

Ray picked for My Fair Lady Princess



The Vernonia My Fair Lady Princess for 2009 is Patricia Ray. Ray was nominated by the Vernonia Senior Center, where she volunteers as their book-keeper and treasurer, and also helps out with pricing, selling, and sorting in the senior center thrift store.

Ray was born in Hillsboro; her mother arrived there by

covered wagon from Kansas in 1903; her father drove a wagon from Montana after the depression. The family, now including four children, moved to Vernonia in 1941, looking for work and her father worked in the mill and helped build Staley's in the 40's.

Ray graduated from Vernonia High School and went to work at the Commercial Bank (which later became US Bank). That began a long career of money handling, as Ray worked at banks here, in Banks and in Hillsboro. After her marriage, she raised five children while working part-time. She finished her working career as manager at the local US Bank branch.

On being selected as a My Fair Lady Princess, Ray said, "It is an honor and a pleasure to do, even though I was railroaded into it." Really, she's enjoying being a princess. When Ray is not being royalty, she

enjoys quilting, sewing and music. She loves to sing, and sings with the Golden Oldies at the Senior Center on Wednesdays.

The My Fair Lady pageant is held during the Columbia County Fair. On July 15, at 1:00 p.m. (that's Senior Day at the Fair) the princesses will answer questions and a panel of judges will select this year's Queen of the My Fair Lady pageant. The Queen will ride in area parades and hand over the crown to next year's queen. Columbia River PUD organized the event, in conjunction with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Columbia River Fire and Rescue.

The other 2009 princesses are Eila Kynsi of Clatskanie, Rowena Tetz of Scappoose, Sally Norbom of Columbia City and Wanda Yost of Rainier.

Don't miss the pageantry and the fun at the Columbia County Fair on July 15.

Senior News

By Karen Miller, Senior Services
Community Action Team



Hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful summer weather...again...finally, and hope an enjoyable fourth of July is in store for you.

Don't forget, coming up July 15, come join us and ride the bus for free to the Columbia County Fair to support our own Pat Ray, our Vernonia Senior Center princess for this year. Go Pat!

From now on the Center is having THREE games of bingo right before lunch, every Monday. Come join the fun.

Don't forget we have free blood pressure checks here on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:00. Columbia Hearing comes on the second Monday. Call for an appointment.

Footcare twice a month. Only \$15.

Remember: Hot weather can be hard on cars. Higher temperatures speed up a car's wear and tear, as fluids and lubricants break down more quickly. By following the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule, your car will be ready for a long, hot summer. Happy motoring and be safe this fourth of July!

INFORMATION NUMBERS

Senior Services...429-9112
Senior Center.....429-3912
Transportation.....429-4304

Beaver Falls Road closed for repairs

A guardrail replacement and roadway re-paving project will get underway July 6 on Beaver Falls Road, in Columbia County near Clatskanie. The construction work will take place between mileposts 6 and 8.5 and will require a complete road closure through the end of October.

The scope of work will include the replacement of existing damaged guardrail, repaving a portion of the roadway, paving the turn-outs near the falls and fencing for safe viewing of the falls from the roadway. In order to widen the roadway at the falls, the project includes a viaduct of sorts, which leaves no room to allow traffic to pass while the work is in progress.

County Road Department Director Dave Hill asks residents and other Beaver Falls Road users for their patience as the project is underway.

The project is funded under an Oregon Department of Transportation program for transportation enhancement. The project construction contract has been awarded to Dirt & Aggregate Interchange, Inc. with OBEC Engineering doing the project management/inspection.

Beaver Falls Road is an historically significant road. The primary work of replacing the existing guardrails with period guardrails will bring the roadway closer to its original appearance, in addition to providing a significant improvement in

roadway travel safety for those who use the road.

Help the Band, get a clean car

The Vernonia Middle and High School Band students will hold a car wash on Saturday, July 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in front of Vernonia High School (green building). Donations appreciated.

Don't miss the Boosters on July 4

The Boosters will be serving up hamburgers and hot dogs at the Snack Shack behind Vernonia High School from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the 4th of July. Your support of the Boosters will be appreciated!

This year, Boosters have helped both the band and senior class go to Disneyland, gave four \$500 scholarships to seniors, helped fund the 4th of July fireworks, and all little

guy/gal sports are under the Boosters. This is just a few of the programs that the Boosters support.

Help them keep supporting our kids and our community.

Mitchell wins yard work in raffle

At the June 5 First Friday, with tickets at \$5 apiece, the Vernonia Community Garden project group was thrilled to raise \$230 towards their goal of \$2500. The winner of the free yard work was Anne Mitchell and the hanging basket winner was Susan Wagner.

So how did the group deliver on their committed prize?

Sunday, June 28, a group set to work, trimming back

weeds and overgrowth, pulling ivy, falling a small tree and spreading bark dust...followed by an awesome lunch provided by Anne. Anne's son and his family were also there to help.

The work crew was made up of Sig Mitchell and family, Nikki and Zachary Larke, Kelli and Ben Schulte, Mark Lemay, Jeana Gump, Marilyn, Abigail and Hannah Nicks.



Mosquito Lodge Lavender

Grand opening

Saturday, July 18

July 17th through August 2nd
Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10 am to 4 pm
or by appointment

U-Pick Lavender \$5 Bunch
Fresh and Dried Lavender
Lavender Plants

Barb & Kathy Larsen

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&
JULY 23-25
7:00 PM
Plus
JULY 25th
2:00 PM matinee

Tickets
Adults \$12
Seniors \$10
Students \$8
Children \$8

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www.sscpmusicals.com
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This ShoeString Community Players production is presented by special arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc. Directed by Caleb S. Thurston



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