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Mark Standley received a standing ovation from an appreciative crowd at the Camp 18 Loggers Memorial dedication ceremony on August 30. Another picture is on page 24.

Huge crowd at Loggers Memorial ceremony

The Camp 18 Loggers Memorial opened on August 30 with over 1,000 people on hand for the dedication ceremony.

The memorial was the idea of Mark Standley, president of the Logging Museum where the new Loggers Memorial is sited. He wanted a way to keep alive the memories of those who have been involved in logging and now have died, some while in the woods, some not. Standley started rounding up people interested in helping and finding donations, and the group involved broke ground on the project on July 9, 2008.

Many volunteers spent many hours building the wood building with cedar siding and a shake roof. A 36 foot-long beam anchors the building that houses 165 memorial plaques (so far), a bronze sculpture, and memorial items. All of the money and supplies used for the building, even paving the parking lot and landscaping,

were donated.

At the dedication, Pastor Able Baker of the Nehalem Valley Community Church gave the invocation before Jim Geisinger, Executive Vice President of Associated Oregon Loggers spoke, "The most important reason is to honor those who went before, but another important reason is to plan for the future."

Other speakers included Jay Browning of J.M. Browning Logging, Denise Dethlefs of Bighorn Logging and a member of the Memorial Committee, and Mark Gustafson of Gustafson Logging, also a member of the Memorial Committee.

Dethlefs told the crowd that the memorial will be open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., that volunteers are needed to staff the memorial, and that stories and photos are still being sought. Gustafson thanked everyone involved before introducing Mark Standley.

When Standley took the podium, he received a standing ovation. The project started
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Free Flu Shots

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**Fund Raiser for
Darrold Mushatt
Kidney Transplant**

Eat at Cafe 47 on
Sept. 12, noon to 5 p.m.
All proceeds will go to the
transplant fund.



Bull rider Jake Bringman, a Vernonia High School sophomore, will represent Oregon in the Junior Division at national competition in November. See story on page 10.

Birkenfeld Blues Revue, Sept. 5th

The Birkenfeld Blues Revue & Festival will be held Saturday, September 5, from 1:00 to 11:00 p.m., 4 miles north of Birkenfeld on Hwy 202. The festival is being presented by Blue Empress Artists.

Performers will include Terry Robb Band, Big Monti, Bill Rhoades, Alan Hager, Franck "Paris Slim" Goldwasser, Lisa Mann, Kevin Selfe and the Tornados, Linda Myers, Margo Tufo, Dave Mathis, Lady Kat, Dover Weinberg, Ed Neumann, Carlton Jackson, Lee Blake,

Eric Tweed, Ken "Honeybucket" Johnson, Katey Angel, Legendary Horn Section, Jeff Minnick, and Dave Kahl.

Proceeds of this festival will benefit Clatsop County Timber Safety Council Scholarship Fund, and the Clatsop and Columbia County Food Banks.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, or \$30 at the gate, kids 14 and under get in free. Tent space for \$10, RV/Trailer space for \$60. Tickets are available at www.ticketsoregon.com.

Be ready for traffic changes with the start of school

School starts September 8. Be prepared for a longer commute due to the addition of school buses being out and about, and increased vehicular traffic as a result of teenagers driving to school.

Expect the unexpected, watch for children darting out

into the street or children riding their bicycles, especially during the dark hours of the morning.

Be patient and observe the law when approaching or following a school bus that activates its stop arm for loading or unloading children.

Be very mindful of intersec-

tions where children are prone to gather for the bus or at designated bus stops.

When traveling in or around areas where schools are located, be aware that the speed limit in a school zone is 20 mph.