

Cultural grant program now open

The Columbia County Cultural Coalition (CCCC) is pleased to announce that \$2,500 in grant applications has been approved for the current fiscal year. A second round of grant applications will be accepted for projects that address the priorities identified in the recently adopted Columbia County Cultural Plan.

The CCCC and its Grants Committee are comprised of volunteers from Clatskanie, Rainier, Scappoose, St. Helens and Vernonia. CCCC's mission is to encourage projects and activities in the arts, local heritage and the humanities. Priorities in the Cultural Plan are the protection of existing cultural assets, helping young people experience a variety of cultural venues, and increasing access to and participation in cultural events.

The Oregon Cultural Trust has allocated a total of \$9,000 in grant funds to Columbia County for 2006. Established in

2001, the Oregon Cultural Trust is a public/private partnership that makes annual grants to county and tribal planning groups for cultural activities.

As with the first round, grant awards will range from \$200 to \$1500. Applicants must provide matching resources (in-kind or cash) and must be 501(c)3 non-profit organizations or working with one or a public entity. The Columbia County Cultural Plan and grant applications are available from the Columbia County website, www.co.columbia.or.us; use the Links tab to reach the CCCC section. Applications must be postmarked by August 31, 2006, for projects that will be completed between August 2006 and July 2007.

Please direct any questions regarding the plan or the grant process to Janet Wright at 503-397-1035 or email to wrightj@co.columbia.or.us.



Scene from the 2005 Vernonia Friendship Jamboree parade. For more information about the 2006 events, see pages 13 and the pull-out section in the middle of the paper.

Did You Know...

By Chief Mathew Workman
Vernonia Police Department



22, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at beautiful Anderson Park. Last year we participated in "National Night Out" and had close to 500 people attend the festivities. Again this year I plan on having an evening filled with music, BBQ, free-affle, public safety demos, and fellowship with our friends and neighbors. If you would like to donate funds or items for the raffle you can contact Chief Workman at

A reminder that "Vernonia Night Out" will be on Tuesday August

the station, 503-429-7335.

August is upon us as well as the 50th Annual Vernonia Friendship Jamboree. This will be my third Jamboree and, once again, I don't anticipate any major problems. The Vernonia Police Department would remind all attendees to have fun, welcome our visitors, be respectful to each other, and be responsible for your actions as well as the amount of spirits you partake in. Nothing puts a black eye on an event like irresponsible actions and unnecessary accidents. The past two years have been excellent events and I expect this year to be as well! Welcome the volunteer officers as they come to town to make our event safe and fun.

I want to briefly address the topic of firearms safety. Accord-

ing to the National Center for Health Statistics, since 2000 in Oregon there have been 116 reported deaths directly related to firearms, with the victims being between the ages of 1-19 years. Many of the accidents could have been prevented if the firearm was properly secured with a gun lock, safety device, or by storing the firearm in a gun safe. The VPD provides small cable-style gun locks "free-of-charge" at the station. If you have firearms in your home, make sure to talk to your children or relatives about the rules regarding your firearms and gun safety. For more information and safety tips you can go to the VPD website and follow the "Project ChildSafe" link under the "Community Resource Links."

More race results from St. Helens at July 30 event

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Heat 3: Cook; Jon Gillett, St. Helens; Jesse Freeman, Wilsonville. Main: Hurley; Cook; Williams; Tricia Brittain, St. Helens; Lemons; Bryan; Fordyce; Gabe Sprague, St. Helens; Gillett; Paul Liner, Olympia.

Modified - Fast Time: Dan Smith, Scappoose 14.55. Trophy Dash: Sean Fox, St. Helens. Heat 1: Marcie Kisor, Scappoose; Rudy Chappelle, St. Helens; Ray Elwess, Portland. Heat 2: Al Artero, Rainier; Marc Sayre, Portland; Stephen Kaptur, Deer Island. Heat 3: Greg Greer, Rainier; Jeremy Martin, St. Helens; Scott Winebarger, Corbett; Gannin Thomas, St. Helens; Smith; Fox; Sayre; Chappelle; Don Jenner, Vancouver.

Street Stock - Fast Time: Terry Moss, St. Helens 16.07. Trophy Dash: Chris Hallberg, Sandy. Heat 1: Nick Novak, Scappoose; Justin Nusom, Gresham; Herb Thomas, St. Helens. Heat

2: Gary Meyer, Vernonia; Rob Williams, Vernonia; Brett Eakins, Washougal. Heat 3: Curt Nusom, Gresham; John Nusom, Gresham; Hallberg. B Main: Novak; Thomas; Jacki Graham, Portland; Scott Ruth, Washougal; Jeremy Cernac, Scappoose. A Main: John Nusom; Meyer; Hallberg; Curt Nusom; Mark Reser, Beaverton; Jeff Lovell, Portland; Eakins; Williams; Tom Zywicki, Portland; John Haagenson, Portland.

Mini Stock - Fast Time: Brad Ruth, Washougal 16.62. Trophy Dash: Gary Meyer. Heat 1: Bill Hoekstra, Vancouver; Aaron Bozarth, Rainier; Mark Beehler, Jr., St. Helens. Heat 2: Danny Asher, Oregon City; Darin Rehm, Portland; Daniel Beaudoin, Washougal. Heat 3: Scott McMullen, Deer Island; Michael Beaudoin, La Center; Jenelle Harrison, St. Helens. Heat 4: Joe Cherington, Vancouver; Martin Hallberg,

Sandy; Brad Beehler, St. Helens. Heat 5: Mark Guindon, Warrenton; Meyer; Ben Palmer, Gladstone. B Main: Mark Beehler, Jr.; Bob Wallace, Beaverton; Harrison; Hoekstra; Daniel Beaudoin. A Main: Cherington; Palmer; Adam Beehler, St. Helens; Hallberg; Guindon; Ruth; Brad Beehler; Mark Beehler, Jr.; Tristan Judkins, Portland; Marie Sayre, Portland.

Women's Division - Fast Time: Lisa Faulkner, St. Helens 15.57. Trophy Dash: Stacey Fordyce, Vancouver. Heat 1: Susan Thomas, St. Helens; Brenda Hurley, Castle Rock; Kim Cernac, Scappoose. Heat 2: Celeste Hardesty, St. Helens; Faulkner; Jenelle Harrison. Main: Faulkner; Fordyce; Harrison; Hardesty; Kathy Griffin, Scappoose; Tria Prettyman, St. Helens; Nicole Johnson, St. Helens; Linda Holland, Portland; Thomas; Cernac.

Letters

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building are for sale, as we feel the need to move to Nevada, closer to family. Creatures Pet Shop will remain open, with our regular hours, until we sell and hopefully the new owners will realize the benefits in keeping it open permanently.

We cannot leave until we sell and only God knows our future. In the meantime, we will continue to provide the Vernonia Community with the many services and supplies we offer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ben and Lisa Edgar
Creatures Pet Shop

Local baseball team takes first place

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Junior Baseball team on their Washington County District

Tournament 1st Place on July 8 and 9 in Banks. Thanks to the parents and players for a great season. We had lots of fun!

Coaches

Sven Sandstrom, Aaron Miller
Jerry Butcher, Brad Curtis



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