be completed before the event. The form should be printed and signed, then turned in at the beach to the SOLV representative at the registration table. Instructions and forms can be found on SOLV's web site.

Last fall, more than 2,700 volunteers removed 21 tons of trash from Oregon's beaches. Many interesting items were found including a hot water heater, a kitchen sink, a fireplace grate, and five sleeping bags.

The first statewide beach cleanup in the nation was held in Oregon in 1984. Since then, twice annual beach cleanups

have continued and over the years, 156,000 volunteers have removed 929 tons of trash from Oregon's coastline. Beach cleanups have spread to every state in the Union and 87 countries around the world.

"This is a great opportunity for Oregonians and visitors alike to take an active part in preserving and enhancing this great state's public beaches," says Executive Director Jack McGowan.

Organizers want volunteers to have a fun and safe experience. Everyone should take safety precautions while on the beach; don't turn your back on the ocean, watch for sneaker waves, don't play on or around logs, and be aware of incoming tides.

Community volunteer grants available

All across Oregon, communities are meeting livability challenges by organizing community volunteer projects. SOLV, the statewide nonprofit, is offering small grants, up to \$125, supplies, and planning assistance to support these projects. SOLV has been partnering with communities since 1969.

Fall is a great time to initiate school landscaping and beautification efforts, native plantings, invasive species removal, park enhancements, cleanups, and more. SOLV supports projects across Oregon which share in our mission to build community through volunteer action to preserve this treasure called Oregon, and which engage volunteers in restoration, cleanup, enhancement and beautification efforts. Projects begin with your vision and take place in your community! SOLV will provide the tools to

help make your project a great success.

SOLV Provides:

Small grants (up to \$125)

Free materials

Planning guide and support

Thanks to a generous gift from the Waste Management Foundation, funding is still available for fall and winter projects! Apply by the October 3, 2005 deadline.

To apply (or for additional information):

- view project guidelines and complete an online application directly from the SOLV website, www.solv.org by October 3, or,
- contact Patty Terzian at 503-844-9571 or <patty@solv.org>.

"Community volunteer projects represent what's best about Oregon - people from diverse backgrounds uniting around a common purpose," says Patty Terzian, SOLV Program Coordinator. "When you

connect the dedication and big ideas of Oregonians with the right tools, the results are extraordinary." SOLV hopes that small grants and support available through the Project Oregon Program will help get new projects off the ground and strengthen existing community Projects.

Humane Society looking for a few good donations

Columbia Humane Society will hold a fund raising garage sale on October 7 and 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Donations of just about everything except shoes and clothing are being accepted. Call the shelter to schedule a pick up. No drop offs will be accepted at the shelter due to lack of storage space.

The sale will be in Scappoose at 50925 SW Old Portland Road.

Columbia County Fair 4-H results

Following are partial results from the 4-H competition at the Columbia County Fair. Due to space limitations, only results within *The Independent's* circulation area are included. More results will be published in the October 6 issue of *The Independent*.

HORSE AND PONY

Trail Horse, Sr: White Award - Whitney Johnson, Clatskanie; Ashley Ekstrom, Rainier; Torie Clement, Vernonia.

Horse - Trail - Junior, Novice: White Award - Kelsey M. Lanphear, Deer Island; Nora Hieronimus, Mist; Molly Orr, Scappoose; Kaylene J. Songer, Scappoose; Desiree Stover, Scappoose; Juliana Ribera, Warren; Lenore Ribera, Warren.

Horse - Trail - Intermediate, Novice: White Award - Megan Carver, Clatskanie; Marissa Clement, Vernonia; Adrienne East, Vernonia.

Horse Dressage, Sr: Red Award - Amy Anderson, Banks; Courtney Savage, St. Helens.

Horse - Showmanship - Jr: Reserve Champion - McKenzie Tarkalson, Vernonia.

Blue Award - McKenzie Tarkalson, Vernonia; Sarah Hanna, St. Helens; Holly Zimmer, Rainier; Rachel Rotter, Scappoose; Brianna Carr, Vernonia; Kaitlyn Carr, Vernonia; Alysha Sandstrom, Warren.

