

Want a salmon in your window?

The Salmon Festival Committee invites Vernonia businesses to display decorated salmon in their windows or stores. These salmon will be judged for a "people's choice" award to be given at the upcoming Salmon Festival. This is a way to bring customers into your store and to promote the fish.

On Thursday, August 10, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. there will be an "open house" to promote

the salmon and the start of the voting. There will be a celebration downtown that evening and the Salmon Festival and the Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce urge participating businesses to be open during this time. There will be music and food and fun.

If you would like to have a fish at your store, call Paula Hanson at 503-429-0966. It will be first come – first served until all of the fish have a home.

Museum wins grant for fire system

The Vernonia Pioneer Museum has been awarded an Oregon Heritage Commission grant to aid in the preservation of its textile and photographic collections. A generous donation from the Mark and Helena Greathouse Family Fund will be used to enhance the museum's fire detection and security systems. Mark Greathouse is a

descendant of the Malmsten family, who settled in Vernonia in the late 1800s.

The museum board is seeking a local expert for advice on the security and monitoring systems. If you know of anyone who can help, please leave a message on the museum phone, 503-429-3713, or email vpma@agalis.net.

My Fair Lady comes to St. Helens

My Fair Lady comes to St. Helens. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Broadway opening, the ShoeString Community Players will present My Fair Lady at St. Helens High School, 2375 Gable Road, St. Helens on July 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29 at 7:00 p.m. and on July 23 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and

seniors and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Tickets are available at St. Helens Community Federal Credit Union, St. Helens Book Shop, at the door, and at ww.w.sscpmusicals.com.

Two August CZ trail meetings

Two meetings to discuss the CZ Linear Trail, are scheduled for early August. The first will be held August 1, at 6:00 p.m. at the Scappoose City Council Chambers. The second meeting will be Wednesday, August 2, at 6:00 p.m. at the Scout Cabin in Vernonia.

For more details, see the website at www.co.columbia.or.us/colparks/index.asp and click on CZ trail studies.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



First off – did you know this area of Columbia County is losing a piece of history? It's true, on July 15, the Timber Junction Cafe is no more. In its place a "Wine tasting" experience is to be built.

Donna told me the log bar was added to the restaurant in 1963, so really how long has it been there? Think of all the memories you'll not be thinking of – the friends and friendships that have been made and

The museum is open from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Stop by and see what's old!

Princess to be crowned Aug. 4

The Coronation of the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree Queen will be held Friday, August 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Scout Cabin in Vernonia.

sometimes only thought of as you have driven by or stopped in for a word and a bite of food or pie.

Donna has had the business for only four years, but has built it up and has many mixed emotions about moving on. One of her sons (as a small child) caught his first fish there – how about you? Will the new owner even think of keeping the pond for "Old Times' Sake?" But, life goes on and times, they are a-changin'.

I hope your 4th was a pleasant one. Going back a little farther in time – If you missed the library presentation of "The Haunting War" I'm sorry for you – It was a bit of history you don't hear of every day and won't learn about in school.

My burn this week – five calls from a David Clark, telling me to call back with info. and he can complete my request for my mortgage loan. I finally decided to call and give him a piece (a small) of my mind. I don't have a mortgage to refinance and a few other things. Their lousy music kept me on hold for 15 minutes so I hung up. If he calls again – I'll try it again – It's a toll free number.

One more thing – when you hear there's been an accident with someone injured, until you know the true facts, don't pass any thoughts along. The person is alive. He was not beyond help.

And – did I hear correctly? The Senior Center is to be by 2009??

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