Horse - Showmanship - Intermediate: Show Champion - Mackenzie Carr, Vernonia.

Blue Award - Mackenzie Carr, Vernonia; Lindsay Brown, Scappoose; Megan Hieronimus, Mist; Katie Wilson, Mist; Nicole Baker, Rainier; Alishea Jones, Rainier; Jeff Stennick, Rainier; Lindsey Ensminger, Scappoose; Zoe Stover, Scappoose; Halle Chapman-Taylor, St. Helens; Maiké Fox, St. Helens; Cali Hanna, St. Helens; Lindsay Paulson, St. Helens; Ashley Savage, St. Helens; Ashley Paleck, Vernonia; Nolan Brady, Warren.

Horse - Showmanship - Senior: Reserve Champion - Juliane Kalhar, Banks.

Blue Award - Jamie Hanna, St. Helens; Juliane Kalhar, Banks; Amy Anderson, Banks; Shawna

Beardsley, Beaverton; Megan Jennings, Clatskanie; Whitney Johnson, Clatskanie; Sarah Smithson, Clatskanie; Lacy Osterman, Rainier; Janaya Misner, Sandy; JoAnna Fischer, St. Helens; Courtney Savage, St. Helens; Stephanie Carr, Vernonia; Sierra Paxton, Warren; Rachel Swanson, Warren.

White Award - Riley Hepner, Portland; Ashley Ekstrom, Rainier; Kristin Girt, Rainier; Jessica Keene, Rainier; Alice Monroe, St. Helens; Torie Clement, Vernonia.

Horse - Show - Junior, Novice: Blue Award - Samantha Duyck, Cornelius; Nora Hieronimus, Mist; Staci Baker, Scappoose; Savannah Hermes, Scappoose; Jenny Holdner, Scappoose; Christine Mapes, Scappoose.

Red Award - Kelsey Lanphear, Deer Island; Katie Christiansen, Scappoose; Molly Orr, Scappoose; Kaylene Songer, Scappoose; Desiree Stover, Scappoose; Shylo Dooley, Vernonia.

Horse - Show - Inter Novice: Red Award - Marissa Clement, Vernonia; Adrienne East, Vernonia.

Horse - Dad Potter Contest: White Award - Juliane Kalhar, Banks.

Horse - Gaming - Figure 8 - Junior: White Award - Kelsey Lanphear, Deer Island; Nora Hieronimus, Mist; Holly Zimmer, Rainier; Jenny Holdner, Scappoose; Jacy Lessard, Scappoose; Christine Mapes, Scappoose; Brianna Carr, Vernonia; Kaitlyn Carr, Vernonia.

Horse - Gaming - Figure 8 - Intermediate: White Award - Christy Moore, Boring; Megan Hieronimus, Mist; Katie Wilson, Mist; Maiké Fox, St. Helens; Jessica Greiner, St. Helens; Mackenzie Carr, Vernonia; Ashley Paleck, Vernonia; Katherine Van Winkle, Warren.

Horse - Gaming - Figure 8 - Senior: Reserve Champion - Torie Clement, Vernonia.

Blue Award - Torie Clement, Vernonia; Lacy Osterman, Rainier; Rachel Swanson, Warren.

White Award - Whitney Johnson, Clatskanie; Jocelyn Hepner, Portland; Riley Hepner, Portland; Kristin Girt, Rainier; Shalaina Joiner, Rainier; Jessica Keene, Rainier; Janaya Misner, Sandy; JoAnna Fischer, St. Helens; Stephanie Carr, Vernonia; Kelly D'Agrosa, Warren; Kayla Dawson, Warren; Sierra Paxton, Warren.

Horse - Gaming - Barrels - Junior: White Award - Kelsey Lanphear, Deer Island; Nora Hieronimus, Mist; Holly Zimmer, Rainier; Jenny Holdner, Scappoose; Christine Mapes, Scappoose; Brianna Carr, Vernonia; Kaitlyn Carr, Vernonia; Alysha Sandstrom, Warren.

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